Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver’s Assessment

At the Licensing and Registration Committee on 5 October 2016 it was discussed and agreed by the Committee that all new applicants applying for a taxi and private hire drivers licence will need to continue to take and pass a taxi drivers assessment through an accredited provider which is equivalent to the standard requirements of the former DVSA taxi drivers assessment. Details of the report that went to the Committee and the decision and minutes can be found on the Council’s web site www.tendringdc.gov.uk by looking at the Council and Democracy, Meetings, agenda and minutes pages. Click on the link for the Licensing and Registration Committee.

The full resolution made by the Committee is as follows:

RESOLVED that the Committee agrees the following actions namely to:

(a) continue requiring all new applicants for Tendring District hackney carriage and private hire drivers’ licences to take and pass a Taxi Drivers Assessment equivalent to the standard required by the DVSA Taxi Drivers Assessment and with an accredited company or organisation

(b) allow new applicants for Tendring District hackney carriage and private hire drivers’ licences the flexibility to choose the service provider for a DVSA standard taxi driver assessment that suits their needs on locality and price of the test; and

(c) continue to reserve the right to require existing Tendring District licensed hackney carriage and private hire drivers to take and pass a DVSA Taxi Drivers Assessment should it be deemed necessary by the Committee to do so for education and/or remedial purposes.

TDC are advising new applicants of the following companies/organisations that are accredited with the DVSA to carry out Taxi Driver Assessments. We do not endorse any particular company or organisation. They are:

Institute of Advanced Motorists
www.iamroadsmart.com

Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)
www.roadar.org.uk

AA Drive Tech
www.theaa.com

Driving Instructors Association
www.driving.org

Diamond
www.advancedmotoring.co.uk
The Blue Lamp Trust

www.bluelamptrust.org.uk

The list and details of these companies/organisations may be added to at a later date.

Costs range between **approximately** £86 to £96 including VAT depending on whether the applicant books the assessment to take place on a weekday or an evening or weekend. The fee is paid direct to the company/organisation. The examiner will usually travel to a local area to undertake the assessment.

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