

Public consultation on increasing time full driving licence held to 2 years

Should Cambridge City Council increase the time to have held a full driving licence issued in the UK or in the EU to 2 years (24 months)?

Yes – 22 (50%)

No – 22 (50%)

Response from those that answered Yes

- It's important to have experienced drivers when driving members of the public.
- Very young and very old drivers are more prone to accidents so you should also consider a maximum age of say 70
- Drivers will get more experience before start driving public
- Atlas they will know conditions of driving
- More experience is good
- We know that experience is a key factor in driver safety. A driver with one year's experience is likely to be less safe than a more experienced driver.
- One year is inadequate to ensure driving is of a sufficiently high standard. Even two years is questionable. Five years would be a good requirement. Drivers should have the option to reduce qualifying time by passing advanced driver courses to demonstrate their competence.
- Drivers from abroad often do not drive safely in this country
- Safety of the passengers
- Experience is a must two years does not seem to be long enough when carrying paying passengers
- 12 months is an inadequate period for a driver to acquire the level of road sense appropriate to someone carrying a fare paying passenger
- Some drivers seem remarkably inexperienced
- an experienced driver will hopefully be more safe
- Under 20's have a higher record of accidents
- Cambridge has many people passengers, pedestrians, cyclists and other road users not use to Cambridge's roads. Extra care needed when driving on top of basic road use. Training needed that illegal manoueurs and parking applies to all drivers so holding up traffic bumpy stopping or driving slowly whilst looking at messages for next fares or blocking roads not permitted either.
- Most are foreign nor been in the country 2 years
- Stops people becoming taxi drivers before they have road experience.
- Helps to make drivers safer on our roads

- There are a few rogue drivers such as those that jump red lights, take short cuts through private premises, smoking in cars, parking on double yellow lines whilst waiting for a call and refuse to pick up customers as it doesn't suit them at the time. Ensuring drivers have had a licence for at least 2 years may help reduce the number of these rogue drivers.
- None
- Should naturally aid better standards
- Poor driving often seen

Response from those that answered No:

- No evidence provided that this is needed
- Not necessary
- Length of time has no relation to driving experience. Experienced drivers (past a certain number of hours/miles driving) are the ones who should be allowed to drive, not ones who have held their license for a period of time.
- No
- just one aspect of judgement
- No need
- Drivers fresh after passing are driving more safely and might be more conscious about traffic.
- Time licence held is no indication of driver ability or skill.
- Long time drivers are bad too. I'd rather have a highway code re-test every so oftne. Too many taxi/phv driver seem to ignore the 2022 highway code changes.
- No need
- should take test to make sure the driver is competent
- not sure this would make any difference to competence of the driver
- we should either have additional licence for taxi drivers including a test, but more time driving doesn't necessarily make taxis more safe
- too much
- Careless drivers would be dangerous no matter the age. (Perhaps speed limit and age notice can be displaced so the passenger can decide too)
- A lot of taxi drivers havnt driven in the u.k.
- 1 year is sufficient
- I do not believe this would have an effect.
- Under these proposals, the minimum age for driving a taxi/PHV would be 19 (age 17 as legal minimum for a full driving licence plus 24 months) whereas and 18-year old can hold a PCV licence and drive a full-size bus.
- Seems unnecessary
- I don't see a reason for this

- We have not seen any evidence to support this change.

Do you have any other comments to make about this?

15 responses

- None
- No
- No
- NO
- A bad driver will still be bad after two years. Consideration should be given to encouraging professional development amongst drivers. Perhaps advanced driving qualifications at reduced prices or even reducing fees for them
- No
- no
- No
- A driver who has passed the IAM test might be considered sufficiently competent to permit a shorter period.
- No
- No
- drivers should take additional safe driving lessons
- The restriction to the EEA seems odd, since many countries in Europe drive on the right, and this excludes other countries that drive on the left.
- An applicant should have no penalty points on their licence, nor have been involved in any road traffic collision where they were deemed at fault.
- No

Summary

44 responses were received. The responses were split 50/50. Half of the respondents believe the time should be extended to 2 years, whilst the other half state it should remain at 1 year.