



Restricted Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Conditions

These conditions are made under section 51 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 by East Hampshire District Council in respect of Private Hire Vehicle Drivers.

1. Interpretation

In these conditions:- "The Act" means Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; "the council" means East Hampshire District Council; "restricted private hire driver's licence" means a person licensed to drive a private hire vehicle under Section 51 of the Act which carries out a Local Authority contract (e.g. school or social care) where the same regular journey is undertaken; "authorised officer" means any officer of the council authorised in writing by the council for the purpose of these conditions; "driver's badge" means, in relation to the driver of a private hire vehicle, a badge issued by the council under section 54 of the Act.

The licence holder must make himself familiar with the conditions and apply them at all times and upon request make them known to any hirer.

2. Conditions relating to driver's badge

The driver's badge must be worn in such a position that it be clearly seen all the time the licence holder is working.

The driver's badge shall remain the property of the council and if the driver's licence is not renewed, or is otherwise revoked or suspended such badge shall be returned by the licence holder together with the licence to the council within seven days of a written notice or upon the demand of an authorised officer. In the event of loss or damage to this badge, which renders it unserviceable, the licence holder shall make application to the council for a replacement badge to be issued for which a fee is payable.

3. Conditions relating to the limitations of the Restricted Private Hire Driver's Licence

A restricted private hire driver's licence may only be issued for the purpose of carrying out the following journeys in a private hire vehicle, not carrying a taximeter:

- Local Authority contracts (e.g. school or social care) where the same regular journey is undertaken.
- Where the vehicle is not operated from a taxi or private hire circuit.

4. Conditions relating to conduct of licensed drivers

A licensed driver:

- (a) must at no time cause or permit the noise emitted by any radio or in car entertainment in the vehicle to be a source of nuisance or annoyance to any person, whether they are inside or outside the vehicle.
- (b) shall fully acquaint himself with the topography of the district and, if requested to do so, satisfy the council as to his knowledge of the district.
- (c) shall when hired to drive to any destination, subject to any direction given by the hirer, proceed to that destination by the shortest available route, and shall not, without reasonable cause, prolong in distance or time any journey for which the vehicle is hired.
- (d) shall when hired or agreed to be in attendance with his vehicle at an appointed time and place, attend punctually with such vehicle unless delayed or prevented by some sufficient cause beyond his control.
- (e) provide a prompt, efficient, courteous and reliable service at all times.
- (f) be clean and respectable in his dress and person, following any dress code required by the council
- (g) behave in a civil, courteous and orderly manner at all times, following any code of conduct or dress code required by the council
- (h) shall take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of passengers conveyed in, entering or alighting from the vehicle driven by him and offer passengers such assistance as may be required.
- (i) shall comply with any code of conduct or policy the council may have in force at any time they are licensed with the authority.
- (j) shall not smoke or use a similar electronic or vaporising device in their vehicle at any time.
- (k) shall not convey in the vehicle a greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate attached to the vehicle.
- (l) shall immediately after the end of any hiring of a licensed vehicle, or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left there; and if any property is found or is given to the licence holder, having been left in the private hire vehicle, the licence holder shall take it to a police station as soon as reasonably practicable or, in any case, within 24 hours.
- (m) if requested by the hirer of a private hire vehicle, provide him with a written receipt for the fare paid.
- (n) if, at any time during the life of the licence, becomes aware of any medical condition which may affect his fitness to drive licensed vehicles he shall immediately give notice in writing to the council and shall, if required, submit to an examination by a registered medical practitioner of the council's choice to ascertain his fitness to be licensed.
- (o) shall within seven days inform the council in writing details of any motoring or criminal convictions or cautions imposed on him (or if the licence holder is a company or partnership, on any of the directors or partners).
- (p) shall within seven days inform the council in writing details of any change of address.