

Proposed changes to elements of policy together with Single Status Drivers, Hackney Carriage, Private Hire Vehicle and Private Hire Operator licence conditions

Proposal	Mischief being addressed	Arguments in favour of change	Arguments against change	Proportionality	Grandfather rights issues	Proposed Wording of condition
<p>Remove the current requirement to paint an approved trailer the same colour as the towing vehicle.</p> <p>(para 4.1 of the report relates)</p>	<p>The current pre-condition was approved at a time when the construction of trailers was considerably different i.e. mostly home-made with the main body made from wood. The original reason for the condition was to avoid confusion between hackney carriage and private hire vehicles.</p>	<p>Trailers are now primarily made from various metal elements and do not require painting for protection. The colour of trailers can no longer lead to any confusion as to the type of vehicle involved. There is no safety benefit to painting the trailer in the same colour as the towing vehicle. Requires re-painting every time new towing vehicle purchased (if different colour).Painting may also detract from the eventual sale price of the trailer.</p>	<p>No arguments against have been submitted.</p>	<p>There is no question of proportionality for this amendment. This proposal is a relaxation of current requirements.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Vehicle Pre-Condition (Policy)</p> <p>Remove HCV condition 2.3.2 and PHV condition 2.4.2</p> <p><i>“Trailers shall be painted the same colour as the towing vehicle.”</i></p>

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<p>To amend the current private hire vehicle condition to specify the location Halton Borough Council door signs are to be fitted on vehicles.</p> <p>(para 4.2 of the report relates)</p>	<p>The current condition does not specify where on the front doors of the vehicle the HBC signs are to be fitted and have been seen fitted to the lower half of the door which can be hard to read, especially where the door is curved.</p>	<p>Halton Borough Council door signs clearly depict that the vehicle needs to be pre-booked and also provides the licence number of the vehicle. This amendment provides clear instruction for licence-holders fitting the stickers and also means that members of the public can read the content.</p>	<p>No arguments against have been submitted.</p>	<p>There is no perceived question of proportionality relating to this proposal as it is seen to assist the Licensing Section with its primary function of public protection as well as licence-holders with clear instruction on fitting.</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>Vehicle Condition</p> <p>Amend PHV condition 6, bullet point 3 to read as follows:</p> <p><i>“a sign on adhesive plastic of a size, colour, design and wording approved by the Council shall be required to be positioned on the upper half of both front doors (i.e. immediately below the windows) indicating that the vehicle is a licensed Private Hire Vehicle”</i></p>
<p>Consider removing the driver condition requiring the display of the table of fares.</p> <p>(para 4.3 of the report relates)</p>	<p>This is a historical condition that has been superseded by other amendments and is no longer relevant to drivers.</p>	<p>This condition has been moved to cover hackney carriage vehicle licenses as well as a small number (if any) of private hire vehicle licenses.</p>	<p>No arguments against this proposed condition have been received.</p>	<p>There is no perceived question of proportionality relating to this proposal. This proposal is a relaxation of current requirements and avoids duplication.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Driver Condition</p> <p>Remove SSD condition 14</p> <p><i>“The holder shall display in a conspicuous place within any licensed hackney carriage or private hire vehicle being driven by the holder a copy of a current Table of Fares issued by the Council.”</i></p>

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<p>Consider creating a new condition requiring all licensed vehicles to only be fitted with tyres that are under 10 years old.</p> <p>(para 4.4 of the report relates)</p>	<p>Due to a number of reasons, oxidation etc. the older a tyre gets the risk of it failing also increases. Tyres in this age bracket are therefore cheaper to buy which effectively puts profit before safety.</p>	<p>This proposed amendment is being considered by all Liverpool City Region licensing authorities in order to show a unified approach to safety in all licensed vehicles.</p>	<p>No arguments against this proposed condition have been received.</p>	<p>There is no perceived question of proportionality relating to this proposal. This proposal is made on public safety grounds and is consistent with provisions being introduced by other licensing authorities.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Vehicle Pre-Condition (Policy)</p> <p>New policy as a pre-condition for licensing</p> <p><i>“Tyres that are 10 years old or over from the date of manufacture must not be fitted to any licensed vehicle or used as a spare/space-saver tyre. This applies to both new and re-treaded tyres.”</i></p>
<p>Consider removing the condition requiring private hire and hackney carriage vehicle licence-holders to hold insurance for their vehicles and to keep a copy in their vehicle.</p> <p>(para 4.5 of the report relates)</p>	<p>This is a historical licensing condition. If not removed, the second part of this condition would have to be enforced which is neither cost-effective nor relevant.</p>	<p>The first part of this condition requiring the vehicle and driver to be insured is already covered by national legislation and therefore serves no purpose. The requirement to hold a copy of the insurance in the vehicle is also now dated.</p>	<p>No arguments against this proposed condition have been received.</p>	<p>There is no question of proportionality for this amendment. This proposal is a relaxation of current requirements.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Vehicle Condition</p> <p>Remove private hire vehicle and hackney carriage vehicle condition 8</p> <p><i>“The licence holder shall ensure that proper insurance is taken out and maintained in his name which must cover all persons holding single status drivers licences who will be driving the vehicle. A copy of the current insurance certificate must be kept in the vehicle at all times.”</i></p>

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<p>Consider removing the condition requiring holders of single status driver's licence to keep a copy of their insurance in their vehicles.</p> <p>(para 4.6 of the report relates)</p>	<p>If not removed, this condition would have to be enforced which is neither cost-effective nor relevant.</p>	<p>The requirement to hold a copy of the insurance in the vehicle is now dated and unnecessary.</p>	<p>No arguments against this proposed condition have been received.</p>	<p>There is no question of proportionality for this amendment. This proposal is a relaxation of current requirements.</p>	<p>Not applicable.</p>	<p>Driver Condition</p> <p>Remove single status driver condition 13.</p> <p><i>“The holder shall keep a copy of a current certificate of insurance in the vehicle used by the holder.”</i></p>