

City of Bradford MDC – Private Hire Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

Appendix 2

A. Originally Designed, Manufactured and Certified Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

1. Originally Manufactured Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

1.1 Vehicles which have been originally designed and manufactured as Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles and obtained M1 European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval, Single Vehicle Approval (SVA) prior 29th April 2009 or Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) certification when new and prior registration shall be acceptable by the Council as Private Hire Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles, provided all the relevant requirements at A (2) and A (3) below are met.

2. Certification Process

2.1 Vehicle registration Certificate, V5C detailing an accurate description of vehicle specifications.

On production of the relevant certificate(s) and documentation and following a satisfactory inspection by the Council, to confirm that vehicles meet the additional criteria at paragraph 3 below, the Council will licence vehicles as Private Hire Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

3. Additional Compulsory Local Conditions

- Minimum of 4 doors, not including rear access doors
- Colour – Not white
- Passenger entrance and exit doors shall be capable of opening (and held open) from within the passenger saloon when locked. No additional locking devices shall be fitted
- Front and rear facing passenger seats only. All seats shall be permanently fixed to the vehicle. Flip up seats maybe accepted.
- Right hand driving controls only
- Two fixed, clear and visible public notices shall be displayed within the passenger saloon. (i) *"This vehicle is only licensed to carry a maximum of (? in words) (? in number) passengers. As a passenger you will not be insured should this vehicle exceed the maximum carrying capacity"*, (ii) *"Passenger Complaints! Contact Bradford Council on 01274 432398"*
- Vehicles shall be less than 5 years of age at first licensing application. Once licensed, vehicle licence may be continually re licensed up to and including 8 years of age provided there is no break in licensing term
- Vehicles shall be licensed following compliance inspection by the Council
- Vehicles shall remain in the same format of the original approved specification, design, condition or appearance throughout its licensing term
- Spare set of light bulbs to be kept within the vehicle.

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B. Post Modified or Converted Vehicles After Original Type Approval Certification

1. Post Modified or Converted Vehicles into Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles

1.1 Vehicles subsequently modified or converted, (except bulkhead screens fitted) after original type approval M1 category at original manufacture shall be submitted to the Department for Transport, Vehicle Operator Service (VOSA), for a 'Voluntary' SVA examination and certification.

2. Council Approval

2.1 Only vehicles that meet the requirements listed below and are SVA certified will be approved by the Council as Private Hire Non-Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

3. Additional Compulsory Local Conditions

- Minimum of 4 doors, not including rear access doors
- Colour – Not white
- Right hand driving controls only
- Vehicles shall be less than 5 years of age at first licensing application. Once licensed, vehicle licence may be continually re licensed up to and including 8 years of age provided there is no break in licensing term
- Vehicles shall be licensed following compliance inspection by the Council
- Vehicles shall remain in the same format of the original approved specification, design, condition or appearance throughout its licensing term.
- Spare set of light bulbs to be kept within the vehicle.

4. Passenger Seating Capacity and Configuration

4.1 Vehicles that comply with paragraph B1, B2 and B3 shall have a maximum seating capacity 8 passenger seats.

4.2 Seating capacity, configuration and layout shall be certified by VOSA, SVA process.

4.3 All passenger seats and securing devices to the vehicle shall comply with the relevant M1 standards contained in European Directive 74/408 EC (as amended).

4.4 Front and rear facing passenger seats only. All seats shall be permanently fixed to the vehicle. Flip up seats maybe accepted.

4.5 All passenger seat dimensions shall comply with current legislation and be certified by VOSA, SVA certification.

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- 4.6 Two fixed, clear and visible public notices shall be displayed within the passenger saloon. (i) *“This vehicle is only licensed to carry a maximum of (? in words) (? in number) passengers. As a passenger you will not be insured should this vehicle exceed the maximum carrying capacity”, (ii) Passenger Complaints! Contact Bradford Council on 01274 432398”.*
5. **Seat Belts**
- 5.1 All passenger seats shall be fitted with seat belts and available for use and comply with European Directive 77/541/EC (as amended).
- 5.2 All anchorage points shall comply with M1 standards laid down in European Directive 76/115 EC (as amended by Directive 96/38 EC) or ECE Regulation 14 whether or not those requirements apply to that particular anchorage or vehicle.
- 5.3 All seat belts shall be approved by VOSA, SVA certified.
6. **Passenger Ingress and Egress Entrance(s)**
- 6.1 Passenger entrance and exit doors shall be capable of opening (and held open) from within the passenger saloon when locked. No additional locking devices shall be fitted.
7. **Passenger Exit Requirements**
- 7.1 There shall be a minimum of two means of exit from the passenger saloon behind the driver for use in emergency situations. The means of exit shall be continually free of any obstructions and accessible from all parts of the passenger saloon. Exit gangways shall be of a minimum width of 300mm.
8. **Passenger Bulkhead/Drivers Safety Screen**
- 8.1 A bulkhead/drivers safety screen may be fitted and if fitted it shall be a full width and may have a full height screen fitted in the vehicle directly behind the driver’s seat. If fitted the upper section of the bulkhead/safety screen shall consist of a clear vision panel sufficient for the driver to be able to see a substantial amount of the passenger saloon which must include vision of all access doors. An identifiable means of payment shall be incorporated into the screen to enable payment to be made from within the vehicle. The bulkhead/safety screen shall be complete and prevent access into the driver’s compartment from the passenger saloon.
- 8.2 The vision panel section of a full height bulkhead/safety screen shall be constructed of clear safety glass to the standard required for windscreens laid down in Regulations 30, 31 & 32 of The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 or any clear material with at least the same impact resistance and safety qualities as that of safety glass.

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8.3 Any screen system must allow verbal communication between the driver and passenger by way of an intercom system which can be operated by the passenger and an induction loop facility must also be installed and clearly signed for the use of passengers with hearing difficulties.

9. Passenger Window Glazing and Ventilation

9.1 A minimum of one opening window on each side of the vehicle. All windows shall comply with European Directive 92/22/EC (as amended).

9.2 All windows and glazing must achieve a minimum of 70% light transmission except where otherwise required by the Road Vehicle (Construction and Use Regulations 1986) "Aftermarket additions, e.g. film or spray coatings, shall not be permitted.

9.3 All windows and glazing shall be approved by VOSA, SVA certification.

10. Floors and Passageways

10.1 Floor areas shall be free of obstacles or trip hazards and shall have a slip resistant surface. Integral step(s) at doorways will be acceptable.

11. Interior Lighting

Interior lighting shall be fitted within the passenger saloon sufficient to illuminate the whole area. The light(s) shall be switched such that they may be turned on and off from both the driving and passenger compartments and shall operate automatically when a door is opened.

A means of illuminating the entrance steps at all access doors into the passenger compartment shall be fitted and switched such that they operate automatically when a door is opened.

12. Luggage Space

12.1 Luggage compartment(s) shall be situated at the front or rear of the vehicle. If at the front it must be forward of a bulkhead/safety screen and on the opposite side of the driving compartment. The luggage compartment must be divided off by a barrier capable of preventing any luggage from entering the driving compartment or rear passenger saloon. Rear luggage compartment shall also be divided from the passenger saloon.

12.2 Luggage compartment(s) shall have an automatic means of illumination when being accessed and capable of securely accommodating a reasonable amount of luggage (i.e. one suitcase per authorised seating capacity).

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13. Fare Meter and Fare Card

- 13.1 When fitted a fare meter shall read the relevant operators tariff and be sealed by the Council.
- 13.2 The fare meter shall be securely fitted in a position such that the fare can be easily and clearly read by any passenger when inside the vehicle.
- 13.3 The current fare card shall be displayed within the vehicle so it can be easily and clearly read by any passenger.

14. Spare Wheel

- 14.1 A manufacturers recommended 'spare wheel' or inflatable solution shall be fitted and stored on the vehicle in a purpose-designed carrier and outside contact with passenger(s) when travelling or when entering or existing the vehicle.