

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE
DRIVER'S LICENCE APPLICATION FOR GRANT OR RENEWAL**

Town Police Clauses Act 1847;
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Part II

Community and Place Delivery, St Albans City and District Council, Civic Centre,
St Peters Street, St Albans, Hertfordshire, AL1 3JE

Any person who wants to drive a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle must be licensed.

Driver Licence Criteria

All new applicants must:

- be at least 21
- have held a full UK or EEA driving licence for at least 36 months
- provide evidence of an English language qualification (see policy for more information)
- pass the council's knowledge test
- provide certificate for the completion of the Driver Training Day
- take a group 2 medical with their GP.

Knowledge test

For Hackney Carriage applicants only: Through the written knowledge test assessment you will be tested on your knowledge of the local area. In addition, you will be tested on routes; Policy; related law; maths based questions; and elements of the Highway Code. The knowledge test is booked through the Licensing team. A pass on the test is valid for six months.

Medical

A medical certificate must be submitted at first application, every 6 years up to 60 years of age, every 3 years up to 70 years of age, and annually thereafter on the anniversary of the grant of the most recent licence. You will need to book your medical with your GP. Take along the medical to your appointment for your GP to complete.

Right to work

The council has a duty to ensure that only those persons who are entitled to work in the UK are issued a licence to drive a licensed vehicle. For this reason all applicants must provide evidence to show that they are entitled to work in the UK, and that there are no restrictions on the work that you can do. You must produce proof of your right to work during your appointment.

If you are on a time limited visa, any licence which may be issued will expire when your visa expires. If, at any time, your entitlement to work in the UK is removed, your licence will be revoked.

What is required for a valid application

You will need to supply your completed application form, certificate for completion of Safeguarding and Equality Act training and medical (if applicable).

Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS)

You must also provide three forms of identification for a criminal records check. This appointment will be held in person. A driving licence, passport, and a utility bill or bank statement (less than three months old) are acceptable. Further information on what documents are acceptable for the criminal records check can be found below, and also on the website for the Disclosure and Barring Service. If you can't provide at least three acceptable documents, please contact the licensing team.

DBS Update Service

Once you have received your certificate you are required to sign up to the DBS update service.

Documents accept for a DBS check

In order to complete a DBS check you will be required to provide your Passport, Driving licence and Proof of National Insurance Number .One other form of identification which must state your full name and address, and must have been sent to you through the post. We cannot accept printed online statements or bills, or statements printed within bank or building society branches (see below):

- Mortgage statement (no more than 12 months old)
- Bank/building society statement (no more than 3 months old)
- Credit card statement (no more than 3 months old)
- P45 or P60 statement (no more than 12 months old)
- Utility bill, but not a mobile phone bill (no more than 3 months old)
- Financial statement – e.g. pension, ISA etc (no more than 12 months old)
- Council tax statement (no more than 12 months old)
- Benefits statement – e.g. tax credits, pension etc (no more than 3 months old)

Renewing your licence

If you are applying to renew your licence please do so as least eight weeks before it expires. You cannot continue to drive if your licence has expired. We are not responsible for delays due to the actions of external bodies such as the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). The criminal records check can take up to eight weeks. You can only start working once we have granted you a licence.

Licensee's responsibilities

Drivers are required to comply with the conditions of their licences. Hackney carriage drivers also need to comply with our hackney carriage byelaws. All licence drivers must comply with the Code of Conduct. The conditions, bylaws and Code of Conduct can all be found within in the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy : <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/taxi-licensing>

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Licensing Fees

Please note that we can only accept payment by cheque, credit card or debit card.

You can make payment online: <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/pay-online-taxi-licensing>

Licence type	
New Driver	£406
New Driver 1 year licence pro rata	£136
Driver renewal	£381
Driver renewal 1 year licence pro rata	£127
Additional Chargeable	
DBS	£77
Versant Test	£54
HC Knowledge test	£77
Driver Training Day (New Drivers)	£90
Driver Training (For Renewal Applications)	£40
Driver badge replacement	£37
Change of address Vehicle and Driver licence	£26

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

The Department for Transport issued “Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards” on 21 July 2020. As an authority that issues both hackney carriage and private hire licences St Albans Council “must have regard” to the document when exercising our functions and formulating policy.

Our Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy brings all our existing guidelines, standards, licensee requirements and information together in one place, as well as updating our approach as a result of changes to national guidance; the DFT Statutory Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Standards.

At the Licensing & Regulatory Committee, it was agreed that the policy would be adopted. This came into effect the day after, on 26th January 2021. You can view the adopted at the link below;

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/taxi-licensing>

If you require a paper copy please email taxilicensing@stalbands.gov.uk

Conviction Policy for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Trade

How we treat convictions and cautions when we consider granting, renewing, suspending or revoking a hackney carriage licence or private hire licence, or a vehicle operator or proprietor.

Convictions will not necessarily stop you getting or keeping a hackney carriage or private hire licence. If a conviction means you have to wait for a while before we will accept your licence application, we believe you are more likely to value your licence and act accordingly. However, we regard some offences as so serious they will usually prevent you getting or keeping a licence for ever.

Our policy is to consider the safety, protection and well-being of the public by ensuring all licensed drivers are safe, competent drivers who maintain their vehicles to an acceptable standard. Our main aim is to ensure public safety, not punish applicants or licence holders.

We want to keep up the high standard of hackney carriage and private hire drivers, operators and proprietors in St Albans. This will maintain the taxi industry’s good reputation, as well as giving the public a high quality of service.

Policy on the Relevance of Convictions and Cautions

At the Licensing & Regulatory Committee on 29th January 2019, it was agreed that the revised policy would be adopted. This came into effect the day after, on 30th January 2019. You can view the adopted policy within the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy document at the link below;

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/taxi-licensing>

If you require a paper copy please email taxilicensing@stalbands.gov.uk

HMRC: Mandatory Tax checks at renewal

From 4th April 2022 licensing authorities will have to carry out checks on applications from individuals, companies and any type of partnership to make sure they have completed a tax check.

The rules will apply to renewal applications for:

- hackney carriage driver licences
- private hire driver licences
- private hire vehicle operator licences
- scrap metal site licences
- scrap metal collector licences

From the above date we will not be able to accept renewal applications unless we are provided with a valid **Tax check code**. You will be able to complete this tax check on **GOV.UK**, using your **Government Gateway account**.

If you don't have a Government Gateway account then you are advised to create one now in preparation for your next renewal. This can be done by registering for HMRC Online Services:

<https://www.gov.uk/log-in-register-hmrc-online-services>

For those without access to the online system HMRC will be providing a telephone support via 0300 200 3310.

The Tax Check system is now live and can be accessed here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-a-tax-check-for-a-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence>

The Tax Check code will be valid for 120 days so you are advised to obtain it in plenty of time for use at renewal. By way of an example if you will be renewing your licence prior to 14th July 2022 you could apply for your tax check code now and it would still be valid when you renew.

The process of completing a check will be simple and should only take minutes and please rest assured that we, as the Licensing Authority, will not have access to any of your tax information.

Below are links to the current HMRC information which explains what you need to do and what is required of us as the licensing authority:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/licence-application-tax-check-communications-resources/tax-check-factsheet>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/changes-when-dealing-with-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence-applications-from-april-2022>

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APPLICATION TYPE (please tick the relevant box)	
Grant of a three year Hackney Carriage driver's licence	
Grant of a three year Private Hire driver's licence	
Licence renewal of Hackney Carriage driver's licence Badge number:	
Licence renewal of Private Hire driver's licence Badge number:	
Grant of a three year Dual Badge	
Licence renewal of Dual Badge Badge Number.....	

Please tick the appropriate box above

If you are applying to renew your licence please do so as least eight weeks before it expires. You cannot continue to drive if your licence has expired.

Answer all the questions in ink using CAPITAL letters, either ticking ✓, or writing "None" where appropriate. Please answer all questions below, failure to do so will invalidate your application.

PLEASE COMPLETE IN BLOCK CAPITALS		
1.	Surname: Any Previous Surname(s):	Forename(s): <i>(in full)</i>
2.	Date of birth: (you must be over 21 years of age) : Place of Birth:	
3.	Please provide your National Insurance number:	

4.	Please provide your Tax Check Code: You can obtain your Tax Check Code from: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-a-tax-check-for-a-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence (renewal applications only)			
5.	Do you have the right to work in the UK?	Yes		No	
You will need to provide evidence of your entitlement to work in the United Kingdom, this can be provided by either: (1) producing your UK or EU passport, or (2) by providing your passport from another country or Biometric Residence Permit containing an endorsement detailing that you are entitled to remain and work in the United Kingdom.					
6.	What evidence are you providing to show that you have full (unrestricted) entitlement to work in the UK?				
7.	Are there any restrictions on you working in this country or by immigration?	Yes		No	
<i>Please detail these restrictions if you have ticked YES</i>					
8.	If you are not a British Citizen, and are working in the UK on a visa, do you have recourse to public funds? (i.e. eligibility to claim benefits etc)	Yes		No	
9.	Present address: POSTCODE:				
10.	At this address since (Date/Month/Year)				
11.	Are you registered on the electoral role/voters register at this address?	Yes		No	
12.	Have you lived in the United Kingdom for the last five consecutive years?	Yes		No	
If you have not lived in the United Kingdom continually for the last 5 years you must submit a Certificate of Good Conduct from the appropriate Embassy or High Commission of the Country where you have lived. The certificate must be written in English and should be submitted with your application.					

20.	Do you hold a current DVLA driver's licence? If YES , when you were first fully licensed to drive? (Date/Month/Year)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="862 111 1003 184">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1003 111 1128 184"></td> <td data-bbox="1128 111 1269 184">No</td> <td data-bbox="1269 111 1450 184"></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No	
Yes		No				
21.	Please provide your DVLA check code obtained from : https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence This code is case sensitive and is only valid for 21 days.				
22.	Do you hold a driving licence in another other country? If YES , which country and when were you first licensed to drive?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="862 401 1003 453">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1003 401 1128 453"></td> <td data-bbox="1128 401 1269 453">No</td> <td data-bbox="1269 401 1450 453"></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No	
Yes		No				
23.	Have you ever been convicted of an offence, bound over, had a conditional or unconditional discharge, or charged by the Police for any offence or been cautioned or had a reprimand or warning issued?	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="922 548 1047 657">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1047 548 1172 657"></td> <td data-bbox="1172 548 1313 657">No</td> <td data-bbox="1313 548 1450 657"></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No	
Yes		No				
<p align="center">You must declare, in the appropriate following sections, ALL previous convictions, bind overs, conditional or unconditional discharges, arrests, police charges, cautions, reprimands and warnings: criminal and non-criminal, motoring offences, fixed penalties, whether spent or unspent, no matter how long ago they occurred and no matter whether they have been declared on a previous application.</p>						
24.	Have you ever been arrested? If yes please give details below (Please still give details even if no further action was taken):	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="922 957 1047 1020">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1047 957 1172 1020"></td> <td data-bbox="1172 957 1313 1020">No</td> <td data-bbox="1313 957 1450 1020"></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No	
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25.	Have you ever had a civil injunction or Non molestation order taken out against you? If yes please give details below:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="922 1241 1047 1335">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1047 1241 1172 1335"></td> <td data-bbox="1172 1241 1313 1335">No</td> <td data-bbox="1313 1241 1450 1335"></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No	
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26.	Are you currently on bail for any offence? If yes, what are your bail conditions:	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="922 1514 1047 1619">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1047 1514 1172 1619"></td> <td data-bbox="1172 1514 1313 1619">No</td> <td data-bbox="1313 1514 1450 1619"></td> </tr> </table>	Yes		No	
Yes		No				
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27. **Please list all DVLA driving licence endorsements or convictions including fixed penalty notices whether spent or unspent.** Give particulars, including name of Court, date of conviction/endorsement, length of any suspension or disqualification and fine (if any). If you do not recall the full details please list as much information as you can.

<u>Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Penalty</u>

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

28. **Please list all spent and unspent non-motoring convictions, arrests, charges, cautions, reprimands and warnings.** If you do not recall the full details please list as much information as you can.

<u>Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Penalty</u>

Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

29. **Please list all spent and unspent (motoring and non-motoring) convictions, bind overs, conditional or unconditional discharges arrests, charges, cautions, reprimands and warnings occurring outside of the United Kingdom.** Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary. If you do not recall the full details please list as much information as you can.

<u>Court</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Offence</u>	<u>Penalty</u>

30. **Do you suffer from epilepsy, drugs or alcohol dependency or have any injury, Disability or Deformity or condition which might affect your driving?**

Yes		No	
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If YES please specify:

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31.	Have you suffered any medical condition or physical or mental impairment in the last THREE YEARS that could affect your ability to drive? (Please consider the DVLA group two medical criteria in answering)	<table border="1"> <tr> <td data-bbox="943 142 1078 184">Yes</td> <td data-bbox="1078 142 1198 184"></td> <td data-bbox="1198 142 1323 184">No</td> <td data-bbox="1323 142 1450 184"></td> </tr> </table>		Yes		No	
Yes		No					
		<i>If YES please specify:</i>					
32.	Name and Address of Operator:						

33: Accompanying Documents	
I have enclosed the following information with my application (please tick to confirm)	
Copies of your passport, Driving licence, proof of address:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Passport Style Photo:	<input type="checkbox"/>
DVLA licence check code: Obtained from : https://www.gov.uk/view-driving-licence .	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tax Check code: You can obtain your Tax Check Code from: https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-a-tax-check-for-a-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm I am signed up to the DBS update service:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Certificate of completion of the Equality Act 2010 and safeguarding refresher training For all applicants	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence that I meet the level B2 Language requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical (if required): Required every 6 years up to 60 years of age, every 3 years up to 70 years of age, and annually thereafter on the anniversary of the grant of the most recent licence.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Evidence of right to work in the UK for every applicant (passport, residence permit, etc) For all applicants	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that I have read the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licencing Policy. I also confirm that I am aware of the driver licence conditions and will comply with them.	<input type="checkbox"/>
I understand if any of the above is missing my application will not be valid.	<input type="checkbox"/>

DECLARATION

IF ANY PERSON KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY MAKES A FALSE STATEMENT OR OMITTS ANY MATERIAL PARTICULAR IN GIVING THIS INFORMATION UNDER THIS SECTION, THAT PERSON WILL BE GUILTY OF AN OFFENCE.

I the undersigned, hereby apply for a licence to act as a driver of Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles in the District of St Albans and I declare that my answers and statements to the questions in this application are true, to the best of my/our knowledge and belief, and acknowledge that, if there are any omissions, false or incorrect statements of a serious nature, this may result in the application being refused without further consideration or, if a licence has been issued, it may be liable to suspension or revocation. I also confirm that I have read and understood and agree to abide by all relevant legislation, requirements, conditions/bylaws contained within the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy, and the information contained in this document in regard to being a licensed driver within the St Albans District.

I understand that in making this application, I am consenting to St Albans City and District Council Licensing Authority making any enquiry as deemed appropriate in relation to my application. I therefore acknowledge and consent to St Albans making enquiries with the police and fraud team and any other agency as required in relation to any investigations, arrests, non-convictions, orders or other offences or issues relating to myself and my application in order to determine my fitness to hold a licence. I understand I will not be entitled to a refund once my application has been submitted.

PRIVACY NOTICE

This privacy notice explains how St Albans City & District Council (the Data Controller) will use any personal information we collect about you when you use our services.

We will use your information for the purposes we have set out; keep it securely; destroy it when we no longer need it; tell you the rights applicable to this personal information and how to exercise them; tell you who to complain to.

All this information is set out in full on the privacy notice with this form. Please read and retain the privacy notice for more details.

CONSENT

By completing this form you are giving consent for us to process your criminal conviction information and special category information, i.e. medical information and criminal records, for the purposes outlined in the privacy notice with the form.

You have a right to withdraw your consent at any time by emailing taxilicensing@stalbans.gov.uk or calling the Council on 01727 819264. If you withdraw consent we will not be able to process your application.

I agree to give consent for you to use my personal information as set out above

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

Privacy Policy for the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS): This tells you what the DBS will do with your data

I have read the Standard/Enhanced Check Privacy Policy for applicants <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-privacy-policies> and I understand how DBS will process my personal data and the options available to me for submitting an application.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Driver Licences	Fee	Hackney Carriage Budget Code	Private Hire Budget Code
New Driver	£406.00	1580803251	1580803253
New Driver 1 year licence pro rata	£136.00	1580803251	1580803253
Driver renewal	£381.00	1580803251	1580803253
Driver renewal 1 year licence pro rata	£127.00	1580803251	1580803253
Additional Chargeable			
DBS	£77.00	1580803259	1580803259
Versant Test	£54.00	1580803256	1580803256
HC Knowledge test	£77.00	1580803256	
Driver Training Day (New Drivers)	£90.00	1580803256	1580803256
Driver Training (For Renewal Applications)	£40.00	1580803256	1580803256
Change of address Vehicle and Driver licence	£26.00	1580803251	1580803253
Replacement Driver Licence Activity			
Replacement Driver Paper Licence	£26.00	1580803251	1580803253
Replacement Driver Licence Badge	£37.00	1580803257	1580803258
DBS	Ref:	Date:	Trace? Yes / No
1 x passport size photographs supplied		Yes / No	
DVLA Check Code	Date:	Endorsements? Yes / No	
Medical certificate		Date:	
Entitled to work in the UK	Yes / No	Documents seen: (Passport, Visa)	

New Applicants: Attended Training Day	
New Applicants: Passed knowledge test	
New Applicants: Evidence of English Proficiency	
Renewing Applicants : Completed Safeguarding and Equality Act 2010 Training	

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What information do we collect about you?

The information that the Council will collect varies depending on how you use the Council's Services. We are using the information provided in this case because we have a legal obligation [Art. 6(1)(c) of UK General Data Protection Regulation ("UK GDPR")]. This means we collect your personal information from you so that we can carry out a function we are required by law to carry out. In this case we are collecting personal information for the purposes of Taxi Licensing.

If you're providing us with special category personal information (such as details about your health) we will be processing this under Art. 9(2) UK GDPR. If you're providing us with criminal conviction personal information we will be processing this under Art.10 UK GDPR.

How will we use the information about you?

We use the information to process your hackney carriage/private hire driver licence application. We may share the information with other departments at the Council to enable us to deal with your application. We will only share the information to enable us to deal with this matter.

We will not share the personal information we hold with any external organisations except for partner organisations. By partner organisations we mean Local Authorities, your Doctor, your Insurance company or other statutory authorities, such as Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC), NAFN for the use of NR3, Cabinet Office, Home Office, Audit Commission, Department for Transport, DVLA, Mogo, Police or similar agency, where sharing your data is necessary to deal with your matter. We will also share contact details with Unified Transport and Versant for training purposes. We may be required to share your personal information with the Police, or similar agency, or another Council for the purposes of preventing and detecting fraud.

We will ensure that all personal information is kept securely.

How long will we keep this information?

We will destroy this personal information in accordance with our Disposal Schedules. To determine how long we should keep information, we consider what the legislation states and what is good practice. This means we will securely destroy the information once we no longer need it. If you would like to know the specific period of time that relates to your personal information please contact GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk

Individuals' Rights

You have a right to request a copy of the personal information that we hold about you. If you would like a copy of some or all of your information, please contact foi@stalbans.gov.uk and ask for a subject access request.

If you consider we hold inaccurate personal information about you, you can contact us to ask for this information to be corrected. We will consider your request and respond within one month. Please contact GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk.

The other rights you have will depend on why we have collected the information -we will tell you in the specific privacy notice relating to that application or process. You can find out more about your individual rights:

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/publications/privacy-notices/Individual%20Rights%20GDPR%20Website%20Notice.pdf>

Cookies

Cookies are text files placed on your computer to collect standard internet log information and visitor behaviour information. This information is used to make your use of the internet better. For further information on how we use these and how you can control it, please visit <https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/cookies>

Changes to our Data Protection Policy

We have a Data Protection Policy in place and this can be found here:

<https://www.stalbans.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/publications/privacy-notices/GDPR%20Personal%20Data%20Policy.pdf>

Data Protection Officer

Our Data Protection Officer for the purposes of Articles 37 to 39 of the UK General Data Protection Regulation is Judith Adamson, Solicitor-Regulatory Team Leader. They can be contacted by emailing GDPR@stalbans.gov.uk or calling 01727 866100 for our Complaints Team.

How to contact us

Please contact us if you have any questions about our Data Protection Policy, or concerns about how we handle your information: by emailing foi@stalbans.gov.uk or write to us at: FOI Team, St Albans City & District Council, St Peter's Street, St Albans, AL1 3JE.

Complaints

You have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner if you are unhappy with how we process your personal information. You can do so through their website: <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or by emailing: casework@ico.org.uk or calling their helpline on 0303 123 1113.

Report of Medical Examination

In support of an application for a Hackney Carriage/ Private Hire Driver's Licence

Name of Applicant	First Name (s):
	Surname:
Applicants Telephone No:	
Applicants e-mail:	
Date Of Birth:	
Address of Applicant:	
Date of Examination:	

Guidance for Medical Practitioner

- NOTE (1) This form must be completed and signed in the presence of both parties.
- NOTE (2) St Albans District Council requires that drivers of Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles achieve a higher stand of medical fitness than car drivers. The standard required by the Council is the same standard applied by the DVLA to the grant of Public Service and Heavy Goods Vehicle Licences and is known as a 'Group 2' level of medical fitness. In order to complete this medical you should be familiar with the requirements of Group 2 Standards. For further details please refer to the document 'Assessing fitness to drive – a guide for medical professionals' which can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/assessing-fitness-to-drive-a-guide-for-medical-professionals.
- NOTE (3) Any fee charged for this report is payable by the applicant to the Medical Practitioner.
- NOTE (4) Drivers must have a visual acuity, using corrective lenses if necessary, of at least Snellen 6/7.5 (Snellen decimal 0.8) in the better eye and at least Snellen 6/60 (Snellen decimal 0.1) in the other eye. Where glasses are worn to meet the minimum standards, they should have a corrective power $\leq +8$ dioptres in any meridian of either lens.
- NOTE (5) When considering whether the applicant is fit for the role of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver, you must consider not only their ability to drive, but also additional duties such as the loading of a wheelchair up a ramp into the vehicle or the provision of reasonable assistance to a passenger with luggage or shopping.
- NOTE (6) A medical certificate must be supplied upon first application for a licence, and subsequently on attaining every 6 years between the ages of 21-60, every 3 years 60-70 and annually for 70+. A further certificate must be supplied at any other time that the Council's Licensing Team shall direct.
- NOTE (7) You would be expected to have access to the applicant's full medical history, typically because you are the applicant's GP or another doctor at the same surgery. If you do not have access to the applicant's full medical history, you must provide reasons. Where the reasons given are not held to be satisfactory to the council, the council reserves the right to request a further medical from the applicant.

Neurological disorders

1. Is this applicant, to the best of your judgement, subject to epilepsy, seizures, vertigo, loss of consciousness, stroke/TIA, encephalitis, amnesia, serious head injury, sleep disorder, fainting or any other neurological disorder or defect likely to affect his/her efficiency as a driver of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle? If yes, please provide explanation as appropriate.	Yes/No Details:
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Cardiovascular disorders

2. Is this applicant, to the best of your judgement, subject to angina, acute coronary syndromes, arrhythmia, hypertension, coronary thrombosis, hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, heart failure or any other cardiovascular disorder or defect likely to affect his/her efficiency as a driver of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle? If yes, please provide explanation as appropriate.	Yes/No Details:
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3. Has the applicant, to the best of your knowledge, undergone catheter ablation, pacemaker implant, cardiovascular defibrillator implant or any other cardiovascular procedure? If yes, please provide explanation as appropriate.	Yes/No Details:
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4. Are the applicant's blood pressure readings within a normal range? If no, do you consider that the abnormal blood pressure would be likely to affect his/her competence as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver, please give details.	Yes/No Details:
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Diabetes

5. Does the applicant suffer from diabetes? If yes, please confirm the type and if the applicant is treated using tablets, insulin, diet or any other method. If no, please proceed to Q8.	Yes/No Details:
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6. Has the applicant suffered from any hypoglycaemic episodes requiring the assistance of another person within the last 12 months?	Yes/No Details:
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7. Does the applicant suffer from any other debarring complications of diabetes such as a visual field defect, renal disorder or limb disability? If yes, please provide explanation as appropriate	Yes/No Details:
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Psychiatric disorders

8. Is this applicant, to the best of your judgment, subject to anxiety, depression, mania, schizophrenia or any other psychiatric disorder or defect likely to affect his/her efficiency as a driver of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle? If yes, please provide explanation as appropriate.	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Details:</p>
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Drugs & Alcohol

9. Is this applicant, to the best of your judgment, subject to dependency or misuse of drugs (including tobacco) or alcohol? Or subject to any drug or alcohol related condition, such as cirrhosis or seizure? If yes, please provide explanation as appropriate.	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Details:</p>
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Visual acuity & hearing

10. Please provide visual acuity readings for both eyes, with glasses if applicable. Please provide readings as a fraction e.g 6/7.5. If you are unable to accurately measure visual activity, the applicant must be sent to an optometrist.	<p>Without glasses:</p> <p>Right eye:</p> <p>Left eye:</p>	<p>With glasses: (if applicable)</p> <p>Right eye:</p> <p>Left eye:</p>
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11. Do this applicant's visual acuity readings meet the minimum standards as outlined in note 4 above (with or without glasses)? If you consider that the applicant should wear glasses when driving, please confirm this.	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Details:</p>
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12. Is there any defect of vision or hearing not already mentioned? If yes, please give details, including whether you consider that said defect would interfere with the efficient performance of the applicant's duties as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver.	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Details:</p>
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Other:

13. Does the applicant have any deformity, loss of limb or mobility impairment? If yes, could this interfere with the efficient performance of his/her duties as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver, please give details. (See note 5)	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Details:</p>
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14. Is there any abnormality present that is not included in the above questions; such as any evidence of poor personal hygiene or aggression, that may interfere with the efficient performance of his/her duties as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver?	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Details:</p>
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15. Is the applicant, in your opinion, generally fit as regards to, (a) bodily health and (b) temperament, for the duties of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver?	<p>Yes/No</p> <p>Details:</p>
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16. Do you consider further examination necessary? If so in what period of time? (See note 6)	Yes/No Details:
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17. At the time of examination and completion of this medical form, did you have possession of the applicant's complete medical history? (please see note 7)	Yes/No Details:
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Applicant statement

I hereby consent to the Licensing Authority receiving reports from the Medical Examiner about my medical condition.

I declare that the answers to the foregoing questions are honest and represent accurately my present medical condition and history. I am not aware of any physical or mental condition or disability not otherwise mentioned, and agree to notify the Licensing Authority of any change in my medical circumstances as soon as I become aware of these.

Applicant's Signature:.....

Date:

Must be signed in the presence of the medical practitioner who signs this report (see note 1)

Declaration of Medical Practitioner

I hereby certify that I have today assessed and examined the above named person in accordance with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency Group 2 Standards of Medical Fitness and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct.

In my judgement, on the basis of this assessment and examination the above named person:

- **Meets the dvla group 2 medical fitness standard and is or fit to act as the driver of a hackney Carriage/Private hire vehicle licence**
- **does not meet the DVLA group 2 medical fitness standard and is unfit to act as the driver of a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle licence**

Signed:

(Must be signed in the presence of the applicant – see note 1)

Print Name:

Surgery's Address :

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Surgery Stamp:

Date:

*This medical report should be returned to the applicant to submit, or be sent to:
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