

Annex A: Proposed changes to new Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2024

Page number	Section	Change required	Reason for change
17	5.7	Change will to may	Change wording from will to may, as this should be decided on a case by case basis depending on the circumstances of the missed appointment.
23	11.5	Add link to application guidance pages	The requirement is ambiguous and more guidance is required for applicants on the detail of how to comply.
27 57	14.2 3.9.1	Include summary medical history	Summary medical history is an acceptable alternative source of information for a medical practitioner to access prior to issuing a medical certificate.
29 & 30 31	15.3 & 16.3 17.4	Basic DBS - delete reference to update service	Basic DBS checks cannot be connected to the update service.
38	D41 & D42	Change 4 to 12 points for failing to provide mobility assistance	Request by the Committee to increase failure to carry an assistance dog to 12 points, and changed others for consistency. Delegated authority had been provided previously to make these changes.
47	2.7.2	Add paragraph on drug testing	In line with statutory standards.
54	3.4.3	Add alternative option of applicant providing DVLA check code	Widely used to carryout online check of DVLA licence status.
54	This is a new paragraph	Insert paragraph to inform applicant that DVLA licence checks are carried out at the time of application and during the life of the licence.	The Policy does not specify that checks will be made as required during the period of the licence.
55	3.5.1	Delete MDDC website and change to Home Office website	Better to have a single and accurate up to date source of information.
56	3.8.1	Provide timescale to new applicants for driving standards assessment within 12 months of date of application	The requirement is ambiguous and clarification of validity period for evidence of driving standards is required.
57	3.9.2	Add paragraph to provide defined standard for medical practitioner	To enable officers to check against a defined standard to consider who is suitably qualified.
57	3.9.3	Insert paragraph	Clarify validity of medical fitness associated with PSV/HGV entitlement.

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80	4.7	Insert paragraph	Need to emphasise that the vehicle specification detail conditions attached to vehicle licenses, it was not felt this would be clear to applicants/Licence holders.
83	4.7.21	Add word 'exterior'	Ambiguous, this is necessary to distinguish between internal and external lights.
84 85	4.8.1 (d) 4.10.1	Remove requirement to provide service history	Requirement there for vehicle to be maintained and serviced but remove the requirement for the full history to be made available for inspection and provided prior to licence issue. This will be an administrative burden and vehicle maintenance standards are established through the vehicle tests.
88	This is a new paragraph	Add paragraph with link to Inspection standards Best Practice Guidance	To provide the reference point for vehicle inspection. This is the same document that was used to specify the current inspection standard.
92	4.23.8	Change wording must to may	We will not always be able to approve the location of taximeters, so this is to ensure we can operate within the requirements of the Policy.
104	4.11.3	Remove the requirement to notify MDDC of action taken by the operator	This is the operators' policy, we will check the records to establish its implementation on inspection, but will not need to receive notifications. This is potentially information that we have no legal justification to hold.
103	4.8.3	Change sentence to specify ceasing to use an address, as they are not permitted to change or add an address without it first being added to the licence. Remove paragraph	This is an error, as the operating address must be detailed on the licence, otherwise the licence is void.
110	5.10	Delete para 5.0.3 and change timescale at 5.11 to 72 hours	Ensure consistency. These conditions contradict each other in terms of timescales for reporting.
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