

LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCES

CONDITIONS OF LICENCE

1. **Maintenance of Vehicle**
The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment shall at all times when the vehicle is in use or available for hire be kept in an efficient, safe, tidy and clean condition and all relevant statutory requirements (including in particular those contained in Motor Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations shall be fully complied with. All private hire vehicles will undergo a mechanical inspection, by an approved garage, every six months.
2. **Alteration of Vehicle**
No material alteration or change in the specification, design, condition or appearance of the vehicle shall be made without the approval of the Council at any time while the licence is in force.
3. **Identification Plate**
The plate identifying the vehicle as a private hire vehicle is required to be exhibited on the vehicle pursuant to Section 48(6) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and shall be securely fixed to the rear of the vehicle in a conspicuous position and in such matter as to be easily removable by an authorised officer of the Council or a Constable.
4. **Interior Markings**
The proprietor shall cause to be clearly marked and maintained inside the vehicle in such a position as to be visible at all times to persons conveyed therein the number of his licence and the number of passengers prescribed in this licence.
5. **Safety Equipment**
There shall be provided and maintained in the vehicle at all times when it is in use or available for hire a suitable first aid kit containing appropriate first aid dressings and appliances. Such equipment to be carried in such a position in the vehicle as to be readily visible and available for use in an emergency.
6. **Signs, Notices etc**
The proprietor shall cause to be affixed and maintained in the vehicle in a conspicuous position in accordance with the directions of the Council any sign or notice relating to private hire vehicles which the Council may from time to time require.
7. **Insurance**
A current insurance certificate or cover note must be displayed, where it can be seen by the passengers, in each private hire vehicle.
8. **Change of Address**
The proprietor shall notify the Council in writing of any change of his address during the period of the licence within seven days of such change taking place.
9. **Convictions**
The proprietor shall within seven days disclose to the Council in writing details of any conviction imposed on him, (or, if the proprietor is a company or a partnership, or any of the directors or partners) during the period of the licence.
10. **Deposit of Driver's Licences**

If the proprietor permits or employs any other person to drive the vehicle as a private hire vehicle, he shall before that person commences to drive the vehicle cause the driver to deliver to him his private hire driver's licence for retention until such time as the driver ceases to be permitted or employed to drive the vehicle or any other vehicle of his.

11. Accidents

Any incident to a private hire vehicle causing damage materially affecting the safety, performance or appearance of the vehicle or the comfort or convenience of persons carried therein, must be reported as soon as practicable and in any case within 72 hours of the occurrence.