

## LICENSING STANDARDS

### HACKNEY CARRIAGES & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

- 1) Types of vehicles that will be licensed:
  - a purpose-built London-style hackney carriage (meaning such vehicle has been approved for use by Transport for London for use as a hackney carriage), or a converted vehicle, which is capable of carrying a passenger whilst sitting in a wheelchair, providing such vehicle has the appropriate approval-type certificate; or
  - a saloon, hatchback, estate or multi-purpose people carrier capable of carrying a folded wheelchair, with at least 4 doors; or
  - a minibus capable of seating a maximum of 8 passengers excluding the driver, with at least 4 doors; or
  - an extended wheelbase vehicle modified by the manufacturer or by a specialist converter approved by the manufacturer and that has the appropriate approval-type certificate (Private Hire only); or
  - E7; or
  - a Smart Car (Private Hire Only).
- 2) Must comply with the Vehicle Emissions policy.
- 3) Must be right hand drive.<sup>1</sup>
- 4) Must be standard manufacturers colour.
- 5) The maximum number of passengers which the vehicle will be licensed to carry will be the number of seats recorded on the V5C registration document (logbook) as being suitable for carrying passengers. Where a vehicle has foldable or removable seats, for example in the boot, the decision to licence these for passengers will be made on a case by case basis.
- 6) To carry a manufacturer supplied or approved spare/space saver wheel, manufacturers approved temporary repair kit or to have run flat tyres.
- 7) To be fitted with an internal rear-view mirror.
- 8) To be fitted on both sides with external rear-view mirrors.

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<sup>1</sup> Left-hand drive vehicles will not be suitable for licensing on safety grounds. They will generally require front-seat passengers to step into the roadway to enter or exit the vehicle and the driver of a left hand drive vehicle is not in the ideal position for either pulling out or overtaking safely.