

CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO PRIVATE HIRE CAR DRIVERS LICENCES

1. The driver of a private hire car shall at all times while he is acting as such have with him the private hire car drivers licence, badge of identification and identity card issued by the licensing authority. He shall exhibit such licence on demand to any passenger, Constable or authorised officer of the licensing authority and shall display such identity card clearly within the passenger compartment of his vehicle. The badge of identification and identity card issued by the licensing authority shall each include a recent photograph showing a true likeness of the driver and he shall display his badge of identification at all times while so acting conspicuously on the outer front, upper portion of his outermost garment with the inscribed side of the badge clearly visible. The licensing authority shall require from the driver of a private hire car at the time of issue of his private hire car driver's licence or badge of identification or identity card a sum specified by the licensing authority.
2. The driver of a taxi shall NOT:-
 - A. Permit any other person to use his badge of identification.
 - B. Wilfully damage his badge of identification.
 - C. Give, transfer, sell or otherwise dispose of his badge of identification.
3. The driver of a private hire car shall immediately report the loss of his badge of identification to the licensing authority.
4. The driver of a private hire car shall surrender his badge of identification to the licensing authority within seven days of leaving the trade or of the Expiry, suspension, forfeiture, revocation or surrender of his taxi driver's licence.
5. The driver of a private hire car shall surrender to the licensing authority a badge of identification, the inscription or photograph on which has become in whole or in part illegible or defaced as the case may be.
6. The driver of a private hire car shall be bound to fulfil or cause to be fulfilled at the time and location specified an engagement to hire his private hire car which he has accepted.
7. The driver of the private hire car which has been hired may not in any circumstances
8. The driver of a private hire car shall not at any time convey in the private hire car more than the number of passengers the private hire car is licensed to carry.
9. The driver of a private hire car which has been hired on exclusive hire shall drive to the destination by the shortest practicable route unless otherwise instructed by the hirer. The driver of a private hire car which has been hired on shared hire shall take the shortest practicable route which will serve the destinations of all the passengers whom he is carrying at any one time.
10. The driver of a private hire car unless the cost of the journey is regulated by a licensing authority fare structure, inform the hirer or passenger before journey commences (a) that the fare is not so regulated: and (b) of the cost or the method of calculating the cost of the proposed journey.
11. The driver of a private hire car shall ensure that any taximeter fitted in the private hire car in his charge shall be operated at all times within the licensed area and in accordance with the detailed requirements imposed by the licensing authority.
12. The driver of a private hire car shall from time to time and at least once in each day in which he uses the vehicle inspect the seals on any taximeter fitted in the vehicle to ensure that they are intact. On discovering that the seals on any taximeter fitted to the vehicle have become broken or damaged or that the taximeter has ceased to function correctly, the driver of a private hire car shall immediately withdraw the vehicle for service.
13. Subject to condition 13 below, the driver of a private hire car shall not refuse to drive a passenger to any place within the licensed area.
14. The driver of a private hire car need not convey any hirer or passenger who is drunk or otherwise not in a fit and proper state to be carried or whose condition of clothing is offensive or likely to cause damage to the interior of the private hire car or who refuses to cease smoking in the private hire car when requested to do so by the driver or is accompanied by an animal which is likely to damage or soil the interior of the private hire car or for any other reasonable excuse approved by the licensing authority.
15. The driver of a private hire car while he is in charge of the private hire car shall not canvass or importune for employment in any street or other public place.
16. The driver of a private hire car shall not refuse to carry luggage in his private hire car providing that the luggage can be accommodated safely within the private hire car.

17. The driver of a private hire car shall give such assistance as he is able to give with loading and unloading passengers and luggage when required to do so but he shall not be required to leave the immediate proximity of the private hire car in doing so.
18. The driver of a private hire car at the end of each hiring shall search the private hire car of which he is in charge for any property which may have been left therein. Any property found by the driver shall, within twenty-four hours, be returned to the owner of the property, if known or such property shall be handed in by the driver to any police station.
19. The driver of a private hire car whilst so acting must at all times be strictly sober, clean and tidy in his person and clothing, shall conduct himself in a proper and civil manner and shall not smoke.
20. The driver of a private hire car shall not knowingly allow the private hire car in his charge to be used for illegal or immoral purposes, permit to be carried in the private hire car in his charge any article of a dirty, filthy or noxious nature or an explosive or dangerous nature or permit to be carried in the private hire car in his charge any person who has vermin on his person.
21. The driver of a private hire car shall ensure that the private hire car including all bodywork, upholstery and fittings is safe, serviceable and in a clean condition and at all times ready and sufficient for hire subject to prevailing road conditions.
22. No driver of a private hire car while attending at a place of public entertainment or other public place where taxis and other private hire cars are waiting shall not congregate with others in any one taxi or on the footpath thereat.
23. The licence holder is expressly prohibited from intercepting and acting upon the radio communications of any firm whose facilities he is not authorised to use. Without prejudice to the foregoing generality, the licence holder shall be bound to ensure that no radio scanner device is operated by anyone within his private hire car nor shall the same be operated by himself in the vicinity of his private hire car, nor shall he receive and use information emanating from a taxi or private hire firm other than his own gained from another individual operating a radio scanner.
24. Where a private hire car has been hired -
 - (a) by or for a disabled person who is accompanied by a guide dog, a hearing dog or an assistance dog of that person, or
 - (b) by a person who wishes such a disabled person to accompany that person in the private hire car, the driver of the private hire car shall carry the disabled person's dog and allow it to remain with the disabled person and shall not make any additional charge for doing so.

The terms 'assistance dog', 'guide dog' and 'hearing dog' are as defined in The Taxi Drivers' Licences (Carrying of Guide Dogs and Hearing Dogs) (Scotland) Regulations 2002.

A driver will not be required to comply with this condition if -

- (a) he has obtained a Notice of Exemption from the licensing authority exempting him from carrying guide dogs on medical grounds, and
- (b) he is displaying the said Notice of Exemption in the private hire car by either affixing it in a prominent position on the dashboard facing upwards or affixing it to the windscreen of the taxi or private hire car, facing outwards.

Any Notice of Exemption shall be issued for such period as the Licensing authority considers appropriate.

Application for exemption should be made no later than three months before the date the driver wishes the exemption to take effect.



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