

Standard private hire driver's licence conditions

1. The holder of this licence shall:
 - behave in a civil, polite and orderly manner at all times;
 - be clean and tidy in appearance and dressed in a manner not to cause embarrassment or give offence to members of the public;
 - take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in, or entering or alighting from the vehicle;
 - immediately after the termination of any hiring or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been left therein and carry it as soon as possible and in any event within 48 hours to the Council Offices, and leave it in the custody of an authorised officer on his giving a receipt for it;
 - not drive a wheelchair accessible vehicle without first passing the DVSA Wheelchair Assessment;
 - return forthwith all licences, badges and plates when the licence is revoked, suspended or expired.
 - if required, convey at least one suitcase per passenger and assist in loading and unloading luggage from the vehicle;
 - if requested by the hirer, provide him/her with a written receipt for the fare paid, including his/her badge and plate number of vehicle driven.
2. The holder must notify the Council's licensing team in writing within 7 days of any:
 - changes in the particulars given on the application form (e.g. change of address, name, operator);
 - illness or injury affecting his or her fitness to drive in any way;
 - charges brought against him or her in respect of any criminal offence;
 - convictions or formal Police cautions recorded against him or her, including motoring offences and endorsable fixed penalty notices. In the case of criminal convictions, a certificate of conviction should be produced.
 - any fixed penalty notice received by the licence holder.
 - warnings, reprimands, ASBOs, Criminal Behaviour Orders, cautions, community service orders and restraining orders
3. The driver shall not operate the horn as a means of signalling that the vehicle has arrived.
4. The holder of the licence must:
 - a) advise the council of any deterioration in their health that may affect their driving capabilities and which may negate their ability to pass a Group 2 medical standard examination and
 - b) cease driving any licensed vehicle immediately.

Examples of conditions that must be reported include high blood pressure, angina, diabetes, vision disorder, fainting, blackouts, drug taking or alcoholism.

Guidance on suitable dress

The aim of this requirement is to ensure public confidence by presenting a professional image of you as a driver. The following guidance is not exhaustive but is intended to provide advice on what is acceptable.

Trousers

Acceptable: smart plain coloured jeans or trousers.

Not acceptable: jogger bottoms, loungewear bottoms, multi coloured trouser bottoms, combat trousers.

Shorts

In periods of high summer temperatures shorts may be worn.

Acceptable: Plain coloured dress shorts.

Not acceptable: Football or sports shorts

Shirts

Acceptable: plain coloured work shirt, dress shirt or smart polo shirt, which are capable of covering to below the waistline.

Not acceptable: football shirts/strips or heavily patterned t-shirts.

Ripped, torn and dirty clothing is not acceptable.