

2.9.0 Application Requirements – Applicants Renewing a Licence

- 2.9.1 An applicant seeking to renew a licence to drive hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles must:
- Continue to benefit from the right to work in the United Kingdom (UK)
 - Be deemed by the Council to remain a “fit and proper person” to hold a licence
- 2.9.2 Before a licence to drive hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles can be renewed, the applicant must have submitted all of the following:
- Completed application form
 - A valid DVLA licence check code
 - Application fee
 - A recent passport sized photograph of themselves
- 2.9.3 In addition, any person who has lived outside of the UK for a period of three or more continuous months since their last licence was issued, must provide criminal records information or a “Certificate of Good Character” from each country outside the UK in which they have lived.
- 2.9.4 In addition any person renewing their licence for the first time after they reach the age of 45, 50, 55 or 60, must provide a copy of the Council’s prescribed medical fitness certificate, which has been completed by one of the medical practitioners that the Council has approved for this purpose.
- 2.9.5 Once a licence holder reaches 65 years of age they will be required to provide a copy of the Council’s prescribed medical fitness certificate, which has been completed by one of the medical practitioners that the Council has approved for this purpose on an annual basis.
- 2.9.6 Those applying to renew a licence to drive hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles must demonstrate that they have either obtained the Worcestershire Taxi and Private Hire Competency Certificate or undertaken approved refresher training in disability awareness in the preceding 3 years.
- 2.9.7 With effect from 1st July 2025 each time a licence holder renews their licence they must undertake safeguarding training delivered by the Council’s approved training provider prior to submitting their renewal application.**
- 2.9.8 If an application to renew a licence to drive hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles is received more than 14 days after the previous licence has expired, the applicant will be treated as if they were applying for a licence to drive hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles for the first occasion.
- 2.9.9 Licences to drive hackney carriage and / or private hire vehicles will normally be issued for a period of 3 years and will then expire. Licences of a shorter duration may be issued when the licensing authority thinks it is appropriate in the specific circumstances of the case, or where required (e.g. when the licence holder’s leave to remain in the UK is time-limited).