



Standard Conditions attached to a Private Hire Vehicle Licence

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 unit becomes 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. 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.
4. The plate identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle and required to be exhibited on the vehicle pursuant to Section 48(6) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, must be securely fixed, externally to the rear of the vehicle and in such manner as to be easily removed by an authorised officer of the Council or a constable.
 - a) The proprietor shall cause to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle 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) Door stickers issued by the Council must be displayed at all times that a private hire vehicle licence is in force.
5. 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 within 7 days.
6. The use of electronic telecommunications equipment in the vehicle, other than the necessary for communication between the vehicle and its control/operations centre is prohibited.
7. A private hire vehicle must not be used to ply for hire from a taxi rank, or in any other such manner which may give members of the public the impression that it is a taxi.
8. The vehicle proprietor must not cause or procure any other person to tout or solicit on a road or other public place, any person to hire or be carried for hire in a private hire vehicle.

“road” means any highway and any other road to which the public have access, including bridges over which a road passes.

“Public place” includes car parks attached to public houses, clubs, night clubs, restaurants and any other places of entertainment.

9. The licence holder must within 72 hours supply the Council with details of any:
 - a) Change of the owners 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 of oral notification.

10. The proprietor of the vehicle must at all reasonable times, permit an authorised officer or police constable to inspect the vehicle or any taximeter affixed to it, to ascertain its fitness.
11. The vehicle must be kept in good condition and meet the following criteria at all times:
 - I. Vehicles must have no damage affecting the structural safety of the vehicle.
 - II. The body of the vehicle must be watertight and draught proof.
 - III. 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.
 - IV. Vehicles must not have any major dents or similar damage to the bodywork.
 - V. All panels should be uniform in colour.
 - VI. All seats, including the drivers, must be fully intact and free from cuts, holes, stains or burns, except of a very minor nature. Any repairs must have been carried out in a professional manner. Seat covers are acceptable provided they meet the above standard.
 - VII. All carpets and floor coverings should be complete and free from all major cuts, tears or obvious stains.
 - VIII. All interior trim, including headlining, should be clean, complete, properly fitted and free from serious cuts, tears or staining.
 - IX. The luggage compartment should be clean and tidy.

12. All factory fitted glass to the front of the driver’s door pillar, must permit a minimum of 70% light transmission and no vehicle shall be fitted with additional film designed to tint or darken the glass.
13. There must be provided and maintained in the vehicle at all times, a suitable fire extinguisher.
14. The vehicle must have at least four road wheels and tyres fitted in accordance to the manufacturer’s specification. A road legal spare wheel or 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. Any spare or space saver wheel must 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 which were fitted and supplied to the specification of the manufacturer.

15. Where CCTV is installed in a vehicle, it must comply with the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy.
16. The vehicle must display no-smoking signs in accordance with the Health Act 2006.
17. All signage or livery displayed on or in a licensed private hire vehicle must relate only to the Private Hire Operator, or be otherwise prescribed in law and must be professionally prepared and printed and maintained in good order.
18. A Private Hire Company operating solely with private hire vehicles must not use the word TAXI within the company name or in any advertising.
19. The luggage compartment must be completely separate from the passenger carrying area. In the case of estate cars, this means that there must be a secure guard fitted between the luggage and passenger compartments.
20. Luggage must be suitably restrained where it is likely to cause injury to the occupant of the vehicle in the event of an accident.
21. Any animal belonging to a passenger must 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 (21) 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 exemption from the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
22. Any space within the vehicle designed to carry luggage or similar, must not be used to transport babies/children in pushchairs/prams.
23. A copy of these conditions must be kept in the licensed private hire vehicle at all times and made available upon request to any passenger, authorised officer or police constable.