



## Standard Conditions attached to a Hackney Carriage Licence

The following conditions are equally applicable when the Hackney Carriage is being used for private hire purposes and failure to comply with any of them, may result in the Hackney Carriage Vehicle licence being suspended or revoked.

Wyre Council reserves the right to add, amend or waive conditions attached to the grant of a licence as and when it deems necessary.

1. This licence is issued on the condition that the vehicle to which it relates is not licensed as either a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle by any other Council. If the Licensing Authority are made aware of other vehicle licences (Hackney Carriage or Private Hire) running concurrently within this licence, the licence will be revoked.
2. A licence in respect of which the fee has been paid for either in part or in full by cheque shall be of no effect, in the event that cheque is subsequently dishonoured.
3. The vehicle must be fitted with an illuminated roof sign on which the word 'Taxi' must appear and be clearly visible from in front of the vehicle. The roof sign must:
  - a. Be securely fixed to the vehicle roof at all times.
  - b. Illuminated automatically when the vehicle taximeter is set to 'for hire'
4. The taximeter must be of a design approved by the Council and be sealed in a manner approved by the Council.
5. A copy of the current table of fares (tariff card), as supplied by the Council, must be displayed on the inside of the vehicle, so as to be clearly visible to any person carried in the vehicle. This table of fares must not have been altered in any way.
6. No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without written approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.
7. Plates provided by the council identifying the vehicle as a hackney carriage must be affixed to the front and rear of the vehicle in a position specified by the Council. The plates shall be capable of being easily removed by a Police Constable or Authorised Officer of the Council.
  - a. The proprietor shall cause to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle an internal licence in such a position as to be visible at all times to persons conveyed therein, the number of this licence and the number of passengers prescribed in this licence.
  - b. The number of passengers conveyed in the vehicle must not be more than the number prescribed in the licence, regardless of the age or size of the passenger.
  - c. The external plate must not be displayed from the interior of the vehicle.

8. The use of electronic equipment in the vehicle, other than that necessary for communication between the vehicle and its control/operations centre (if any) is prohibited.
9. A Hackney Carriage vehicle may only be used to ply for hire from a taxi rank or public highway, or on private land, with consent from the landowner, within the Borough of Wyre.
10. A Hackney Carriage vehicle must not be left unattended on any Hackney Carriage rank.
11. All signs and licence plates issued remain the property of the Council. On surrender, suspension or revocation of the vehicle licence, the licence holder must return the external and internal plates to the Council within 7 days.
12. The proprietor of the vehicle shall at reasonable times permit an authorised officer or police constable to inspect the vehicle or any taximeter affixed to it, to ascertain its fitness.
13. The vehicle must be kept in good condition and meet the following criteria at all times:
  - a. Vehicles must have no damage affecting the structural safety of the vehicle.
  - b. The body of the vehicle must be watertight and draught proof.
  - c. Vehicles should be free of significant areas of visible rusting. Minor blemishes are acceptable, but should be regularly treated and painted to match existing paintwork.
  - d. Vehicles must not have any major dents or similar damage to the bodywork.
  - e. All panels should be uniform in colour.
  - f. All seats, including the drivers, should be fully intact and free from cuts, holes, stains or burns, except of a very minor nature. Any repairs must be carried out in a professional manner. Seat covers are acceptable provided they meet the above standard.
  - g. All carpets and floor coverings should be complete and free from major cuts, tears or obvious stains.
  - h. All interior trim, including headlining, must be clean, complete, properly fitted and free from serious cuts, tears or staining.
  - i. The luggage compartment should be clean and tidy.
14. All factory fitted glass to the front of the driver's door pillar vehicle, must permit a minimum of 70% light transmission and no vehicle shall be fitted with additional film designed to tint or darken the glass.
15. There must be provided and maintained in the vehicle at all times, a suitable fire extinguisher.
16. The vehicle must have at least four road wheels and tyres fitted in accordance to the manufacturer's specification. A road legal spare wheel, space saver wheel or repair kit must be carried in the vehicle as supplied by the manufacturer when new, together with any necessary jack and tools. A spare or space saver wheel should be carried in the vehicle in the place allocated by the manufacturer.

This condition will not be applied to any vehicle fitted with run flat tyres that were fitted and supplied to the specification of the manufacturer.
17. Where CCTV is installed in a vehicle, it must comply with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.
18. A proprietor must, in the event that they transfer their interest in the vehicle:
  - a. Notify the Council forthwith and in any event, in writing within 14, days of the name and address of the person to whom they have transferred their interest.

b. Complete any documentation required by the Council.

19. The licence holder must within 72 hours supply the Licensing Unit with details of any:

- a. Change of the vehicle proprietor's address.
- b. Change of premises where the vehicle is normally kept.
- c. Accident causing damage or materially affecting the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle or the comfort or convenience of persons carried therein.

The notification may be by oral report in the first instance, but must be followed up in writing within 7 days.

20. The vehicle must display no-smoking signs, in accordance with the Health Act 2006.

21. All signage or livery displayed on or in a licensed hackney carriage must relate only to the provision of hackney carriage services by that vehicle, or be otherwise prescribed in law and must be professionally prepared and printed and maintained in good order.

22. Any animal belonging to a passenger should be conveyed in the rear seating area of the vehicle and shall when necessary, be restrained so as not to present a nuisance or hazard to the occupants of the vehicle;

Notwithstanding anything in this condition, a blind or otherwise disabled passenger shall be entitled as of right, to be accompanied by a guide/assistance dog, at no extra charge, unless the driver has been granted an exemption from the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

23. Any space within the vehicle designed to carry luggage or similar, must not be used to transport babies/children in pushchairs/prams.

24. A copy of these conditions along with the Hackney Carriage Byelaws must be kept in the licensed Hackney Carriage vehicle at all times and made available upon request to any passenger, authorised officer or police constable.