



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

### GENERAL

1. This policy will have effect from 1 January 2018
2. No Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle shall be granted a licence unless it meets the City Council's approved vehicle specification and in accordance with the Council's earlier Policy it will still be the case that no licence will be granted for a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence unless that Vehicle is wheelchair accessible.
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.
4. **From 01/01/2020 additional vehicle specifications will be required for all vehicles.** Vehicle owners are encouraged to contact the Licensing Office for advice at least 2 years before the vehicle is due to reach the upper age limit or purchasing a new vehicle.
5. **From 01/01/2025**, any vehicle being licensed for the first time as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle will be required to be ZEC ULEV
6. **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 01/01/2020**

1. Only Private Hire vehicles FOUR (4) years of age and under from the date of first DVLA registration will be considered for first licensing or as a replacement vehicle.
2. Private Hire vehicles over the age of TEN (10) years from the date of first DVLA registration will ordinarily be REFUSED a licence
3. Private Hire vehicles over the age of THREE (3) years from the date of first DVLA registration will be subject to SIX (6) monthly MOT inspections carried out by Nottingham City Council testers

## **WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES**

### **From 01/01/18**

1. All applications for replacement Hackney Carriage vehicles will be ordinarily REFUSED unless the vehicle to be licenced is newer than the existing vehicle and is no more than SIX (6) years of age from the date of first DVLA registration
2. All Hackney Carriage vehicles over the age of THREE (3) years from the date of first DVLA registration will be subject to SIX (6) monthly MOT inspections carried out by Nottingham City Council testers.
3. Hackney Carriage vehicles over the age of TEN (10) years from the date of first DVLA registration 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.

### **From 01/01/2020**

1. All Hackney Carriage vehicles will be required to be a minimum of Euro 6 Diesel or ZEC ULEV.
2. No Euro 6 Diesel vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it over the age of TEN (10) years.
3. No ZEC ULEV vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it over the age of FOURTEEN (14) years

### **From 01/01/2025**

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