

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITIONS

1. The vehicle shall be suitable in type, size and design, for the purpose of public hire.
2. (a) The Council's Licence Plate shall be affixed to the rear of the vehicle by the use of the plate platform and/or bracket provided in a position so that the details shown on the plate may be seen clearly and are not illegible, defaced or concealed from public view except where provided for by Statute. Such plate shall be affixed by use of the bracket beneath the registration number plate in accordance with the instructions provided or, in cases where this is not practical, by riveting the plate platform to the bodywork of the vehicle on the rear right hand side on, or just above, the bumper. The vehicle may not be used for the purpose authorised by the vehicle licence without such plate being so affixed.
(b) No signs, notices, advertisements, plates, marks, numbers, letters, figures, symbols, emblems or devices whatsoever shall be displayed on, in, or from the vehicle, except as may be required by any statutory provision or required or permitted by these conditions, provided however, that this condition shall not apply to any indication on a taxi meter fitted to the vehicle.
3. (a) The proprietor shall cause to be affixed and maintained on the roof of the vehicle a sign which will be lit during the time when it is obligatory to use side or head lamps which reads 'Taxi'. This condition does not apply when the vehicle is an FX4 (London Cab).
(b) The proprietor may display such signs, etc., as may from time to time be approved by the Council.
4. The vehicle shall:-
 - (a) be equipped with sufficient means by which any person in the vehicle may communicate with the driver;
 - (b) be equipped with any necessary windows and a means of opening and closing not less than one window each side;
 - (c) be kept weatherproof;
 - (d) be equipped with properly upholstered seats;
 - (e) be equipped with proper floor covering;
 - (f) be kept in a clean condition, well maintained and in every way fit for service;
 - (g) be equipped with means for securing luggage, if the vehicle is constructed or adapted to carry luggage;
 - (h) be equipped with an efficient fire extinguisher (British Standards Approved) which shall be kept in such a position as to be readily available for use;
 - (i) be equipped with at least two doors for the use of persons being conveyed in the vehicle and a separate means of entry and an exit for the driver.
5. The vehicle will be equipped with a taximeter which is so constructed, attached and maintained as to comply with the following requirements:-
 - (a) The taximeter should be fitted with a key, flag, button or other device the operation of which will bring the taximeter into action and caused the word 'Hired' to appear on the face of the taximeter;
 - (b) Such device should be capable of being locked or operated in such a position or way that the taximeter is not in action and no fare is recorded on the face of the taximeter;
 - (c) When the taximeter is in action there should be recorded on the face of the taximeter in clearly legible figures a fare not exceeding the rate or fare which the proprietor or driver is entitled to demand and take for the hire of the carriage by time as well as for distance in pursuance of the tariff fixed by the Council in that behalf;
 - (d) The word 'Fare' should be printed on the face of the taximeter in plain letters so as clearly to apply to the fare recorded thereon;
 - (e) The taximeter should be so placed that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any persons being conveyed in the carriage, and for that purpose the letters and figures should be capable of being suitably illuminated during any period of hiring;
 - (f) The taximeter and fittings thereof should be so affixed to the carriage that it should not be practicable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the fixings.
6. If seals are fitted or attached to the meter the Council should be notified forthwith if such a seal is broken through any cause.
7. A statement of the fares fixed by the Council shall be exhibited inside the vehicle and shall not be concealed or rendered illegible at any time whilst the vehicle is plying or being used for public hire.
8. A vehicle which has conveyed a dead body of any person shall not be used for public hire without the consent of the Head of Environmental Services of the Council.
9. The vehicle shall not be used for the conveyance of any fare which has been importuned in any way.
10. These conditions may be added to or varied by the Council at any time.