

BOSTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

Wheelchair Medical Exemption Application

Medical/Physical Assessment

Application for an exemption from transporting wheelchairs on medical/physical grounds, from the duties placed on licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle drivers by the Equality Act 2010.

The Council will not accept a completed Medical/Physical Assessment form that is more than two months old.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE GENERAL PRACTITIONER OR MEDICAL SPECIALIST:

Please read the attached notes before completing this form:

FOR COMPLETION BY GENERAL PRACTITIONER OR MEDICAL SPECIALIST ONLY	
Patient Details	
Full name of patient	
Date of birth	
Address	
Post Code	
Tel. No.	
HC/PHV Driver licence no.	

Details of examining Doctor	
Doctors Name	
Surgery Address	
Post Code	
Tel. No.	

Details of medical/physical condition		
In your opinion, does this person have a medical or physical condition which makes it IMPOSSIBLE or UNREASONABLY DIFFICULT for him/her to assist wheelchair users?	Yes	No
If "yes" to question above, please give details of condition.		
Does the patient still satisfy DVLA Group II Driver Medical Standards.		

Recommended period of exemption		
Are you recommending an exemption be granted?	Yes	No
If yes:		
Are you recommending a Life Exemption?	Yes	No
Are you recommending for a temporary exemption?	Yes	No
If you are recommending a temporary exemption, please state the period it is recommended to last.		
Signature of Doctor		Date

Surgery Stamp:

NOTES

Background Information for Doctors

OBLIGATIONS ON LICENSED TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS TO CARRY DISABLED PERSONS USING WHEELCHAIRS

The Government is committed to an accessible public transport system in which disabled people can enjoy the same opportunities to travel as other members of society. Taxis and private hire vehicles are a vital link in the accessible transport chain and it is important that disabled people who use wheelchairs can have confidence that the taxi they find on a rank, or hail on the street, or the private hire vehicle they pre-book will accept them and carry them in their wheelchair at no extra charge.

All taxi drivers have an obligation under section 53 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 to carry any person wishing to hire them within the licensing area. This also includes persons using wheelchairs. Under the Equality Act 2010, it will be a separate lawful requirement for all taxi and private hire vehicle drivers to carry wheelchair users, unless they are in possession of an exemption certificate issued in accordance with that Act.

The Council has determined that it shall provide an exemption to these duties, to drivers who have medical or physical conditions which make it impossible or unreasonably difficult them from assisting people in wheelchairs. The Council is responsible for issuing exemption certificates and needs to be satisfied that it is appropriate to do so, on medical grounds

When completed, please pass this form to the applicant who will submit it to the Licensing office.

If you require any further information or clarification please contact:

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