## Clean Air Taxi (CAT) Programme



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## The Bradford Clean Air Zone (CAZ) covers the Bradford Outer Ring Road and out to Shipley and Saltaire will be launched in Spring 2022 - see map



PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE (PHV)



HACKNEY CARRIAGE



25% of all grants will be prioritised for electric vehicles In addition to public and private sector availability of electric charging facilities there are 22 rapid charging facilities across the District that are dedicated for taxi drivers. These charging points form part of the West Yorkshire Rapid Charging Network All Bradford licensed taxis can operate up to 15 years of age from date of first registration if kept in good condition. 15 years only applies if the vehicle is CAZ compliant. Currently licensed vehicles that do not meet CAZ requirements have a maximum age of 10 years (12 if WAV)

Taxi proprietors with non-compliant taxis will be able to apply for up-front grants on condition that either a compliant taxi is purchased within 4 months from application, or the non-compliant taxi is delicensed after this period.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE

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All new licenses will be required to meet the CAZ Standard. The Bradford Council Licensing Specification can be found on the following link: <u>www.bradford.gov.uk/</u> <u>media/1282/vehicle-</u> <u>specifiction-27-05-2021.pdf</u>

All information will be provided on Breather Better Bradford www.bradford.gov.uk/breathe-better-bradford

Taxi refers to both a Hackney Carriage and private hire vehicle with respect to the CAT Programme

## Eligibility Criteria for the Clean Air Taxi (CAT) Programme



## The applicant

- All applicants for the CAT Grants must be a licensed vehicle proprietor with Bradford Council and have been licensed on or before 26th May 2021
- Licensed vehicle proprietors who own more than one taxi can apply for a grant for more than one vehicle
- CAT Programme grants are aimed at all vehicle proprietors licensed by the Council on 26th May 2021, who would like to change or upgrade their non-compliant vehicle for a CAZ compliant vehicle
- CAT Programme grants are also available to all vehicle proprietors that were licensed by the Council on 26th May 2021, and have upgraded their vehicle to CAZ Standard since February 18th, 2020, until the launch of the CAT Programme application process

## The vehicle

• The non-compliant vehicle must not have previously been subject to a grant from Bradford or any other licensing authority

TAXI

- The non-compliant vehicle has to have been owned by the applicant prior to 27th May 2021 (or in the case of electric vehicle running cost grants, have a minimum lease period of 2 years)
- The replacement or retrofitted vehicle must meet the minimum standard of the CAZ
- Vehicle upgrades shall be made on a like for like basis



## After the grant is awarded

- The grant recipient must retain ownership of the vehicle for a minimum of 2 years (or in the case of electric vehicle running cost grants, have a minimum lease period of 2 years)
- The compliant vehicle must remain licenced with the Bradford Licensing Service for a minimum of 2 years
- The grant recipient agrees to provide supporting evidence of continued compliance during the 2 years post award on request.

## CAT Programme Application Process for grants after the vehicle upgrade has been completed

This option is available for grants towards replacement vehicles, retrofit solutions or running cost grants for fully electric vehicles.



#### Applicants will be required to demonstrate - evidence checklist

- V5c document (non-compliant vehicle)
- Bradford Council Licensing Service vehicle licence document (non-compliant vehicle)
- Proof of Identity (valid passport or driving licence)
- Certified business accounts (if less than 6 months old) or 3 most recent monthly business bank statements



### Once your application has been approved, you will also be asked to provide

- Proof of purchase of replacement compliant vehicle or retrofit upgrade
- A signed acceptance of the grant award terms and conditions
- V5c document for the replacement vehicle or retrofitted vehicle
- Bradford Council Licensing Service vehicle licence document (compliant vehicle)



#### The Council will process an application as follows

- Application form completed by the applicant
- If the application is approved, an agreement in principle will be sent to advise the applicant of the maximum grant that is available to them.
- Applicant must then provide proof of purchase of a compliant vehicle or approved retrofit upgrade within 1 month\* of the date on the agreement in principle.
- Replacement vehicles must be a 'like for like' replacement of the applicant's non-compliant vehicle. (Please see below for examples of 'like for like' replacements)
- If the vehicle meets the CAZ standard, the final grant offer will be sent with the terms and conditions of the grant award. The terms and conditions must be signed and returned within 1 month\* along with the V5c document and Bradford Council Licensing Service vehicle licence document.



### The grant will be paid to the applicant's bank account via BACS payment only

\* The 1 month deadline can be changed where the applicant contacts the grants team to

request a new timescale because of a delay in providing the required information.

Please see <u>www.bradford.gov.uk/breathe-better-bradford</u> to see all terms and conditions.

## http://onlineforms.bradford.gov.uk/ufs/CAP\_HACKNEY\_PRIVATE.eb

## CAT Programme Application Process for grants paid in advance of upgrade

This option is available to those who require a grant to upgrade to a replacement vehicle only. This option is not available for retrofit upgrades or for grants to assist with the running costs of a fully electric vehicle.

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## Once your application has been approved, you will be sent the following documents which must be signed and returned before the grant can be paid:

- A signed acceptance of the grant in advance award terms and conditions
- A signed acceptance of the vehicle de-licensing agreement

#### Once you have purchased your replacement vehicle, you will need to provide:

- Proof of purchase of replacement compliant vehicle
- V5c document for the replacement vehicle
- Bradford Council Licensing Service vehicle licence document (compliant vehicle)

#### The Council will process an application as follows

- Application form completed by the applicant
- If the application is approved, the grant terms and conditions agreement and the vehicle de-licensing agreement will be sent to the applicant. The grant terms and conditions will also advise the applicant of the maximum grant that is available to them. The applicant will be allowed 4 months<sup>1</sup> from the date these documents are sent to the applicant to complete the purchase of a replacement vehicle and for the vehicle to be licensed with Bradford Council's vehicle licensing service.
- Applicant must sign and return the grant terms and conditions agreement and the vehicle de-licensing agreement before the grant can be paid.
- Once the above documents have been signed and returned, the grant will be paid within 20 working days. The grant will be paid to the applicant's bank account via BACS payment only

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#### Within 4 months of the issue of the grant terms and conditions agreement, the applicant must provide:

- Proof of purchase of replacement compliant vehicle (the compliant vehicle must be a 'like for like' replacement of the applicant's previous, non-compliant vehicle.)
- V5c document for the replacement vehicle
- Bradford Council Licensing Service vehicle licence document (compliant vehicle)

If, after the 4 month' period has passed, the grant recipient has not completed the purchase and licensing of a replacement vehicle. the existing non-compliant vehicle will be automatically removed from license and that vehicle cannot be used as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle.

1. The 4 month' deadline will not be extended in any circumstances. If you do not think you can complete the purchase and licensing of a replacement vehicle within this 4 month' period, please do not apply for a grant in advance.

## 'Like for like' replacement vehicles

To be eligible for a grant, a replacement vehicle must be of the same vehicle type or a smaller vehicle. Please see this table for which options are available for each vehicle type.

Please note, failure to comply with the 'like for like' replacement vehicle requirement will result in either a rejection of a grant application or, where a grant has already been paid, the grant recipient will be required to pay the grant back in full.



Further information and/or to make an application:

Please see www.bradford.gov.uk/breathebetterbradford

## Clean Air Taxi (CAT) Programme Funding

## Non-WAV1 Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) up to 4 passengers

Private Hire Vehicle (Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle)



<sup>1</sup> https://www.liquidgasuk.org/uploads/DOC5A8C2E11780A0.pdf

<sup>2</sup> https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/service/clean-vehicle-retrofit-accreditation-scheme/

### Hackney Carriage

## Non-WAV Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) 5 to 8 passengers (M2 vehicle Class)



EURO 4 PETROL/LPG EURO 6 DIESEL





EURO 4 PETROL/LPG/ EURO 6 DIESEL



FULLY ELECTRIC VEHICLE

### Up to £5,000

for purchase of vehicle replacement or conversion of a non-compliant vehicle to compliant standard. LPG conversions must be in accordance with UKLPG Approved Installers Scheme. All other conversions must be technologies that are approved under the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS<sup>2</sup>).

#### £10,000 for help towards the running costs of a fully electric vehicle with first payment of £5,000 on completion of

application and second payment 1 year later subject to continued compliance with the terms and conditions of the award. Up to £3,200 for purchase of vehicle

Up to £3,200 for LPG options:

- i. Cost of converting an existing licensed Euro 4 petrol car to LPG
- ii. Cost of purchase of a compliant LPG vehicle
- iii. Cost of purchase of a Euro 4 petrol vehicle and cost of converting to LPG

[LPG conversions must be in accordance with UKLPG Approved Installers Scheme. All other conversions must be CVRAS compliant] Up to £6,000 with first payment of up to £3,000 on completion of

application and second payment one year later, subject to continued compliance with the terms and conditions of the award.



For a detailed map of the Bradford CAZ please see - <u>https://www.google.com/maps/d/</u> viewer?mid=1wh86zM0ecBjFC2AKW90CMZ\_uIPRoogCQ&ll=53.822014240260486%2C-1.7620522841397102&z=13

## Support for Electric Taxis in Bradford



- For support to upgrade to an electric vehicle please see Bradford Council information <a href="http://www.bradford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change/electric-vehicle-charging-points/">www.bradford.gov.uk/environment/climate-change/electric-vehicle-charging-points/</a>
- Information on the locations of electric charging points in the District can be found on <u>https://www.zap-map.com</u>
- For information on the West Yorkshire Ultra Low Emission Taxi Charging Network please see information below

Since 2019, Bradford Council has been working in partnership with West Yorkshire Combined Authority and energy and services specialists ENGIE, to provide a network of electric vehicle charging points across West Yorkshire. After securing funding from the Office of Zero Emission Vehicles, the scheme was launched to improve air quality and reduce harmful emissions within the area, by supporting the general public and taxi drivers in making the switch to an electric vehicle.

The ENGIE network includes the installation of at least 88 rapid charging points across West Yorkshire, including 22 available for use within the Bradford District. All charging points are situated in key locations, such as local authority car parks, leisure centres and retail car parks to ensure convenience.

Each charging point has two bays, one of which is reserved exclusively for taxis and private hire taxis to help keep these drivers on the move.

All ENGIE network charging points are powered by 100% renewable energy and have both a fast 22kW AC port and a more powerful rapid 50kW DC connector, which provides an 80% charge typically in under an hour, depending on your vehicle.

Accessing the ENGIE network is simple. In order to get started, you will need to register for an account by registering your details within the ENGIE web app. Once registered, you can use the web app to locate your nearest charge point, start and stop a charge and view billing information. Or if you'd prefer, you can also register an RFID card to your account which can be used to stop and start a charging session.



To find out more information about this scheme, or to register to join the ENGIE network, visit https://ev.engie.co.uk/wyca.html



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