

Temporary Amendment to Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers and Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles

With effect from 26 March 2020 and until further notice:

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers will

- Be required to provide a self-certification declaring any medical conditions that have been diagnosed since their previous medical and any medication they are currently prescribed to take, including the dose. If there are no debaring medical conditions identified, the licensing authority will issue a 6 month licence and an advisory that a medical must be provided within that period, upon receipt of which the licence will be extended to the normal licensing period of 3 years.
- Be required to make an undertaking that any further diagnosed medical condition will be notified to the licensing authority in writing within 1 business day of being medically fit to do so.

The above requirements also apply to both drivers over the age of 65 and those with some diagnosed medical conditions at the time their annual medical is due.

The council will cease processing new applications for drivers.

Other than renewal applications the council will cease processing applications for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.

With effect from 30 March 2020 and until further notice:

If or when MOT testing stations close, the requirement for an MOT on vehicle licence renewal or after 6 months be temporarily suspended. This policy is in force for a maximum of 6 months.

Note

The above will be subject to amendment should the Local Government Association provide guidance to Licensing Authorities. This policy will be replaced by any Government guidance or amendments to legislation should they be received.