



# *Basingstoke and Deane*

## **TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847**

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 – PART II**

## **HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE**

### **Notes to Applicants**

Before a licence may be issued in respect of a Hackney Carriage the applicant, being the proprietor of the vehicle, must:-

- 1) Complete and submit to the Council an application on the form prescribed by the Council.
- 2) Satisfy the Council that:-
  - (a) the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and to operate a Hackney Carriage;
  - (b) that the vehicle is registered under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971, or any re-enactment thereof, and that there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle, public liability insurance cover of £2m, and a policy of insurance on a minimum of third party basis or such security as complies with the requirements of Part IV of the Road Traffic Act 1972, or any re-enactment thereof. The certificate of registration and insurance together with a motor vehicle test certificate must be available for examination by the authorised officer of the Council;
  - (c) the vehicle is in a suitable mechanical condition, is both safe and comfortable for the carriage of passengers and suitable in type, size and design for the use as a Hackney Carriage;
  - (d)
    - (i) a vehicle will be suitable provided that it complies with the Council's specifications for vehicles to be licensed as Hackney Carriages.
    - (ii) a vehicle which does not comply with the Council's specification referred to in paragraph (2) (d) (i) of these conditions, will be suitable if the Committee is satisfied with the requirements of paragraph (2) (c);

- (iii) be of sufficient seating to carry at least four and not more than eight passengers in addition to the driver. The seating capacity shall be determined in accordance with paragraphs (i) (a) and (i) (b) and paragraph (ii) of Regulation 42 of the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 1971 or any re-enactment thereof;
  - (iv) the vehicle be equipped with an appliance for extinguishing fire which must be carried in the vehicle in such a position as to be readily available for use and such appliance must comply with the requirements relating to fire extinguishing appliances for use on public service vehicles and the specification of the British Standards Institution No. BS 5423 and has a minimum capacity of 1kg;
  - (v) be equipped with a comprehensive first-aid kit containing such dressings and appliances as may be required for use in emergency, such first-aid kit to be located in a position as to be immediately available.
- 3) A Hackney Carriage will require a Compliance Test Certificate at first licence and annually thereafter. The vehicle test must be carried out at a certified test centre nominated by the Council.
  - 4) Present the vehicle for inspection at such place within the Borough and at such time as the Council may by notice to the applicant require.
  - 5) A Hackney Carriage between three and eight years of age will be licensed annually but tested every six months, over eight years the vehicle if deemed in exceptional condition will also be licensed annually but tested every four months.
  - 6) A Hackney Carriage must be less than three years of age on first licence.
  - 7) A Hackney Carriage eight years of age and over shall not be relicensed unless deemed in exceptional condition, and needs to be tested every four months.