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### *Consultation Response Proposed Changes*

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8	Applicants shall have a minimum of 2 years of holding either a full driving licence issued in the UK, the European Community (EC) or one of the other countries in the European Economic Area (EEA). In addition to the above, licensed drivers who hold an EC/EEA driving licence shall obtain a GB counterpart document. If this document is required it shall be produced before the initial licence is issued	Applicants shall have a minimum of 2 years of holding a full driving licence issued in the UK	The licensing authority currently requires a UK driving Licence. Due to the government's position in relation to the EU, the decision to keep this as a UK only driving licence will remain.
9	When all required documentation and other information have been received, the application will be determined.	The Licensing Authority will only consider an application when it has received all required documentation. An application will only be valid for 6 months, after that time the application maybe refused.	Currently incomplete applications are kept pending completion. This is not good practice in terms of data protection. By restricting the amount of time an applicant has to complete an application, it would mean that personal data is no longer held and documentation does not need to be kept.
15	The purpose of a driver's dress code is to seek a standard of dress that portrays a positive image of the District of Lichfield, to enhance a professional image of drivers licensed by this Authority and to ensure public and driver		It is recognised that dress code is a very subjective area. Members may have their own views on the standard required.  This is generally enforced through

	<p>safety is not compromised. The Licensing Authority expects that drivers will comply with the following requirements:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drivers must ensure that at all times a smart standard of dress and cleanliness is maintained which is acceptable to the Licensing Authority and/or to the general public. Clothing should be free from holes, rips and snags and fastenings shall be in good order.</li> <li>• Drivers must wear either a shirt, blouse, collared polo shirt or T-Shirt together with trousers, shorts, skirts and smart jeans. Sportswear is deemed as unacceptable.</li> <li>• Footwear for all drivers shall fit around the heel of the foot. Mules or Flip Flops and/or bare feet are not acceptable.</li> <li>• Drivers shall not wear any item of clothing or apparel which exhibits any of the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Offensive language</li> <li>• References to drunkenness or the use of recreational drugs</li> <li>• Anything racist, sexist, discriminatory or otherwise offensive</li> <li>• Any advertising that does not conform to the relevant codes of advertising practice.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Drivers must wear either a shirt, blouse/top, collared polo shirt or smart-Shirt together with trousers, shorts, skirts and smart jeans .</p>	<p>complaints.</p>
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20	By <b>1 April 2020</b> (unless introduced by Government before that date) all licensed vehicles must be fitted with CCTV (visual and audio) subject to strict data protection measures	By <b>1 April 2022</b> (unless introduced by Government before that date) all licensed vehicles must be fitted with CCTV (visual and audio) subject to strict data protection measures	In response to consultation responses and to bring this in line with the age policy.
21	From <b>1 April 2020</b> all Hackney Carriages must be fitted with at least a Euro 6 Compliant engine for vehicles fitted with diesel engines and Euro 4 compliant engines for vehicles fitted with petrol engines. Applicants will be required to prove that the engine is suitable. Any vehicle with an engine older than the required euro emissions standard will not be licensed at the time of renewal.	From <b>1 April 2022</b> all Hackney Carriages must be fitted with at least a Euro 6 Compliant engine for vehicles fitted with diesel engines and Euro 4 compliant engines for vehicles fitted with petrol engines. Applicants will be required to prove that the engine is suitable. Any vehicle with an engine older than the required euro emissions standard will not be licensed at the time of renewal. Any charges imposed by a Clean Air Zone, or similar will be met by the vehicle proprietor/driver and not passed to the passenger.	In response to consultation responses and to bring this in line with the age policy.
20	By <b>1 April 2020</b> (unless introduced by Government before that date) all licensed vehicles must be fitted with CCTV (visual and audio) subject to strict data protection measures.	By <b>1 April 2022</b> (unless introduced by Government before that date) all licensed vehicles must be fitted with CCTV (visual and audio) subject to strict data protection measures.	In response to consultation responses and to bring this in line with the age policy.
22	From <b>1 April 2020</b> all private hire vehicles must be fitted with at least a Euro 6 Compliant engine for vehicles fitted with diesel engines and Euro 4 compliant engines for vehicles fitted with petrol engines. Applicants will be required to prove that the engine is suitable. Any vehicle with an engine older than the required euro emissions standard will not be licensed at the time of renewal.	From <b>1 April 2022</b> all private hire vehicles must be fitted with at least a Euro 6 Compliant engine for vehicles fitted with diesel engines and Euro 4 compliant engines for vehicles fitted with petrol engines. Applicants will be required to prove that the engine is suitable. Any vehicle with an engine older than the required euro emissions standard will not be licensed at	In response to consultation responses and to bring this in line with the age policy.

		<p>the time of renewal. Any charges imposed by a Clean Air Zone, or similar will be met by the vehicle proprietor/driver and not passed to the passenger.</p>	
23	<p>The minimum engine capacity for the vehicle must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Petrol 1400cc</li> <li>• Diesel 1400cc</li> <li>• Dual fuel vehicles (Electric/Petrol or Electric/Diesel or Gas/Diesel, Gas/Petrol), Hybrid and Electric Vehicles will be considered on an individual basis on application. . LPG or CNG converted vehicles must have the conversion carried out by an approved installer and subsequently be registered with the UKLPG (further information available at <a href="http://www.drivelpg.co.uk">www.drivelpg.co.uk</a> )</li> <li>• Engines less than 1400cc will be considered provided that they are at least 95bhp or 125ps or greater.</li> </ul>	Statement to be deleted	In response to consultation responses and for the purposes of clarity
23	<p>Seating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seating should be for not more than eight passengers [in addition to the driver];</li> <li>• seating should be properly cushioned or covered, with the rear seat being not less than 4 feet 3 ins ( 51”) wide in the rear part of the body where</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating must be comfortable and provide the average sized passenger with adequate leg room. Sideway mounted seats will not be permitted.</li> </ul>	In response to consultation responses and for the purposes of clarity.

	<p>measurements shall be taken 6 inches below the top and 6 inches in front of the rear backrest of the vehicle with both rear doors closed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rearward facing seats over or rearward of the rear wheels and axles having normal access only through a rear door will not be permitted</li> <li>• the rear seat shall have a minimum legroom of 8.5 inches ,such measurement from the rear door pillar to the nearest point of the rear seat squab.</li> <li>• sideways mounted seats will not be permitted.</li> </ul>		
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22		<p>Insert:-</p> <p>No modifications which include material alterations, change in specification, design, condition or appearance of the Private Hire or Hackney Carriage Vehicle will be permitted while the licence is in force.</p> <p>No vehicle shall be fitted with any form of additional film to darken or tint the glass on any part of the vehicle.</p> <p>All glass (including windows or transparent</p>	To protect both the driver and passenger.

		material) behind the “B” post allows at least 70% of light to be transmitted through it.	
87	Original List price of the vehicle is in excess of £40,000, despite its age at the time of the licence application. Evidence of the original list value will be required upon application and officers must be satisfied the evidence provided supports and verifies the original list value	To be deleted	In response to consultation responses
Appendix D, E & I	All shalls	Changed to must	‘Shall’ has been challenged by way of condition in the courts.
Appendix I	The Operator must within 7 days of receipt, notify the Council in writing of any complaints concerning the cleanliness or condition of a vehicle, or of a complaint against a driver, in the employment of the Operator, made by any person or organisation.	The Operator must have a complaints procedure in place which can be audited and checked by the licensing authority upon request.	This would be very onerous on both the operator and the Council.
		The operator must inform the licensing authority if he/she intends to be absent or unavailable for 7 days or more, giving details of a responsible person.	The licensing team need to be aware of who is responsible for the base, should the operator be away for more than 7 days.