

VEHICLES - SPECIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

AI GENERAL

- A1.1 The Licensing Authority may impose such additional conditions on a vehicle licence as it sees fit. All licensed vehicles shall comply in all respects with the requirements set out below as appropriate for the type of vehicle (hackney or private hire). This is in addition to all requirements of the road traffic legislation, which relates to all motor vehicles.
- A1.2 All vehicles shall have an appropriate “type approval” under category M1 (for passengers carrying vehicles with eight seats or less including taxis) which is either a: -
- i) European Whole Vehicle Type approval (ECWVTA)
 - ii) Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles Standard (WAV)
 - iii) European Small Series
 - iv) Low Volume
 - v) SVA Single Vehicle Type
 - vi) Individual Vehicle Type

Wheelchair restraints and centre divisions are not covered by type approval so separate certification should be sought for these areas by the vehicle proprietor.

It is also recommended that vehicles with Euro NCAP star ratings of **five or more** are required when purchasing a **new or replacement vehicle from 1 April 2018**.

Except for specially constructed or converted hackney carriages used for disability access.

- A1.3 All vehicles shall be capable of carrying **not less than four passengers or three passengers plus a wheelchair**, be fitted with a right hand drive (special conditions apply to stretch limousines) and shall have an **engine size of not less than 1100cc**

Applications for specialist novelty vehicles or smaller vehicles i.e. Smart cars (private hire) will be considered on their own merit and will need Licensing Manager, Public Protection Manager, relevant Head of Service or Licensing Committee approval depending on the circumstances.

- A1.4 All vehicles shall comply with all construction and use/ type approval requirements applicable to it. The maximum permitted length is **18ft**. The maximum permitted weight is **3500 kg**. **Stretch limousines and other**

similar vehicles have their own unique specification due to the type of vehicle licensed.

- A1.5 All vehicles shall be either a purpose built hackney carriage or a 4-door saloon or 5-door estate/multi-passenger vehicle. **Except that a private hire vehicle shall not be of the London taxi type.**
- A1.6 **(1) No vehicle on first being licensed should be more than six years and 364 days old from its date of first registration.** No vehicle shall be licensed after it is **11 years and 364 days old** from the date of its first registration.
- (2) Vehicles over the age of 12 years which are prestige vehicles or wheelchair accessible vehicles** may apply for "**Exceptional Quality**" Status, which allows them to be licensed until such time as a major mechanical defect is found when the vehicle must be removed from service. This decision will be that of the Authority and is discretionary.
- A1.7 Vehicles should have no damage affecting the structural safety of the vehicle and **must not have been written off for insurance purposes at any time.**
- A1.8 Sufficient means shall be provided by which any person in the vehicle may communicate easily with the driver.
- A1.9 All vehicles shall at all times be maintained in sound and roadworthy condition and serviced according to the manufacturer's recommendations. The vehicle must be clean internally and externally at all times.
- A1.10 No vehicle should be fitted with 'bull bars'.

A2 DOORS

- A2.1 All saloons, estates or purpose built taxi vehicles shall have **at least four side-opening doors**, which may be opened from the inside and the outside. Minibuses, transits and people carrier type vehicles shall **have at least three doors** not including any tailgate or rear doors. In some circumstances, i.e. smart cars, two doors will be acceptable for private hire vehicles where approved by the Authority to meet a specific business need.
- A2.2 All vehicles shall be constructed so that the doors open sufficiently wide as to allow easy access into and egress from the vehicle.
- A2.3 All vehicles, including larger passenger vehicles (multi-purpose vehicles), must have **sufficient safe and suitable access and egress from the vehicle** for the driver and all passengers and the driver's front door. Where concerns are raised about the ability to leave the vehicle quickly and safely, the number of passengers the vehicle is licensed to carry will be reduced accordingly.

A3 INTERIOR DIMENSIONS

- A3.1 **Height Inside:** There must be sufficient space between the seat cushions and the lowest part of the roof to safely accommodate the driver and passengers in reasonable comfort.
- A3.2 **Knee Space:** There must be sufficient space between the front and back seats to safely accommodate the driver and passengers in reasonable comfort.

A4 SEATS

- A4.1 **Access to every passenger seat must be unobstructed** and be easily accessible to passengers.
- A4.2 Passenger seats must **be at least 16 inches**, or the metric equivalent, wide per passenger with no significant intrusion by wheel arches, armrests or other parts of the vehicle. There must be a minimum of **34 inches headroom** for all passenger seats measured from the rear of the seat cushion to the roof lining.
- A4.3 In relation to the carriage of child passengers under three years of age in the front seat, an appropriate child restraint **MUST** be worn. Where a child passenger is between three and 11 years old an adult seat belt must be worn if an appropriate child restraint is not available.

A5 SEAT BELTS

- A5.1 All vehicles must be fitted with fully operational rear seat belts, one for each passenger to be carried, fully compliant with British Standards except where the law specifically provides an exemption.

A6 PASSENGER CAPACITY

- A6.1 **The carrying capacity of all vehicles shall be at the discretion of the Authority** having regard to the manufacturer's specifications and compliance with dimensions referred to previously and safety factors. The Licensing Authority will licence any vehicle manufactured or adapted to carry up to eight passengers (excluding driver) provided it meets the criteria set down within this policy.

A7 FIRST AID KIT and FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

- A7.1 There shall be provided in such a position as to be readily available at all time when the vehicle is used for hire, a suitable First Aid Kit, bearing the registered number of the vehicle, containing appropriate dressings and appliances for immediate use in an emergency.

This kit places no obligation on the driver to render First Aid and is primarily for the driver's own benefit.

Appropriate fire fighting equipment must be carried in the vehicle at all times.

A8 VENTILATION

A8.1 Windows must be provided at the rear and sides along with means of opening and closing not less than one window on either side.

A8.2 Rear passenger windows must be capable of being opened by passengers when seated, unless air conditioning is available.

A9 LUGGAGE

A9.1 Adequate storage for passenger luggage separated from the passenger compartment without obstructing any emergency exits must be available. Luggage carried must be suitably secured in place.

Estate cars must be fitted with a safety grill or cargo or parcel shelf to prevent luggage entering the passenger area via the top of the rear passenger seats.

No fuel or fuel containers can be carried in the luggage area of such vehicles.

A10 MAINTENANCE AND CONDITION OF THE VEHICLE

A10.1 The interior and exterior of the vehicle shall be maintained in a clean, safe and proper manner to the reasonable satisfaction of the Council and without prejudice to the foregoing in particular the exterior of the vehicle shall be free of large dents, rust or unrepaired accident damage and shall at all times have uniform paintwork equivalent to that applied by the manufacturer. The interior shall be free of all stains, splits, and tears to the same and the seats shall be required to function in accordance with the original manufacturer's specification.

A10.2 Vehicles shall be liable to be inspected and tested at any time. If upon inspection it is discovered that a vehicle is not being properly maintained, or kept in good order, a stop notice may be served on the owner to this effect, setting out the defects to be remedied. If public safety is compromised by the defects, the further use of the vehicle may be prohibited by a suspension or stop notice until the defects have been addressed and the vehicle has successfully undergone a further inspection.

A11 MODIFICATIONS

- A11.1 No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle may be made without first complying with road traffic and insurance legislation and secondly the approval of the Licensing Manager or relevant Head of Service, at any time while the licence is in force.

A12 LICENCE PLATES AND STICKERS

- A12.1 At all times while the vehicle is licensed as a hackney or private hire vehicle there shall be securely fixed to the rear of the vehicle the appropriate vehicle licence plates and to the front doors oval stickers supplied by the Council. Detail for inclusion in the oval stickers must be approved by the proprietor in advance with the Licensing Authority to ensure suitability and promote public safety.
- A12.2 All stickers must be removed and returned to the Licensing Authority by the driver/operator with the plate when a vehicle licence is cancelled, suspended, revoked or not renewed.
- A12.3 The number of persons licensed to be carried in the vehicle shall be exhibited outside the vehicle on the vehicle licence plates. **For these purposes children of any age are counted as one person.**
- A12.4 At all times while the vehicle is licensed as either a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle there shall be displayed on the windscreen of such vehicle (top left-hand corner of the windscreen) **the licence disc**, which identifies the vehicle as either a private hire or hackney carriage vehicle. On this will be displayed the registration number of the vehicle and the number of passengers permitted to be carried.

Exemption from displaying plates and stickers

- A12.5 The open display of identifying vehicle plates and door stickers is important in the protection of both the public and the taxi trade. However there are occasions when the display of such identification may have the opposite effect both in terms of customer safety and commercial implications for the operating business.
- A12.6 These cases of exemption from display are rare, the operation of chauffeured, executive and limousine vehicles is such a case where the work carried out is purely that of corporate or business contracts.
- A12.7 Identification of the vehicle as a licensed vehicle may allow 'high risk' passengers to be more easily targeted putting both them and the driver at risk. The display of Council licence external plates may also deter some customers from using the service.

- A12.8 Licensing Authorities have the discretion to exempt the display of licence plates and/or stickers where it is felt to be appropriate to do so provided that the vehicle owner has received express written consent from the Council's Licensing Manager, Public Protection Group Manager or relevant Head of Service.
- A.12.9 It is not intended that all private hire vehicles should have access to this exemption or indeed all 'higher standard vehicle models', the matter will be determined on consideration of the actual business model provided to the Authority.
- A12.10 It is considered appropriate to consider the issue of an exemption notice where the following requirements are met:
- The vehicle is of a higher quality both in terms of brand and condition, for example Audi, Mercedes Benz, BMW, Jaguar, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Lexus, and be maintained to a very high standard with luxury interior and have alloy wheels.
 - The vehicle is used **exclusively** as an executive service for corporate/business contracts. Corporate airport runs, race days and proms will be included. No other private hire bookings to be made to transport customers to the airport outside of an Executive or Corporate arrangement, no circuit work or standard private hire work at any time.

In such cases :

- Vehicles must display an internal disc issued by the Council at all times, in the front windscreen and the vehicle must not be used for standard private hire work at any time.
- The vehicle must have no visible defects, dents or blemishes to the external bodywork and a high specification trim.
- The records required as a condition of the operator licence must be fully complied with
- The driver ID badge must be displayed at all times
- Council **Executive** Private hire plates must be displayed; and
- the sale of alcohol in the vehicle must be covered by a separate licence in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003.
- the vehicle owner must produce to the Council written confirmation from their private hire operator that the vehicle will only undertake executive work; and
- after the vehicle has been licensed for 6 months the operator must produce full booking records to demonstrate that the work undertaken has been business or contracted work only, and thereafter at any time upon request.

There will also be a requirement added to the licence with regards to a formal dress code /Chauffeur uniform in these circumstances and a **minimum of 24 hour pre booking** for executive/corporate bookings.

Where it is found that the vehicle has been used for standard private hire bookings the exemption to display will be **immediately withdrawn** and the vehicle will be required to display its plate and stickers at all times. **This is for reasons of safeguarding as un plated vehicles used as private hire can present an additional public safety risk to customers looking for transport home.**

A13 SIGNAGE

Hackney Vehicle Markings

- A13.1.1 It is important for customers to be able to easily distinguish hackney carriage vehicles from private hire vehicles which are not available for immediate hire. Hackney carriage vehicles, other than minibuses, transits, people carrier type vehicles and those with built-in roof signs, must be fitted with an illuminated external sign on and above the roof of the vehicle showing the word **“TAXI”** on the side facing the front and the name of the company, and its telephone number, or **“TAXI”**, or any combination of the three on the side facing towards the rear of the vehicle. This will be in the format as prescribed and approved by the Council. The roof sign and lettering on the vehicle shall be of an appropriate size to enable it to be read clearly from a distance of 14 metres.
- A13.1.2 The roof sign must be centrally mounted on the vehicle roof and be adequately secured directly to the roof
- A13.1.3 Hackney carriages with built-in roof signs, **the roof light must be extinguished when the fare meter is in use.**
- A13.1.4 Minibuses, transits and people carrier type vehicles which are not able to be fitted with an appropriate roof sign, as indicated above, shall have the word **“Taxi”** in letters of between 25cm and 30 cm in height displayed on the front and rear of the vehicles so that they can be clearly identified as a hackney carriage vehicle.
- A13.1.5 **Full/part livery third party advertising** is not permitted on hackney carriage vehicles.

A.14 LIVERY

- A14.1.1 The council has an approved livery for all newly licensed or replacement licensed hackney carriage vehicles. The livery is in an easily recognisable two colour tone design of **white base and pantone green markings**. All existing licensed vehicles will need to meet this requirement in relation to the livery by 1 January 2021 or as a licensed vehicle is replaced. Funding options will be made available between 2017 and December 2020 to the existing licensed taxi trade to assist with implementation of the livery.

New or replacement private hire vehicles will **not** be able to have vehicles in the colour scheme specified for the hackney carriage livery of a white base.

- A14.1. The livery wrap will be facilitated by the Licensing Authority through its approved installer.

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From January 2021 the full cost of the initial Wrap will need to be met by the new applicant or existing licence holder (vehicle replacement).

It is the responsibility of the licence holder to ensure all livery markings are removed from the vehicles, when the licence is revoked, lapses or surrendered.

A15 Private Hire Vehicle Markings

- A15.1. Oval door stickers and door strip self-adhesive identification signs as approved and supplied by the Council, indicating that "**Pre-booked only**" must be affixed to the driver's door and front passenger door panels of the vehicle or within the Ovals. These signs should not be tampered with in any way and **must** be displayed at all times whilst the vehicle has current private hire plates affixed. The oval stickers must include the **Operator's licensed trading name** as approved by the Authority as the prominent feature in the design to promote safeguarding and to support cross boundary sub-contracting bookings. The telephone number advertised must be the Operators landline telephone number.

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- A15.1. A private hire vehicle must not carry any roof sign or any markings or wordings that might give the impression that it is a hackney carriage vehicle.

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- A15.1. Any advertising or signage on the vehicle or advertising including social media must **not include** the words "**taxi**", "**cab**", "**hackney carriage**" the use of which is not permitted for private hire services.

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- A15.1. No alternative words or spellings, such as "**Kab**", which would have the effect of leading the public to believe that a vehicle is a hackney carriage available for hire, may be used on the vehicle.

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- A15.1. **New or replacement** private hire vehicles cannot be granted in the same main colour as the livery for hackney carriage vehicles, which will be **white base**. This will enable customers to easily identify the different type of vehicles and give consistency.

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A16 ADVERTISING ETC

- A16.1. Any advertising on the **body of the vehicle** must be **restricted to the approved operators trading name, logo or insignia, their landline telephone number, E-mail address or web site of the owner (HC) or PH operator of the vehicle.**

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A16.1. 2 Some advertising of other third party businesses or products or services is permitted on private hire vehicles with the written agreement of the Licensing Manager.

A16.1. 3 No sign or advertisement shall obliterate or be confused with the vehicle's licence plate, oval stickers or the number plates of the vehicle or interfere with views in and out of the windows of the vehicle.

A16.1. 4 Subject to the following provisions of this section, a sign must be affixed to the outside or inside of the vehicle indicating that **smoking is prohibited in the vehicle** (including E cigarettes) or requesting passengers to refrain from smoking inside the vehicle.

A16.1. 5 Where CCTV is installed in the licensed vehicle stickers must be prominently displayed internally and externally drawing attention to this crime prevention and safety initiative

A16.1. 6 Limited advertising, in line with the requirements of 16.1.1 and 16.1.2 above may be displayed on a vehicle body subject to the following conditions:

A16.1. 7 **Hackney Carriages**

- (i) For saloons and estate cars the lettering of all advertising/graphics etc must be a **maximum height of 15cm** and may be displayed on either the sides of the vehicle, front and rear wings, doors or on the bonnet or the rear of the vehicle
- (ii) For minibuses, transits and people carrier type vehicles, the lettering of all advertising/graphics etc must be a **maximum height of 25cm** and may be displayed on either side of the vehicle, front and rear wings, doors or on the rear of the vehicle. In addition, the single word "**Taxi**", to a maximum height of 30cm, may be placed on the front and rear of the vehicle.
- (iii) Any advertising may include details of current fare scales or discounts charged by the owner/proprietor.

A16.1. 7 **Private Hire Vehicles**

- (i) For saloons and estate cars the lettering of all external advertising/graphics etc must be a **maximum height of 15cm** and must be confined to either the rear doors, the rear wings or the rear of the vehicle to a size which does not exceed **50cm x 30cm** on either side or on the rear of the vehicle. This advertising must be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing.

- (ii) For minibuses, transits and similar people carrier type vehicles, the lettering of all external advertising/graphics etc must be a **maximum height of 25cm** and must be confined to either the rear doors, the rear wings or the rear of the vehicle to a size which does not exceed **90cm x 30cm** on either side or on the rear of the vehicle. This advertising must be approved by the Licensing Authority in writing.
- (iii) No signs whatsoever, other than the identification oval signs approved and supplied by the Council must be affixed to the driver's door and front passenger door panels of the vehicle. The detail to be agreed with the Licensing Authority.

Advertisements displayed on hackney carriage and private hire vehicles must comply with Consumer Protection and Trading Standards legislation.

A17 COMMUNICATIONS DEVICES

- A17.1. All two-way radio equipment must be of a type currently approved by the
1 Radio Communications Agency.
- A17.1. All radio equipment fitted to the vehicle must be fitted securely and safely
2 and in accordance with guidelines for the time being published by the Radio Communications Agency.
- A17.1. Only one two-way radio with a single operator frequency may be operational
3 in the vehicle at any one time and this shall be an **approved radio used exclusively for the hackney carriage/private hire operator and licensed** with an effective radio power (ERP) not exceeding 25 watts.
- A17.1. The use of a Citizen Band (CB) transmitter or receiver is allowed however
4 any driver found using the device to intercept jobs for other service providers or using the device whilst driving the vehicle will be dealt with through disciplinary procedures and the transmitter will be removed from the vehicle.

A18 METERS

Hackney Carriages

- A18.1. In order to reduce the risk of overcharging, all taximeters must be fitted and
1 operated as **calendar controlled meters** in the hackney carriage vehicles and must be **correctly calibrated, sealed and fully functional** in accordance with the current Council approved fare structure and easily visible to passengers.
- A18.1. Meters shall be tested over the 'measured mile' and must not incorporate
2 any other Licensing Authority's fare structure.

- A18.1. 2 The taximeter and all the fittings thereof shall be so affixed to the carriage with seals or other appliances, so as not to be practicable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances.
- A18.1. 3 The taximeter shall be positioned so that all letters and figures on the face thereof may be at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the vehicle. The dial of the taximeter shall be kept properly illuminated throughout any part of the hiring which is during the hours of darkness as defined for the purposes of the Road Transport Licensing Act 1957 and also at any time at the request of the hirer.
- A18.1. 4 When the meter is operating there shall be recorded on the face of the meter in clearly legible figures a fare not exceeding the maximum fare that may be charged for a journey.
- A18.1. 5 If the taximeter has been **altered for whatever reason**, the proprietor of the vehicle shall forthwith **report the alteration to the Licensing Section so that arrangements for resetting and resealing may be made.**
- A18.1. 6 An official copy of the Council's **current tariff card** issued by the Licensing Authority shall be **clearly displayed in the vehicle** so as to be plainly visible to passengers carried therein.
- A18.1. 7 The vehicle taximeter shall be brought into operation at the **commencement of the journey** and the fare demanded by the driver **shall not be greater than that fixed by this Council** in connection with the hire of hackney carriages. The driver can charge less than the fare on the meter.

In the event of such a journey commencing in but ending outside East Riding of Yorkshire Council area there may be charged for the journey such fare or rate of fare, if any, **as was agreed before the hiring was effected**, if no such agreement was made then the fare to be charged **should be no greater than that fixed by the Council** in connection with the hire of hackney carriages and the meter used throughout the journey.

Private Hire

- A18.1. 8 **Private hire vehicles can be fitted with a taximeter.** Any taximeter fitted to a private hire vehicle must comply with those conditions and requirements set out above, which appertain to such meters when fitted in hackney carriage vehicles.
- A18.1. 9 The current fare chart shall be clearly displayed in the vehicle or there shall be exhibited within the vehicle, so as to be plainly visible to passengers carried therein, **a notice indicating that the hire charges for the vehicle are not prescribed by the Council but are a matter of negotiation with the hirer.**

A19 TRAILERS

- A19.1. Trailers can be used in connection with hackney carriages and private hire
1 bookings but **cannot be used for plying for hire on a rank**. Trailers may only be used with the **prior approval** of the Licensing Manager or Senior Licensing Officer and a risk assessment must be carried out by the vehicle proprietor to ensure there is no risk to the public by using a trailer.

Trailers must clearly display an identification plate showing the hackney carriage/private hire licence number on the rear of the trailer used in addition to the plate on the rear of the hackney carriage/private hire vehicle.

A driver who wishes to tow a trailer must ensure and satisfy the Licensing Authority that the vehicle insurance and the driver's driving licence cover this use.

Roof boxes are not permitted on hackney carriage or private hire vehicles.

A20 VEHICLES POWERED BY LIQUID PETROLEUM GAS (LPG)

- A20.1. The Council must be fully satisfied that any vehicle that has been converted
1 to LPG has been converted correctly prior to a licence being issued. The Council will undertake checks with the UK LPG Vehicle Register to ensure that this is the case.

Where it is considered that the conversion has not been undertaken correctly and/or the vehicle is unsafe in any way, the Council will refuse the application or revoke the licence.

- A20.1. If an LPG conversion involves installation of an LPG fuel tank in a vehicle's
2 boot space (and possible relocation of the spare wheel) it shall be a requirement that an amount of space shall remain free for the stowage of a reasonable amount of luggage and any spare wheel displaced as a result must be stowed in a location that does not impinge on the passenger carrying area of a vehicle.

Any LPG conversion to a vehicle carried out during a current licensed period which is not notified to the Licensing Team within 7 days of the conversion and /or no LPG Conversion Certificate is produced, then the licence will be immediately revoked. This will also be the case should a conversion be carried out incorrectly and/or the vehicle is unsafe in any way.

A21 TINTED WINDOWS

- A21.1. The front windscreen and driver's front passenger window of any **vehicle**
1 **shall not be excessively tinted in any way so that less than 70% of light is** transmitted through it, the back windows should have at **least 30%** light transmittance unless the following criteria can be met:-

- (i) The vehicle is licensed only for private hire purposes and the vehicle is a **stretch limousine or executive/prestige type vehicle** (see separate additional private hire conditions for limousines and
- (ii) The vehicle **will not** be engaged at all in any contract for the carriage of school children or based on the carriage of children/young persons or vulnerable adults.
- (iii) The operator must, unless such a vehicle has been specifically requested, inform a hirer that such a vehicle will be supplied.

A21 INSURANCE

- A21.1. There shall be a policy of insurance or such security as complies with the requirements of Part IV of the Road Traffic Act 1988 during the currency of the vehicle licence. The cover required under this policy is **fully comprehensive** and the policy should cover **by name**, all licensed drivers who drive the licensed vehicle. Private Hire Operators must check insurance policies carefully to ensure that the licensed driver is covered to drive each licensed vehicle operating under their licence. A copy of the insurance should be held on file by the operator.

A22 CHANGES

- A22.1. Any change affecting the vehicle licence must be notified **within 7 days** of such change, to the Taxi Hub.
- A22.1. When the holder of a vehicle licence wishes to transfer the licence to another person he must notify the Taxi Hub, in writing, before such change takes place. Failure to do so is likely to result in the refusal to renew the licence. The new proprietor of the vehicle must make a transfer application on the prescribed form enclosing the signed consent of the existing licence holder.

A23 INSPECTION

- A23.1. **The vehicle licence must be available for inspection at all times** on request by any authorised officer of the Council or any Humberside Police Officer.

A24 UNAUTHORISED USE OF A LICENSED VEHICLE

- A24.1. The proprietor of a private hire vehicle or hackney carriage or private hire operator despatching the vehicle **shall not allow the vehicle to be driven at any time or used for hire by any person who does not hold a current private hire or hackney carriage driver's licence**, as

appropriate, issued by East Riding of Yorkshire Council. **It is a criminal offence to do so and is likely to invalidate the insurance policy in place.**

A25 ACCIDENT AND INCIDENT REPORTING

A25.1. If any licensed vehicle is involved in any accident, however minor, this must be reported to the Taxi Hub ***within 48 hours of the incident by e mail or telephone (followed up in writing).***
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A25.1. Where, following an accident or damage to a licensed vehicle, it is the intention of the owner or operator to continue licensed use; the vehicle must be inspected by the Council's test centre (at the owner's or operator's expense) to determine its fitness for continued use. A licensing officer may suspend the use of a licensed vehicle until it is suitably repaired.
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A25.1. A licensed vehicle which has suffered major accident damage or requires substantial mechanical repair may be replaced by a hire vehicle, provided:-
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- (i) The damage to, or defect in, the vehicle has been reported;
- (ii) Application is made in the usual way for a change of vehicle (albeit temporarily);
- (iii) The replacement vehicle meets the licensing criteria and is suitable to be used for hire purposes;
- (iv) The hiring of the hire vehicle is organised and paid for by the affected licensed owner or operator.

A26 MISCELLANEOUS

A26.1. The proprietor shall not knowingly cause or permit the vehicle to be used for any illegal or immoral purpose whatsoever.
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A27 DISPENSATION/ VARIATION

27.1.1 The Council may in exceptional circumstances by way of special condition dispense with or vary any of the conditions set out herein. This matter will be considered by the Licensing Committee following the receipt of a complete application