

HACKNEY CARRIAGE & PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE GUIDANCE NOTES FOR NEW APPLICANTS

These notes are for guidance for new applicants interested in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire. They outline some of the general requirements for applications made through Gloucester City Council. **Please note: Vehicle proprietors who are not licensed drivers must supply a basic DBS disclosure**

VEHICLE LICENCES

All vehicles

- Must not be more than 5 years old from date of first registration on first licensing.
- Must comply with the Euro 6 emissions standard.
- Must meet size and vehicle requirements – see Council's conditions, rules and policies relating to Private Hire and Hackney Carriage licensing.
- Must have 4 doors.
- Must carry first aid kit and fire extinguisher.
- Must display 'No Smoking' stickers.
- May seat up to 8 passengers.
- A wheelchair accessible vehicle (WAV) can be of Euro 5 or above and can be licensed up to 15 years of age.

Private Hire Vehicles

- Can be any colour except white.
- Must display 'No Smoking' stickers and 'Insurance' stickers.
- May have meter (not compulsory) – if meter is fitted it must be checked at an approved Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Testing Station and display current tariff card in vehicle.
- Can only take fares that are pre-booked through a licensed Gloucester Private Hire Operator.
- Must display door panels that contain the name and contact details of the operator of the vehicle.

Hackney Carriage Vehicles

- Must be white.
- Must display Gloucester City taxi roof sign.
- Must have a meter that has been checked at an approved testing station and display a current tariff card in vehicle.
- Can use the Gloucester Taxi Ranks and be hailed.

New Hackney Plates are only being issued to disabled facility vehicles (see the Council's conditions, rules and policies relating to Hackney Carriage licensing for specifications). Existing licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles can be transferred to a new proprietor and that licence can continue to be issued to saloon, estate type vehicles.