

APPENDIX 1.

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM



Nottingham
City Council

AGE AND SPECIFICATION POLICIES RELATING TO HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

GENERAL

1. This Policy amends the policy which took effect from 1 January 2018
2. In accordance with the earlier policy
 - 2.1 All Hackney Carriage vehicles will be required to be a minimum of Euro 6 Diesel or ZEC ULEV
 - 2.2 No Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle shall be granted a licence unless it meets the City Council's approved vehicle specification and
 - 2.3 No licence will be granted for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence unless that Vehicle is wheelchair accessible.
 - 2.4 No Euro 6 Diesel vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it over the age of TEN (10) years.
 - 2.5 No ZEC ULEV vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it over the age of FOURTEEN (14) years

Hackney Carriages will also need to continue to meet the Council's livery policy and both Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles will need to comply with the Council's Advertising Policy

3. Nottingham City Council will refuse to renew a licence for a vehicle for use as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle once the respective upper age limit has been reached :-
 - 3.1 **From 01/01/2027**, any vehicle being licensed for the first time as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle will be required to be ZEC ULEV
 - 3.2 **From 01/01/2030**, no vehicle shall be licensed as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle unless it is a Zero Emissions Capable Ultra Low Emission Vehicle

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

From ?????????

4. Only Private Hire vehicles SEVEN (7) years of age and under from the date of first DVLA registration will be considered for first licensing or as a replacement vehicle.
5. Private Hire vehicles over the age of TWELVE (12) years from the date of first DVLA registration (or FOURTEEN (14) years if they are fully electric vehicles) will ordinarily be REFUSED a licence
6. Private Hire vehicles :-
 - over the age of THREE (3) years from the date of first DVLA registration will be subject to an annual Enhanced MOT¹ inspection.
 - All licensed vehicles will have an enhanced MOT on initial application
 - over the age of SEVEN (7) years from the date of first DVLA registration (or TEN (10) years if they are fully electric vehicles) will be subject to SIX (6) monthly Enhanced MOT inspections.

All Enhanced MOT inspections shall be carried out by Nottingham City Council testers

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

From ??????

7. Only Hackney Carriage vehicles SEVEN (7) years of age and under from the date of first DVLA registration will be considered for first licensing or as a replacement vehicle
8. Hackney Carriage vehicles over the age of FOURTEEN (14) years from the date of first DVLA registration (or FIFTEEN (15) years if they are fully electric vehicles) will ordinarily be REFUSED a licence UNLESS the vehicle is in exceptionally good road-worthy condition and approved for use following an Exceptional Condition Vehicle Check carried out by an authorised officer.
9. Hackney Carriage vehicles:-
 - a. over the age of THREE (3) years from the date of first DVLA registration will be subject to an annual Enhanced MOT inspection.
 - b. All licensed vehicles will have an enhanced MOT on initial application
 - c. over the age of SEVEN (7) years from the date of first DVLA registration (or TEN (10) years if they are fully electric vehicles) will be subject to SIX (6) monthly Enhanced MOT inspections.

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¹ An Enhanced MOT inspection is one where the vehicle is tested to both MOT requirements and the requirements of the Council's Supplementary Testers Manual

1. No ZEC ULEV vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it over the age of TWELVE (12) years

* Euro 6 diesel relates to the engine AND vehicle both being manufactured after September 2015.

** ZEC ULEV definition – emit up to 50g/km CO₂ with a minimum of 30 mile emission range. A ZEC Hackney Carriage **MUST** be petrol if an internal combustion engine is used

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