
HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE CONDITIONS

The Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence is granted subject to you complying with the following schedule of conditions of licence.

Failure to comply with any of the conditions may lead to a prosecution or lead to your licence being suspended, revoked or not renewed by the Taxis Committee.

In these conditions **“the Council”** means **Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council**, **“Driver”** means the holder of a **Hackney Carriage Driver’s Licence** issued by the Council. Any requirements of legislation, which effect the operations carried out under the terms of the licence, shall be regarded as if they were conditions of that licence.

1. This licence is issued to the driver of this Hackney Carriage vehicle who shall at all times comply with Acts of Parliament, the Council’s Bye-Laws for the regulation of Hackney Carriages and Conditions of licence that govern the issue of their Hackney Carriage vehicle licence.
2. This licence is not transferable and must be renewed before the expiry date of the licence.
3. The holder of this licence shall forthwith notify the Council of any change of address to which this licence was issued.
4. This licence shall lapse immediately if there ceases to be in force in respect of the Hackney Carriage to which it applies such a policy of insurance or such a security in respect of third party risks as complies with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1972.
5. All advertising material shall be inspected by the Licensing Officer of the Council
 - a) Hackney Carriages shall be permitted to display advertisements to the maximum cover of the front and rear doors;
 - b) Any advertisement shall comply with the advertising code, particularly in connection with sex, drugs and drink;
 - c) Advertisement shall be permitted to the rear screen subject to the driver being able to see through the bottom of the rear screen,
 - d) Advertisement shall be permitted on the rear flip down seats.
6. In the case of a passenger who is accompanied by an assistance dog which includes guide dogs for the blind and hearing dogs for the deaf the Driver/Proprietor of a Hackney Carriage vehicle shall not refuse to carry the dog and must allow it to remain with the passenger and shall not levy an additional charge for carrying the dog.

7. Any person driving this vehicle under the provisions of this licence shall attend and satisfactorily complete a Council approved Child Sexual Exploitation awareness course within six months of the issue of their Hackney Carriage driver's licence.(Unless already completed within the preceding 5 years)
8. Any person driving this vehicle under the provisions of this licence must have attended and satisfactorily completed a Council approved training course on the Conveying of Disabled persons within six months of the issue of their Hackney Carriage driver's licence.(Unless already completed within the preceding 5 years)
9. The holder of this licence whilst driving or in charge of a licensed Hackney Carriage vehicle shall ensure that the signage issued by the Council on the completion of the Council's approved training courses on the Conveying of Disabled persons be displayed and be clearly visible to the travelling public in the Hackney Carriage vehicle.
10. The driver of this Hackney Carriage, if working in the employ of a Private Hire Operator shall ensure that at the commencement of each (daily) period when they are available for hire notify the Operator of their Name, badge number, unique call sign and the licence plate number of the vehicle being used.
11. The proprietor and/or driver of this Hackney Carriage whilst in charge of the vehicle shall not without reasonable cause allow the vehicle to park/remain stationary for a period of time whereby its presence causes nuisance or obstruction, and shall not without reasonable cause refuse to move the vehicle at the request of a Licensing Enforcement Officer, Police Officer, or Other Authorised Officer
12. Where a badge/photo identity card(s) has been issued to the proprietor and/or driver of this Hackney Carriage whilst in charge of the vehicle by the Council and where one or both of those badges/photo identity card(s) have been lost which prevents the licence holder complying with bye law 14 in respect of Hackney Carriages in Dudley, they shall immediately and in writing report the loss to the licensing office.
13. The badge/photo identity card(s) referred to in conditions 12, remains the property of Dudley MBC and shall be returned to the Council on the expiry of the licence or on its suspension or revocation.
14. As from the 1st April 2014, the proprietor of a hackney carriage vehicle shall display a sign which bears the Dudley MBC logo as prescribed by the Taxis Licensing Committee. The said design shall be displayed on the front near-side and off-side vehicle doors adjacent to the door handles.

15. The holder of this licence shall within seven days of the date of conviction disclose to the Council in writing, details of any conviction imposed by any Court, any endorsements on the holder's current DVLA drivers licence imposed under the provisions of the fixed penalty system, details of any police caution administered or any other fixed penalty issued by the police or a local authority, during the period of this licence.

16. SPARE WHEEL CONDITIONS

These conditions will be applied to all new vehicle licence applications which have not been licensed with Dudley MBC on a prior occasion. The conditions will not be applied retrospectively to existing licensed vehicles.

The new conditions will not apply to vehicles that have a normal sized spare wheel; existing spare wheel policy will still apply.

Conditions will apply to vehicles:

Vehicles manufactured after **01.01.2006** that have part of the manufacturer's original specification and equipment, an alternative method of repair to a normal spare wheel/tyre which includes either a 'space saver' spare tyre, pre/post puncture, or a 'run flat' tyre system.

Whatever method of puncture repair is in use on the vehicle, the driver must make themselves conversant with the manufacturer's guidance in its use and strictly adhere to the restrictions placed on the use of alternative substitutes to normal size spare wheels.

Space Saver Spare Wheels

Space Saver Spare Wheels must meet manufacturer's specifications and must be the type approved with the vehicle it is intended to be used on.

The tyre must comply with current legislation.

It must not be used on the vehicle when attending the council testing facility for a vehicle examination however the spare wheel must be with the vehicle for examination by the tester.

Run Flat Tyre System

All vehicles that have as part of the manufacturer's original specification a 'run flat' tyre system must have part of the original vehicle specification an on-board tyre pressure monitor which must be in full working order. (The purpose of this monitor is to alert the driver that one of the vehicles tyres has suffered a sudden loss of air pressure).

Any vehicles 'on board tyre pressure monitor' that is not in full working order will fail the vehicle test.

Any vehicle attending the council testing facility for a vehicle examination with a tyre that shows signs that it has been deflated due to a puncture and has not been replaced will fail the vehicle test.

Pre Puncture Sealants

Vehicles that have as part of the vehicle manufacturer's original specification tyres that have a pre puncture sealant must be examined on a regular basis for signs of the pre puncture sealant has been activated.

Any vehicle that attends the council testing facility for its vehicle examination will fail the vehicle test if any tyre shows signs of any leaking sealant.

With this type of repair method, there is a serious concern that where vehicles are not fitted with a tyre pressure monitor the driver will have no idea whether there has been a puncture or not. A large screw or nail in the tyre will cause further damage over a period of time which could lead to a more catastrophic failure of the tyre.

This alternative method to a normal spare tyre should only be acceptable if the vehicle is fitted with a tyre pressure monitor which forms part of the manufacturer's specification.

Post Puncture Sealants

Vehicles that have part of the vehicle manufacturer's equipment a post puncture sealant kit as an alternative to a normal size spare wheel must have the sealant kit in the vehicle and present at all times.

Failure to provide access to the sealant kit will result in the vehicle failing the test at the council testing facility

The sealant kit must be in-date, full and be compatible as required by the vehicle manufacturer. The kit must also include a compressed or cylinder of gas to re-inflate the tyre.

Any sealant kits that have been tampered with, damaged or used will cause the vehicle to fail its test.

Any vehicle that attends the council testing facility for a vehicle test shows signs of tyre sealant being used in one or more of its tyres then the vehicle will fail the vehicle test.

NOTES

The driver of any Hackney Carriage vehicle licensed by **Dudley MBC** shall ensure seatbelts are worn in accordance with the current seatbelt legislation which for ease of reference is outlined below.

Seat Belts and Child Restraints

		Front Seat	Rear Seat
a	Child under 3 years	Appropriate child restraint must be worn	Appropriate child restraint must be worn if available
b	Child aged 3 to 11 years and under 1.5 meters	Appropriate child restraint must be worn if available	Appropriate child restraint must be worn if available
c	Irrespective of height	If no appropriate restraint available then an adult seat belt must be worn	If no appropriate restraint available then an adult seat belt must be worn

If the front seat is available it must be used in preference to an unbelted rear seat

d	Child aged 2 to 13 years	Adult seat belt must be worn if available	Adult seat belt must be worn if available
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Passengers aged 12 years and upwards (or those below 12 years but taller than 1.5 meters must wear an adult seat belt if fitted.