

1. Private Hire Driver Conditions of Licence		
	Current Condition	Proposed condition
7.2 a)	<i>That a qualification must be taken in “Transporting passengers by taxi and private hire” or similar qualification within the first 12 months of being licensed.</i>	<i>That <b>all</b> Private Hire Drivers must undertake a qualification in “Transporting passengers by taxi and private hire” or similar qualification within twenty-four months (of this condition coming into force).</i>
7.2 b)	<i>That a DSA Driving Test shall be taken by Private Hire Drivers where the driver has been disqualified from driving by the DVLA or with endorsements on their driving licences or for serious driving offences.</i>	Maintain existing condition and in addition add :  <i>That a DSA Driving Test shall be taken by <b>all</b> existing Private Hire Drivers within 24 months (of this condition coming into force).</i>
<p><b>Consultation response</b></p> <p>PHV/HC User who responded thinks someone with a serious driving offence should not be allowed to drive a PHV/HC Proposed condition does not state how soon the DSA driving test should be taken after first being licensed.</p> <p>A Resident and Town Councillor who responded expects the highest standard of qualification from all HC/ PHV drivers.</p> <p>The Private Hire trade think that the qualification and DSA test should be taken by new drivers and those who have been disqualified, but not existing drivers. The general feeling is that it is an unnecessary expense and unreasonable burden for existing drivers who have been in the trade many years, although it has been proposed that drivers who have complaints about their driving skills should also be requested to undertake the DSA driving test.</p> <p>Four HC drivers who commented were all in agreement with the proposed condition.</p>		

2.	Dual Driver Conditions of Licence	
7.2	<p><i>That a qualification must be taken in “Transporting passengers by taxi and private hire” or similar qualification within the first 12 months of being licensed.</i></p>	<p><i>That <b>all</b> Dual Drivers must undertake a qualification in “Transporting passengers by taxi and private hire” or similar qualification within twenty-four months (of this condition coming into force).</i></p>
7.3	<p><i>That a DSA Driving Test shall be taken by Private Hire Drivers where the driver has been disqualified from driving by the DVLA or with endorsements on their driving licences or for serious driving offences</i></p>	<p>Maintain existing condition and in addition add :</p> <p><i>That a DSA Driving Test shall be taken by <b>all</b> existing Dual Drivers within 24 months (of this condition coming into force).</i></p>
<p><b>Consultation response</b>  The responses are the same as for the Private Hire Driver conditions of licence above, and in addition it was suggested by a Private Hire Operator that the Council introduce aptitude tests and tests to prove English communication skills.</p>		

3.	Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions			
3.2	<p><i>The proprietor shall ensure that the Hackney Carriage shall only be of the type approved for public hire used by the Commissioner of Police of the London Metropolitan area, namely a purpose built vehicle designed to carry up to seven passengers and that complies with the following;</i></p>	<p><i>The proprietor shall ensure that the Hackney Carriage vehicle shall only be of the type approved for Hackney Carriage use by the Council, namely a multi-purpose vehicle built to carry up to eight passengers with factory fitted seatbelts and an engine capacity not less than 1600cc. subject to the following:</i></p> <p><i>By way of a list that will specify as many different types of vehicle as possible which allow the trade to put forward vehicles of choice that meet the criteria. Will provide greater flexibility for new vehicle types.</i></p> <p>This condition is to be read in conjunction with Conditions 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5 listed below which are to remain unchanged.</p>		
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<p><b>Consultation response</b></p> <p>PHV/HC users expect all HCs to be wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>The Private Hire Drivers and Operator who responded feel that other types of vehicles should be allowed to be licensed as Hackney Carriages. They believe a rural area such as Shropshire should not be restricted to the requirements of London. The operator suggested that HCs should all be black, and PHV's should not be black to distinguish between the two. One of the drivers quoted the high CO2 emissions of London Taxi Cabs compared to new lower emission vehicles.</p> <p>20 HC Drivers/ Vehicle proprietors who responded do not want the condition to change.</p> <p>LTI who are the manufacturers of the vehicles currently licensed by the Council put forward an 8 page response document and 4 page promotional leaflet to show why Telford &amp; Wrekin Council should not move away from the type approval for Transport for London.</p>				

<b>4.</b>	<b>Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions</b>	
4.8	The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit for motor cars and Multi Purpose Vehicles of seven years or the age limit for a purpose built or adapted minibus of six years. Vehicles to be tested every 6 months from 5 years of age to 7 years in line with best practice guidance. However no vehicle to be over 5 years of age when first licensed.	The Council will only licence suitable vehicles which do not exceed the age limit for motor cars and Multi Purpose Vehicles of seven years or the age limit for a purpose built or adapted minibus of eight years. Vehicles to be tested every 6 months from 5 years of age to 8 years in line with best practice guidance. However no vehicle to be over 5 years of age when first licensed.
	<p><b>Consultation response</b></p> <p>PHV Drivers and Operators are happy with the proposed condition, although the PH Operator did propose that all vehicles should have a 10 year age limit with 6 monthly compliance tests after 5 years of age.</p> <p>Six HC Drivers believe the age limit for all PHVs should be set at 5 years as they are not purpose built vehicles for the amount of miles they do.</p>	