

# Department of Place

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Dear Licensed Operator / HC Proprietor,

I am writing to you following the meeting of the Regulatory and Appeals Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 when it approved five conditions that affect hackney carriages and private hire licensing. The conditions listed below are summarised for your ease of reference.

**Please also remember to visit** <u>www.bradford.gov.uk/taxiandprivatehire</u> where all conditions including these latest ones can be found. You will also find other relevant information can be found in our 'Latest News' segment.

## New conditions 13th July 2017

## (1) <u>1. Displaying CSE/Safeguarding Information to Customers in Licensed Vehicles</u>

Condition introduced requiring proprietors of licensed vehicles to display approved safeguarding material on the inside of a vehicles rear passenger window (nearside). The condition shall also require operators and drivers to ensure the sticker remains in place.

## (2) <u>Suitability of Employees</u>

Condition introduced requiring operators/proprietors to conduct adequate background checks on non BMDC licensed employees and to also provide training for employees who work within their business. The condition shall also require a work activity record to be maintained showing the hours/shifts such employees work. All such information shall be made available to the Licensing Service on request.

## (3) 3. Employee Charter / Code of Conduct

Condition introduced requires operators/proprietors to produce an employee charter/code of conduct. A code of conduct would lay out a set of rules outlining the expectations and guiding





principles for an individual's behaviour within a work environment. A code of conduct aims to promote good practice within the operator business.

#### (4) <u>Amendment to HCPH licensing policy following Deregulation Act 2015</u>

Issue Drivers HCPH licences for a one year period £81 or three year period £199.

Issue Operator's licences for a five year period £607 (1vehicle) £788 (More than 1vehicle).

#### (5) Vehicle Safety and Maintenance

Condition introduced requiring the proprietor of a licensed vehicle to provide a certificate of mechanical safety and vehicle maintenance (in accordance with the vehicle's user handbook) at the scheduled intervals. Also, that the certificates are retained to provide a history of the vehicles safety record.

Current Retest Fees		New Retest Fees from 11 Sept 2017	
Fail (1 to 4 minor faults)	Free	Fail (Max 2 minor faults)	Free
Fail Multiple (5+ minor faults)	£20	Fail Multiple (Max 4 minor faults)	£20
		Fail Multiple (5 minor faults)	£75
Fail Safety Critical (1 x defect)	£20	Fail Safety Critical (1 x defect)	£100
Fail Dangerous (2 x defects)	£100	Fail Dangerous (2 x defects)	£100 + suspension

Yours Sincerely

Licensing Service



