

Private Hire Driver Licence Conditions

The Private Hire Vehicle Driver's licence is granted subject to you complying with the following 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 **Private Hire 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.

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE-PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVER

1. This licence is not transferable and must be renewed before the expiry date of the licence.
2. The holder of this licence shall forthwith notify the Council of any change of address to which this licence has been issued.
3. The holder of this licence shall not, whilst driving or in charge of a licensed private hire vehicle:
 - a. Stand or ply for hire or solicit on or in a road or other public place any person to hire or be carried for hire in any private hire car;
 - b. Cause or procure any other persons to tout or solicit on or in a road or other public place any person to hire or to be carried for hire in any private hire vehicle;
 - c. Accept an offer for immediate hire of the vehicle except where such an offer is first communicated from the Private Hire Operator to the driver by telephone, radio mobile phone app or any other electronic/communication device in the possession of the driver or fitted to the vehicle.
4. The holder of this licence shall not cause or suffer or permit to be conveyed in a private hire vehicle driven by them a greater number of persons than specified in the licence issued in respect of that private hire vehicle.

5. The holder of this licence shall, whilst driving or in charge of a licensed private hire vehicle:
 - a. Attend punctually when hired and, if required by the hirer, shall assist with the loading and unloading of luggage.
 - b. At the termination of each hiring of the vehicle, shall search the vehicle for any property which may have been left accidentally by a passenger, and on finding any such property make reasonable efforts to return the property to the owner, and in any event within 48 hours if the property has not been claimed by or on behalf of the owner, deliver it to the licensing office of the Council, and leave it in the custody of the an officer of the Council upon them giving a receipt for it.
6. The holder of this licence shall at all times when hired unless otherwise instructed by the hirer proceed to their destination by the most direct route.
7. This licence does not permit the holder to drive a Hackney Carriage vehicle.
8. The holder of this licence shall behave in a civil and orderly manner and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or entering or alighting from a private hire vehicle driven by them.
9. Where a badge/photo identity card(s) has been produced by the Council and issued to the holder of this licence, they shall whilst being the driver or in charge of a licensed private hire vehicle wear that badge/photo identity card in such a manner and position as to be plainly visible, and where a second badge has been issued place that second badge/photo identity card in a prominent position in the vehicle so as both photo identity cards are plainly visible to the passenger(s). All photo identity cards worn shall be current and in date
10. Where a badge/photo identity card(s) has been issued to the holder 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 their licence (Condition Number 9), the holder of this licence shall immediately and in writing report the loss to the licensing office.
11. The badge/photo identity card(s) referred to in conditions 9, 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.
12. 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.

13. 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 of a Private Hire 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.
14. The holder of this licence shall attend and satisfactorily complete a Council approved Child Sexual Exploitation awareness course within six months of the issue of this Private Hire driver's licence. (Unless already completed within the preceding 5 years)
15. The holder of this licence shall attend and satisfactorily complete a Council approved training course on the Conveying of Disabled persons within six months of the issue of this Private Hire driver's licence. (Unless already completed within the preceding 5 years)
16. The holder of this licence whilst driving or in charge of a licensed private hire 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 shall be displayed and be clearly visible to the travelling public in the Private Hire vehicle.
17. The holder of this licence whilst in charge of a licensed Private Hire 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
18. The holder of this Private Hire driver's licence, 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.
19. Following receipt of a disclosure report from the Disclosure and Barring Service the licence holder is required to produce the documentation to the Licensing Office within seven days of the receipt of the report to avoid any delays in processing the application.
20. In the interests of public safety, the holder of this licence whilst driving or in charge of a licensed private hire vehicle shall comply with the conditions of the private hire vehicle licence that has been issued by the Council in respect of the vehicle the holder of this licence is driving or is in charge of.