

SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS ATTACHING TO LICENCES TO DRIVE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

1. In these conditions unless the subject or context otherwise requires 'the Council' means the council of the City of Sunderland, 'Driver' means a person holding and acting in accordance with a licence to drive private hire vehicles issued by the Council and 'Vehicle' means a private hire vehicle licensed by the Council.
2. The Driver shall ensure he is fully conversant with the conditions of the licence and the Statutory Provisions relating to the licence.
3. A Driver must hold a full Driving Licence for at least 12 months and have attained the full age of 21 years.
4. The Driver of a vehicle who wishes to renew his licence must make application at least 7 days before expiration.
5. A Driver shall return the licence for endorsement when changing his address or his operator.
6. **A Driver shall within seventy two hours disclose to the Council written details of any caution(s) or conviction(s) for any offence(s). The Council will then decide whether the licence should be suspended or revoked, having regard to the offence(s).**
7. The Driver shall not while driving in charge of the vehicle:
 - (a) Tout, solicit on a road or other public place any person to hire or be carried in any Private Hire vehicle, or;
 - (b) Cause or procure any other person to tout, solicit on a road or other public place any person to hire or be carried in any Private Hire vehicle, or;
 - (c) Offer the vehicle for immediate hire while the vehicle is on a road or other public place.
8. The Driver shall not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer the licence number marked on the vehicle or the Licence Plate attached to a vehicle to be concealed from public view or to be so defaced that any figure or material particular is illegible.
9. Where a vehicle is equipped with a taximeter and where such taximeter is to be used to record the fare for a hiring, the driver shall:-
 - (a) Ensure, during the continuance of such hiring, that the dial of the taximeter is not concealed in any manner or by any means and that such dial is distinctly and plainly visible and legible to any person hiring or being conveyed in the vehicles;
 - (b) cause the dial of the taximeter to be kept properly illuminated throughout the hiring;
 - (c) report immediately to the Council any failure of the taximeter;
 - (d) cause a table indicating the fare scale governing such hiring to be fixed upon the vehicle in such a position and manner that the letters and figures of such table are distinctly and plainly visible to any person being conveyed in such vehicle;

- (e) not wilfully or negligently cause or suffer the table required by Condition 9(d) to be inverted or detached or altered or the letters or figures on such table to be in any manner or by any means concealed at any time.
10. The Driver of a vehicle which is fitted with a taximeter shall not tamper with or permit any person to tamper with the taximeter with which the vehicle is provided, with the fittings thereof or with the seals affixed thereto.
11. The Driver shall at all times when a vehicle is being driven for hire:-
- (a) be clean and respectable in his dress and person and conduct himself in an orderly manner and with civility and propriety towards every person seeking to hire, or hiring, or being conveyed in such vehicle and shall comply with every reasonable requirement of any person hiring or being conveyed in such vehicle;
- (b) take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or alighting from such vehicle.
12. The Driver who has agreed to be or has been hired to be in attendance with a vehicle at an appointed time and place shall, unless delayed or prevented by some sufficient cause, punctually attend with such vehicle at such appointed time and place.
13. The Driver of a vehicle shall not convey or permit to be conveyed in a vehicle any greater number of persons than the number of persons specified on the plate affixed to the outside of the vehicle.
14. The Driver shall when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire a vehicle:-
- (a) convey a reasonable quantity of luggage;
- (b) afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading such luggage;
- (c) afford reasonable assistance in removing such luggage to or from the entrance of any building, station or place at which he may take up or set down such person.
15. A Driver of a vehicle who knowingly conveys a dead body of any person within a vehicle shall notify the fact to the Council's Director of Community and Cultural Services forthwith.
16. The Driver shall daily search the vehicle which he is using for any property which may have been accidentally left therein.
17. The Driver shall, if any property accidentally left therein by any person who may have been conveyed in the vehicle be found by or handed to him:-
- (a) carry it as soon as possible, and in any event within 48 hours, if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner, to the Community and Cultural Services Department of the Council and leave it in the custody of an Officer of that Department on his giving a receipt for it;
- (b) be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be re-delivered an amount equal to five pence in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of its finding to the Officer of the Council, whichever be the greater) but not more than £5.00.

18. The Driver of a vehicle in which is displayed during or at the commencement of a hiring any table of fares shall not require for such hiring a fare greater than that authorised by such table of fares.
19. The Driver of a vehicle shall carry guide, hearing or other assistance dogs without making an additional charge, unless a medical exemption certificate issued by the Council is displayed facing outwards either to the windscreen or in a prominent position on the dashboard.