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Private Hire Vehicle Proprietor Conditions

**Local Government
(Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976**

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Conditions Attached to Private Hire Proprietor's Licence

1. In this licence "authorised officer" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976,

the "Council" means the Council of the City of Manchester,

"the identification plates" mean the plates issued by the Council for the purpose of identifying the vehicle as a Private Hire vehicle, and

"taximeter" has the same meaning as in Section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

2. The identification plates issued by the Council shall be securely affixed to the exterior of the Private Hire vehicle by the Proprietor, in accordance with the reasonable instructions of an authorised Officer of the Council, but in such a manner as to be easily removable by an authorised Officer of the Council or a Police Constable.
3. The Proprietor of the Private Hire vehicle shall ensure that the identification plates are maintained and kept in such condition so that the information contained on the identification plates is clearly visible to public view at all times.
4. The Proprietor of the Private Hire vehicle shall cause the number of the Private Hire vehicle's licence granted by the Council in respect of the Private Hire vehicle to be clearly marked and kept and maintained inside the vehicle in such a position as to be clearly visible at all times to persons being conveyed in the Private Hire vehicles.
5. The Proprietor shall ensure the Private Hire vehicle shall be maintained in a sound mechanical and structural condition at all times and be capable of satisfying the Council's mechanical and



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structural inspection at any time during the continuation of the vehicle's licence in respect of the vehicle.

5(i) The private hire vehicle proprietor must

- At any time during the currency of the private hire vehicle licence be able to produce on request by an authorised officer of the Council or a police constable, *reasonable written evidence that any vehicle owned by him/her has been regularly and properly mechanically serviced/maintained
- At the time of the Council's mechanical and structural inspection test, (vehicle annual inspection), provide* reasonable written evidence that any vehicle owned by him/her has been regularly and properly mechanically serviced/maintained

* reasonable written evidence shall include, as a minimum – evidence of daily vehicle checks and associated receipts.

6. The interior and exterior of the Private Hire vehicle shall be kept in a clean condition and maintained in a safe condition by the Proprietor.
7. The Proprietor shall not allow the mechanical or structural specification of the Private Hire vehicle to be varied without the consent of the Council, such consent will not be unreasonably withheld.
8. The Proprietor of the Private Hire vehicle shall:
 - a. provide sufficient means by which any person in the Private Hire vehicle may communicate with the driver during the course of the hiring;
 - b. cause the interior of the vehicle to be kept wind and watertight;



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- c. provide any necessary windows and means of opening and closing with not less than one window on each side of the passenger compartment;
 - d. provide at least two doors for the use of persons conveyed in such Private Hire vehicle and separate means of ingress and egress for the driver;
 - e. cause the seats in the passenger compartment to be properly cushioned and covered;
 - f. cause the floor in the passenger compartment to be provided with a proper carpet, mat or other suitable covering;
 - g. cause fittings and furniture of the Private Hire vehicle to be kept in a clean condition and well maintained and in every way fit and safe for public use;
 - h. provide facilities for the conveyance of luggage safely and protected from inclement weather;
 - i. provide an efficient portable multipurpose powder type fire extinguisher which bears a Kite mark and last service sticker. The extinguisher must be securely mounted and must be accessible and available for use; and
 - j. provide and maintain, in such a position as to be readily available for use in an emergency, a Travelling First Aid Kit.
9. The Proprietor shall not cause or permit any sign, notice or advertisement to be displayed in, on or from the Private Hire vehicle except with the express consent of the City Council, such consent will not be unreasonably withheld. Failure to obtain such express consent may render the vehicle's licence liable to immediate suspension.



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10. The Proprietor shall cause to be affixed and maintained in a conspicuous position in accordance with the directions of the Council any sign or notice reasonably required from time to time by the Council. Failure to properly display or maintain any signs or notices on the vehicles as required by the Council, may render the vehicle's licence liable to immediate suspension.
11. The Proprietor shall not permit the Private Hire vehicle to be used to carry a greater number of passengers than the number prescribed in the licence.
12. The Proprietor shall not permit any animal belonging to or under the control of the Proprietor or the driver to ride in the vehicle and any animal of the hirer is to be conveyed in the rear of the vehicle (see also Condition 13). This condition will not apply in the case of a guide, hearing or other assistance dog which must be allowed to remain with the passenger.
13. Disabled persons or those who accompany them shall not be refused conveyance on the grounds that they are accompanied by a guide, hearing or other prescribed assistance dog. There shall be no additional charge for conveyance of the assistance dog and it shall be allowed to remain with the passenger.

This condition will not apply if the driver concerned has applied for and been granted a medical exemption by Manchester City Council and is properly exhibiting a notice of such exemption in the Private Hire vehicle.

14. If the vehicle is fitted with a taximeter:
 - a. The Proprietor shall not permit the taximeter to be fitted with a second tariff.
 - b. The Proprietor shall ensure that when the taximeter is brought into action the fare and permitted extras will be



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shown legibly on the face of the meter and shall be no more than permitted by the approved tariff.

- c. The Proprietor shall ensure the “**FARE**” shall be printed on the face of the meter in clear letters so as to show the fare recorded thereon.
 - d. The Proprietor shall ensure that the taximeter is in such a position in the Private Hire vehicle that figures recorded thereon are clearly visible to any passenger being carried therein.
 - e. The Proprietor shall ensure that the taximeter is sufficiently illuminated that when in use it is visible to all passengers.
 - f. The Proprietor undertakes to ensure that the taximeter will not be replaced without prior permission of the Council.
15. The Proprietor shall ensure that a copy of the fare table in a form approved by the Council from time to time is exhibited inside the Private Hire vehicle at all times.
 16. The Proprietor shall ensure that the fare table is not concealed from view or rendered illegible while the vehicle is being used for hire.
 17. The vehicle registration number of the vehicle shall be engraved, without charge, on all the external windows of the licensed vehicle, when the vehicle attends for licensing or at such other time as may be directed.
 18. The Proprietor shall keep a copy of the Private Hire Driver’s Licence for all drivers driving his/her vehicle and produce the same to an authorised Officer or Police Constable on request.
 19. The Proprietor shall ensure that no radio equipment is fitted to any of his/her Private Hire vehicles without the prior written



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consent of the Council where that radio equipment will allow the driver to communicate with an Operator.

20. The Proprietor shall ensure that any radio equipment fitted to the Private Hire vehicle is at all times kept in a safe and sound condition and maintained in proper working order.
21. The Proprietor of a Private Hire vehicle shall, within 7 days, disclose to the Council in writing details of any convictions imposed on him during the currency of his licence.
22. The Proprietor of the Private Hire vehicle shall keep in force in relation to the user of the vehicle a Policy of Insurance issued by an Insurance Company approved by the City Council and containing such cover as to the City Council shall specify from time to time and comply with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1988. On being so required by an authorised Officer, the Proprietor shall produce to that Officer for examination, a Certificate of Insurance issued by the approved Insurance Company in respect of the vehicle for the purpose of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act 1988. If the Proprietor fails to produce such certificate to the Officer on request, the Proprietor shall within five days of such request, produce such certificate to the Officer or other authorised officer at the offices of the Licensing Unit at the Council.
23. Following a meeting of the Licensing & Appeals Committee on 17 September 2001, the following conditions were introduced:
 - a. * With effect from 1 November 2001 no vehicle shall be licensed for the first time as a Private Hire vehicle if it is more than 7 years since the date of its first registration in this or any other country.
 - b. † With effect from 1 November 2006 the Council shall not renew the licence for any vehicle if it is more than 7 years



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since the date of its first registration in this or any other country.

- c. The Council may waive the age restriction in the case of individual vehicles where an application is made and the Council considers there are exceptional circumstances.

N.B. † *23.b) relates to all licensing renewals.*

* *23.a) relates to all other circumstances.*

24. Following a meeting of the Licensing & Appeals Committee on 17 September 2001, the following conditions were introduced:
 - a. * With effect from 24 November 2002, no vehicle shall be licensed for the first time as a Private Hire vehicle unless the colour of the whole of its bodywork is white or true silver.
 - b. † With effect from 1 April 2007, the Council shall not renew the licence of any Private Hire vehicle unless the whole of its bodywork is white or true silver.
 - c. The Council may waive the colour restriction in the case of individual vehicles where an application is made and the Council considers there are exceptional circumstances.

N.B. † *24.b) relates to all licensing renewals*

* *24.a) relates to all other circumstances.*

25. Following a meeting of the Licensing and Appeals Committee on 16 February 2009, the following conditions were introduced:

With effect from 16 February 2009, any vehicle that has been manufactured with a diesel engine that is Euro III or higher specification [manufactured after 1 January 2001] that has been fitted with a replacement engine, will be required to have an approved emission reduction kit fitted. Any reduction kit must be fitted by the next routine scheduled vehicle inspection.



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Pursuant to Section 3 (7) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, any person aggrieved by any conditions attached to the grant of a licence, has the right of appeal.

Any appeal must be made at Manchester Magistrates Court, Crown Square, Manchester within 21 days of receipt.

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