



Dual Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Conditions

These conditions are made under section 51 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 by East Hampshire District Council in respect of Private Hire Vehicle Drivers.

1) Interpretation

In these conditions

“The Act” means Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

“the council” means East Hampshire District Council

“licensed driver/driver” means a person licensed to drive a private hire vehicle under Section 51 of the Act

“authorised officer” means any officer of the council authorised in writing by the council for the purpose of these conditions

“driver's badge” means, in relation to the driver of a private hire vehicle, a badge issued by the council under section 54 of the Act

“hackney carriage” has the meaning as defined in the Town Police Clauses Act 1847

“Byelaws” mean those in respect of Hackney Carriages made by East Hampshire District Council under section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847

The licence holder must make himself familiar with the conditions and apply them at all times and upon request make them known to any hirer. A hackney carriage driver must also make himself familiar with the Byelaws, apply them at all times when driving a hackney carriage and upon request make them known to any hirer. The following conditions apply when driving a private hire vehicle.

- 2) The driver's badge must be worn in such a position that it be clearly seen all the time the licence holder is working.
- 3) The driver's badge shall remain the property of the council and if the driver's licence is not renewed, or is otherwise revoked or suspended such badge shall be returned by the licence holder together with the licence to the council within seven days of a written notice or upon the demand of an authorised officer.
- 4) The driver's identity badge remains the property of the East Hampshire District Council and in the event of loss or damage to this badge, which renders it unserviceable, the licence holder shall make application to the council for a replacement badge to be issued for which a fee is payable.

5) Conduct

Drivers are expected to follow the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy on dress code when working:

i) **Shirts, t-shirts and sweat tops**

- Shirts/t-shirts and sweat tops should cover shoulders and must be capable of being inside trousers or shorts. Shirts may be worn without a tie.

ii) **Shorts**

- Shorts may be worn.

iii) **Footwear**

- Footwear should fit around the heel of the foot.

iv) **Non-acceptable standards of dress**

- Dirty clothing
- Ripped, snagged or holes in clothing
- Words or graphics on any clothing that is offensive or suggestive
- Sports shirts, like football, rugby or cricket tops
- Track suits
- Camouflage
- Studs or sharp edges to clothing
- Mules, flip-flops and other beach-type footwear
- Pronounced heels to shoes
- Short skirts

6) At no time cause or permit the noise emitted by any radio or in car entertainment in the vehicle to be a source of nuisance or annoyance to any person, whether they are inside or outside the vehicle.

7) A licensed driver shall fully acquaint himself with the topography of the district and, if requested to do so, satisfy the council as to his knowledge of the district.

8) A licensed driver of a hackney carriage must adhere to the Byelaws. A licensed driver of a private hire vehicle shall when hired to drive to any destination, subject to any direction given by the hirer, proceed to that destination by the shortest available route, and shall not, without reasonable cause, prolong in distance or time any journey for which the vehicle is hired.

9) The licence holder shall at all times:

1. provide a prompt, efficient, courteous and reliable service and at all times
2. be clean and respectable in his dress and person
3. behave in a civil, courteous and orderly manner
4. take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of passengers conveyed in, entering or alighting from the vehicle driven by him
5. comply with any code of conduct the council may have in force at any time they are licensed with the authority

10) If, at any time during the life of the licence, the licence holder becomes aware of any medical condition which may affect his fitness to drive licensed vehicles he shall immediately give notice in writing to the council and shall, if required, submit to an examination by a registered medical practitioner of the council's choice to ascertain his fitness to be licensed.

11) Lost Property

- the licence holder shall immediately after the end of any hiring of a licensed vehicle, or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left there; and
- if any property is found or is given to the licence holder, having been left in the private hire vehicle, the licence holder shall take it to a police station as soon as reasonably practicable or, in any case, within 24 hours.

12) The licence holder shall, if requested by the hirer of a private hire vehicle, provide him with a written receipt for the fare paid.

13) The driver is required to take travel tokens in lieu of cash. (These can be exchanged at the Council offices)

14) Offences

- i) The licence holder shall within seven days inform the council in writing details of any motoring or criminal convictions or cautions imposed on him (or if the licence holder is a company or partnership, on any of the directors or partners).