



CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

CONDITIONS

1. (a) The licence holder will at all times in charge of a private hire vehicle have with him the relevant badge issued by the licensing authority and shall wear the said badge conspicuously on his outer garment with the side bearing the photograph outermost or otherwise displayed in the vehicle, so that the photograph and the whole writing thereon shall be distinctly legible. In addition the driver of a private hire vehicle shall exhibit said badge on demand to any passenger, constable or authorised officer of the Licensing Authority and shall not lend or permit any person to use his licence or badge nor shall he wilfully damage said licence or badge. If the driver leaves the private hire vehicle to make a customer aware of his arrival then the badge should be worn on his outergarment as detailed above.

(b) In the event of the suspension by the Licensing Authority, surrender or revocation of his licence, the driver of a private hire vehicle shall within a period of seven days, return his badge and licence to the Licensing Authority, subject to any appeal.
2. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall be bound to fulfill, or cause to be fulfilled, at the time and location specified, an engagement to hire his private hire vehicle which he had accepted, unless prevented by sufficient cause.
3. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall not at any time convey in the private hire vehicle more than the number of passengers the private hire vehicle is licensed to carry.
4. The holder of a private hire car driver's licence is only authorised to drive a private hire car which is not fitted with a taximeter and must satisfy the Cabs Enforcement Officer of his knowledge of the Highway Code and road signs.
5. The driver of a private hire vehicle if a taxi meter is not fitted shall inform the hirer(s) or passenger(s) before the journey commences (a) that the fare is not so regulated; and (b) the cost, or the method of calculating the cost, of the proposed journey.
6. Subject to Condition 7 below the driver of a private hire vehicle shall not refuse to drive a passenger to any place within the area of the Licensing Authority.
7. (a) The driver of a private hire vehicle need not convey any hirer or passenger who is drunk or otherwise not in a fit and proper state to be carried, or whose condition or clothing is offensive or likely to cause damage to the interior of the private hire vehicle, or who refused to cease smoking in the private hire vehicle when requested to do so by the driver, or is accompanied by any animal (other than a guide or hearing dog referred to in (b) below) which is likely to damage or soil the interior of the private hire vehicle, or for any other reasonable excuse.

(b) "Where the private hire car has been hired -

- (i) by or for a disabled person who is accompanied by a guide dog, a hearing dog or an assistance dog of that person; or
- (ii) by a person who wishes such a disabled person to accompany that person in the private hire car.

The driver of the private hire car shall carry the disabled person's dog and allow it to remain with the disabled person and shall not make any additional charge for so doing.

The condition shall not apply where a Notice of Exemption is in force and the Notice is exhibited either by -

- (i) affixing it in a prominent position on the dashboard facing upwards; or
- (ii) affixing it to the windscreen of the private hire car, facing outwards."

8. The driver of a private hire vehicle, while he is in charge of the private hire vehicle, shall not canvass or importune in any public place or street for employment .
9. Subject to Condition 13, the driver of a private hire vehicle shall not refuse to carry luggage in his private hire vehicle providing that the said luggage can be accommodated safely within the private hire vehicle and/or its luggage compartment.
10. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall give such assistance as he is able to give with loading and unloading luggage when required to do so but he shall not be required to leave the immediate proximity of the private hire vehicle in doing so.
11. The driver of a private hire vehicle, at the end of his shift, shall search the private hire vehicle of which he is in charge for any property which may have been left therein. Any property found by the driver shall, within 24 hours, be returned to the owner of the property if known or such property shall be handed in by the driver to any Police Station.
12. The driver of a private hire vehicle carrying a passenger, shall be clean and tidy in his person and clothing and shall conduct himself in a proper and civil manner. The driver shall not smoke in the vehicle whilst it is being operated as a taxi. This applies whether or not passengers are in the vehicle at the material time.
13. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall not knowingly allow the private hire vehicle in his charge to be used for illegal or immoral purposes, permit to be carried in the private hire vehicle in his charge any article of a dirty, filthy or noxious nature or an explosive or dangerous nature, or permit to be carried in the private hire vehicle in his charge any person who has vermin on his person.
14. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall ensure that the private hire vehicle, including all bodywork, upholstery and fittings, is in a safe and serviceable condition and, subject to prevailing road conditions, is in a clean condition.
15. The driver of a private hire vehicle will offer such assistance as he is able to give to infirm, elderly or disabled passengers when required to do so including assistance with wheelchairs and access into and out of the vehicle and in this regard shall be required to undergo a course on disability awareness approved by the Licensing Authority.
16. The driver of a private hire vehicle who changes his address shall within 14 days thereafter give notice thereof to the Licensing Authority by completing a change of address form.
17. If during the currency of the licence the holder is convicted of any offence or has accepted a fixed penalty he shall provide details of the offence to the Licensing Authority.

18. The driver of a private hire vehicle while carrying a passenger shall comply with the undernoted minimum dress requirements:-

MALE DRIVERS

FEMALE DRIVERS

Dress type plain coloured shirt with collar or polo shirt

Dress type plain coloured blouse/shirt with collar

Dress type plain coloured trousers

Dress type plain coloured skirt or trousers

Dress type shoes, boots or dress sandals

Dress type shoes, boots or dress sandals

Training shoes, baseball caps, shorts, tracksuits, denim shirt/jeans, casual 'T' shirts and football attire are **not** permitted.

19. The driver shall not cause nuisance or annoyance by sounding the horn fitted to the vehicle whilst it is stationary on a road or in motion, except as permitted by law. In particular, he shall not sound any such horn merely for the purpose of signifying his arrival at the address of the hirer.
20. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall notify the Licensing Authority forthwith of any illness or medical condition which may affect their ability to drive.
21. The holder of a private hire car driver's licence must be 21 years of age or over.