

Appendix D - Bench Marking Exercise

Local Authority	Condition on Age Limits
Shropshire Council	Vehicles over 10 years old (from date of registration) would not generally be licensed by the authority, but each application would be determined on its own merits
Wolverhampton CC	To replace an existing hackney carriage vehicle, it must be less than 5 years old. Vehicles 6 to 16 years, 6 monthly tests.
South Staffs DC	<p>The Council has an age restriction for private hire vehicles/ hackney carriages. This age restriction came into force on 1 July 2009. From that date the vehicle must be less than 10 years old on issue of the licence.</p> <p>Vehicles older than 10 years can only be licensed after that date <u>if</u> the Council grants an exceptional condition exemption. Exceptional condition exemptions will only be granted where the interior and exterior of the vehicle are, in the opinion of the Council, equal to or better than a vehicle of less than 10 years old which would be in a sufficient condition to be licensed. The mileage of the vehicle will be one of the factors that the Council takes into account. The Council would generally expect petrol driven cars to have less than 15,000 miles per annum and diesel vehicles 20,000 miles per annum.</p> <p>The frequency of testing is as follows:</p> <p>Less than 5 years old - once a year 5- 9 years 364 days old – twice a year 10 years old or more – three times a year</p>
Birmingham CC	Restricted – do not issue new licences. 14yrs age limit for currently licensed vehicles and annual tests. If proprietor replaces the vehicle it has to be newer than the vehicle they are replacing.
Solihull MBC	No age limit. 12 monthly testing.
Stafford BC	Vehicle to be less than 3yr 3mths old when first licensed. Can continue to be licensed up to 6 years from date of registration. 12 monthly testing up to 3 years, 6 monthly testing from 3yrs to 6yrs of age.
Stoke on Trent CC	New vehicles licensed from 01/01/08 must be wheel chair accessible and have to be under 2yrs when first licensed and can continue to be licensed up to 10yrs. 12 monthly testing. Saloon vehicles licensed prior to 01/01/08 must be under 5yrs when first licensed and can continue to be licensed up to 8yrs.