

Annex 2

Test Valley Borough Council Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Conditions – Summary of changes

- The introduction has been shortened to remove matters that are either mentioned elsewhere or are included in the separate policy document
- Condition 3 makes it clear that vehicles cannot be dual plated (with another Council) unless it is a temporary replacement vehicle
- Condition 19 regarding taximeters has included a new sentence regarding failure of the meter and also reference to the need to display a tariff card (which has been moved from the hackney carriage vehicles part of the conditions)
- Conditions relating to the use of CCTV have been removed as there is a separate Code of Practice attached to the conditions covering this subject
- In Part II relating to minibuses the references to legislation have been removed
- Conditions 33 and 38 relating to the fixing and display of plates have been simplified to just say any plate must be fixed in a satisfactory manner
- Reference in the hackney carriage vehicle conditions to conversion of a London style taxi to give wheelchair accessibility has been removed
- The wording in Condition 40 b) ii) regarding signage on Private Hire Vehicles has been simplified and relaxed so that signage may be allowed anywhere on the sides of a vehicle not just the two front doors
- The separate driver licence conditions for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles have been merged to reflect that the Borough Council now issues dual driver licences
- References in the PHV Operator's conditions regarding the need for planning permission have been removed as these are not directly relevant
- Condition 44 regarding the keeping of PHV booking records has been simplified and it made clear that booking records can be kept either manually or on computer and in any event must be retained for two year
- Condition 45 regarding signage and advertising has been simplified
- Condition 47 has had the reference to Private Hire Vehicles being parked off the highway when not in use removed
- The requirement for a minimum engine size of 1500cc has been removed
- The conditions regarding steering, brakes, suspension, transmission, electrical equipment, exhaust pipes, driver's compartment, windows, door fittings, horn and radio apparatus have either been removed or simplified as most of them are unnecessary provided the vehicle complies with the Construction and Use Regulations (condition 3)
- Condition 10 d) regarding LPG vehicles has been strengthened to make clear the specific requirements for such vehicles
- The condition relating to the licensing of stretched limousines has been removed as this is covered in the separate policy document

- Condition 23 relating to vehicle maintenance has been strengthened to include a requirement for vehicle owners to keep a record of all servicing, maintenance and repairs undertaken on their vehicle(s) and produce such records when required
- Condition 24 has been strengthened to prohibit the consumption of food and drink (not just discourage it)
- Condition 56 simplifies the dress code for drivers to just say that drivers should be smart and clean in appearance
- The terms and conditions applying to the five additional hackney carriage licences made available from January 2011 have been included as an Annex.