

## **Appendix 4**

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Subject: Pre-Licence Conditions

Hi allan

As requested please find attached a copy of Rochford District Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Pre-Licence conditions.

At Rochford District Council, all proprietors were advised that with effect from May 2003, all people carriers would only be licensed for a maximum seating capacity where direct access was allowed to all the seats without moving any part of another.

All those vehicles already licensed would continue to be licensed for the original seating capacity until the end of the licence life, i.e. 10 years. A replacement vehicle would then have to abide by the abovementioned criteria.

I trust this information is of assistance to you.

Regards

Jean

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## **ROCHFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **PRE-LICENSING STANDARDS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGES**

1. A person being considered for a Hackney Carriage Licence (Plate) on the first and subsequent occasions shall be over 21 years and be vetted by the Criminal Records Bureau so as to satisfy conditions 1.10 to 1.13 of the Hackney Carriage Pre-Licensing Conditions and shall:
  - 1.1. Have a vehicle which is not more than six years old when first licensed, and is not more than ten years old, with the exception of London Type Cab or other wheelchair accessible vehicles which can be up to eight years old and twelve years old respectively.
  - 1.2. Have a vehicle that is right-hand drive in good mechanical order and body condition, and is in full and proper operational order in every respect.
  - 1.3. Have a vehicle which is suitable in type, size and design for use as a Hackney Carriage and according to the manufacturer's unaltered specification has:
    - 1.3.1. Rear seat accommodation for at least 3 persons, with a minimum of 41cm (16") per person.
    - 1.3.2. Separate front seats to accommodate only one person in addition to the driver.
    - 1.3.3. Except with minibuses and similar vehicles, no less than two doors in addition to any door provided for the driver, each adjacent to and allowing direct access to and from the passenger seats.
    - 1.3.4. An overall height of not less than 135cm (53").
    - 1.3.5. A minimum of four doors.
    - 1.3.6. A seat belt for each passenger.
  - 1.4. Submit the vehicle for mechanical inspection when requested and at least:
    - 1.4.1. Upon initial application.
    - 1.4.2. Annually in respect of vehicles up to six years old.
    - 1.4.3. Six monthly in respect of vehicles over six years old and up to ten years old.

1.4.4. Four monthly in respect of vehicles over ten years old defined under condition 1.1.

2. Produce the current Vehicle Inspectorate MOT Test Certificate immediately following each mechanical inspection and upon request.
3. Produce such insurance documents as may be required, specifying that the vehicle is insured for public hire.
4. In respect of every third, sixth, ninth and twelfth licence granted to an individual or company, the vehicle must be compliant with the specification for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis contained in the Disability Discrimination Act, 1995.
5. Produce vehicle registration documents or any other evidence of proprietorship of the vehicle as may be required by the Council.
6. Give two referees as to character who are not related to the applicant and who have known the applicant personally.

**NOTE:** After the issue of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence, the vehicle may only be driven by a driver holding a current Hackney Carriage Drivers Licence.

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