

3.4.0 Renewing a licence to use a vehicle as a Hackney Carriage – Application Requirements

3.4.1 An applicant seeking to renew a licence to use a vehicle as a hackney carriage must ensure the vehicle continues to meet the Council's requirements set out at paragraph 3.2.1 of this policy.

Requirements as to the age of the vehicle upon renewal of licence

3.4.2 A licence to use a vehicle as a hackney carriage will not be renewed if the vehicle concerned does not meet the following requirements at the time that the existing licence is due to expire:

- A category D vehicle must be under 10 years of age.
- A category DX vehicle must be under 12 years of age.
- A category C vehicle must be under 11 years of age.
- A category CX or DX vehicle must be under 13 years of age
- A category B vehicle must be under must be under 13 years of age
- A category BX vehicle must be under must be under 15 years of age
- A category A vehicle must be under 15 years of age
- A category AX vehicle must be under 17 years of age

3.4.3 The above dates will be calculated based on the date of first registration shown on the vehicle registration certificate (VC5).

Vehicles written off for insurance purposes

3.4.4 The Council will not renew any licence to use a vehicle as a hackney carriage if the relevant vehicle has become graded as a Category A, Category B or Category C or Category S write-off for insurance purposes after the date on which the vehicle was first licensed by the Council to be used as a hackney carriage.

Vehicles licensed by other local authorities

3.4.5 The Council will not issue a licence in respect of any vehicle that is already licensed another local authority to be used as either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle.

Documentation to be submitted:

3.4.6 Before a licence to use a vehicle as a hackney carriage can be renewed, the applicant must have submitted all of the following:

- Completed application form
- A current MOT certificate
- Valid insurance showing the vehicle is insured for use for hire and reward for public hire or in accordance with a hackney carriage licence.
- The V5C certificate for the vehicle.
- A certificate from the Council's appointed testing station for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles confirming the vehicle remains fit for use.
- The appropriate application fee
- A basic criminal record disclosure certificate in respect of all relevant individuals.

- 3.4.7 “Relevant individuals” means any person named as a proprietor of the vehicle on the application and in the case of an application made by a limited company, each director of that company. The requirement to provide a basis criminal record disclosure certificate will be waived in respect of any person licensed by the Council to drive hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles.
- 3.4.8 If an application to renew a licence to use a vehicle as a hackney carriage is received more than 14 days after the previous licence has expired, the application will be treated as if it were an application to licence the vehicle to be used as a hackney carriage for the first occasion and will have to meet the stated criteria for such vehicles.

3.5.0 Renewing a licence to use a vehicle as a Private Hire Vehicle Application Requirements

3.5.1 An applicant seeking to renew a licence to use a vehicle as a private hire vehicle must ensure the vehicle continues to meet the Council's requirements set out at paragraph 3.3.1 of this policy.

Requirements as to the age of the vehicle upon renewal of licence

3.5.2 A licence to use a vehicle as a private hire vehicle will not be renewed if the vehicle concerned does not meet the following requirements at the time that the existing licence is due to expire:

- A category D vehicle must be under 10 years of age.
- A category DX vehicle must be under 12 years of age.
- A category C vehicle must be under 11 years of age.
- A category CX or DX vehicle must be under 13 years of age
- A category B vehicle must be under must be under 13 years of age
- A category BX vehicle must be under must be under 15 years of age
- A category A vehicle must be under 15 years of age
- A category AX vehicle must be under 17 years of age

3.5.3 The above dates will be calculated based on the date of first registration shown on the vehicle registration certificate (VC5).

Vehicles written off for insurance purposes

3.5.4 The Council will not renew any licence to use a vehicle as a private hire vehicle if the relevant vehicle has become graded as a Category A, Category B or Category C or Category S write-off for insurance purposes after the date on which the vehicle was first licensed by the Council to be used as a private hire vehicle.

Vehicles licensed by other local authorities

3.5.5 The Council will not issue a licence in respect of any vehicle that is already licensed another local authority to be used as either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle.

Documentation to be submitted:

3.5.6 Before a licence to use a vehicle as a private hire vehicle can be renewed, the applicant must have submitted all of the following:

- Completed application form
- A current MOT certificate
- Valid insurance showing the vehicle is insured for use for hire and reward for private hire or in accordance with a private hire licence.
- The V5C certificate for the vehicle.
- A certificate from the Council's appointed testing station for hackney carriage and private hire vehicles confirming the vehicle remains fit for use.
- The appropriate application fee
- A basic criminal record disclosure certificate in respect of all relevant individuals.

3.5.7 "Relevant individuals" means any person named as a proprietor of the vehicle on the application and in the case of an application made by a limited company, each director of that company. The requirement to provide a basis criminal record disclosure certificate will be waived in respect of any person licensed by the Council to drive hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicles.

- 3.5.8 If an application to renew a licence to use a vehicle as a private hire vehicle is received more than 14 days after the previous licence has expired, the application will be treated as if it were an application to licence the vehicle to be used as a private hire vehicle for the first occasion and will have to meet the stated criteria for such vehicles.