

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE POLICY REVIEW 2017/18

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

CURRENT REQUIREMENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	REASON/IMPLEMENTATION DATE
DBS - every 3 years	Mandatory requirement for online update service with the DBS so that we have direct access to criminal record	Good practice All new applicants to be registered and all existing licence holders to be registered by 1 st April 2020
Medical Requirement On application Every 5 yrs up to 45 yrs Every 3yrs 45 - 60 yrs Annually over 60 yrs	On application 5 yrs 45 - 65yrs Annually over 65 yrs	In line with DVLA requirements for Group 2 (lorry and bus drivers) 1 st April 2018
Vehicle Age Requirements None at present	Vehicles must be no more than 5 yrs old on initial application Max age limit 15 yrs for both HC and PH Exemption policy (WAV's and prestigious vehicles) 6 mth MOT over 5 yrs	To drive up standards of vehicles in the District (6 monthly MOT is best practice from Department for Transport) 1 st April 2018 - 2 yr implementation period for existing vehicles (1 st April 2020)
Intended Use Policy (Taxis) None	Mandatory intended use policy and applicants will be interviewed if they reside outside of area to ensure that 80% of work is within District	Good practice and demonstrates partnership working with neighbouring LAs 1 st April 2018

(HC - Hackney Carriage (Taxi) PH - Private Hire)

In addition to the above:

- Update policy with recent changes that have been agreed by the Committees in 2016 e.g. online DVLA check, mandatory safeguarding training and Immigration Act requirements
- Update current documents in-line with the Equality Act 2010; Introduce Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle requirements, updates to assistance dogs requirements
- Implement a robust enforcement procedure (the current Penalty Points system in CDC will be removed)
- Implement a more robust knowledge test for applicants which includes areas of Highway Code, arithmetic, policy knowledge and topographical knowledge with a higher pass rate

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