

GUIDANCE ON BECOMING A PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER IN BASINGSTOKE AND DEANE

Question: What is private hire?

Private hire is the provision of a vehicle and driver to undertake a journey carrying passengers from one location to another for a fee. The journey may only be undertaken if booked in advance with a licensed private hire operator. Three licences are required in order to undertake a private hire journey

- 1. **Private hire operator licence -** This authorises a company or an individual to receive bookings and dispatch licensed vehicles and drivers to undertake bookings.
- 2. **Private hire driver's licence -** This authorises a driver to drive licensed vehicles to carry the passengers.
- 3. **Private hire vehicle licence -** This authorises a specific vehicle to be used for carrying the passengers.

This guidance document outlines the procedure that must be followed in order to apply for a new private hire drivers' licence. Separate guidance documents are available on our website for private hire vehicle and operator licence applications.

All three licences must be in place and issued by the same authority in order for a legitimate private hire booking to be accepted.

Question: What are the differences between hackney carriage and private hire vehicles?

Hackney carriage vehicles generally look like a London style cab and have an illuminated "TAXI" sign on the roof. Hackney carriages can be hailed in the street or they can be hired at any taxi rank in the borough. Only a licensed hackney carriage ('taxi', 'black cab') may ply for hire. Private hire drivers are not allowed to ply for hire. Plying for hire is an offence under the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and carries a maximum penalty of £2,500.

Private hire drivers must not accept bookings from anyone other than their licensed operator. Private hire drivers must not draw attention to themselves as being available for hire or provide his/her own telephone number. A gesture accompanied by a conversation with a member of the public suggesting that a private hire driver is available for hire without a prior booking from a licensed operator will be seen as unlawful. A private hire driver must not allow any passenger to enter their vehicle without first having received a booking via your licensed operator. Private hire drivers are not allowed to set down or pick up passengers from a taxi rank even if booked through a licensed operator.

Question: How long will my application take?

The licensing team estimates that the application process should take approximately 8-12 weeks. This includes the process time for a disclosure and barring service (DBS) check, driver awareness test (DAT), Blue Lamp Trust driving test and a medical examination. If your application is delayed due to convictions or medical conditions disclosed, or if you fail the required tests, the process may take longer than stated above.

You are reminded it is an offence to work as a private hire driver in this authority until you are in possession of a current private hire driver's licence and badge issued by BDBC.

Question: What do I need to consider before I apply to become a private hire driver?

Applicants must meet specific criteria in order to be considered for a licence and the council must be satisfied that an applicant is a 'fit and proper' person to hold a private hire drivers licence and transport members of the public. Before you make an application you should consider whether you are able to fulfil the following criteria:

Guidance & forms	
Applicants must be over the age of 21.	
Applicants must be able to demonstrate the right to live and work in the UK.	
Applicants must complete and give to the council an application on the form	Section A
provided and pay the current licence fee.	
Applicants must have held a full drivers licence for at least one year prior to the date of application and will be required to provide the licensing team with a DVLA Driver Check or check code authorising the council to confirm details of their driving history. Share your driving licence information (Holders of non UK driving licences will be required to have registered their non UK licence with the DVLA)	Section B
Applicants are required to disclose any criminal history by providing a disclosure and barring service (DBS) enhanced criminal record certificate. Non UK applicants including those who have lived outside the UK must also provide a signed and sealed 'certificate of good conduct' from the embassy of all the relevant countries in which they were born or have lived since the age of 10.	Section C
Applicants will be required to undertake and pass a drivers awareness test (DAT) which will assess their knowledge of the highway code, BDBC conditions of licence, geographical knowledge of the borough and basic English and numeracy skills.	Section D
Applicants will be required to undertake and pass a practical Blue Lamp Trust assessment test, and the Safeguarding and Disability Awareness Classroom courses	Section E
Applicants must produce evidence that they are insured for third party public liability cover to a minimum of £2,000,000.	Section F
Applicants are required to undertake a medical examination and must meet the DVLA Group 2 medical fitness standards.	Section G

If applicants have reason to believe there may be doubt on criminal, motoring or medical grounds as to whether the council will grant the request for a private hire driver's licence, the applicant is advised to contact the licensing team before submitting an application for further advice.

The licensing team will take into account ALL convictions when considering an application for a driver's licence, irrespective of offence; sentence imposed or age when the offence is committed. ALL motoring and criminal offences must be declared on the application form whether spent or unspent. Further information on our policy relating to convictions can be provided to applicants on request.

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NEW PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicant contacts the Licensing team to arrange a new driver appointment.

At the appointment applicant submits documentation listed at Stage 1.

- Application form
- Licence, medical and DBS fee (+ DAT fee option)
- DVLA driving licence, and DVLA Driving licence history Check Code Share your driving licence information

New driver appointment held to discuss process and complete DBS application form .

Applicant submits documentation and completes checks listed at **Stage 2**.

- DBS disclosure
- Medical examination form
- Drivers awareness test
- Blue Lamp Trust driving assessment
- Certificate of good conduct (where applicable)
- Confirmation of licensed operator
- Public liability insurance
- Passport photograph

Following completion of Stages 1 and 2 the licensing team will await a response from the council's medical advisor check.

Once the licensing team is satisfied that the application and all checks are complete they will consider the application and make a decision whether to grant or refuse a private hire driver's licence

GRANT

The licensing team will contact the applicant to advise the licence has been granted and advise when licence and badge are ready for collection

REFUSAL

The licensing team will contact the applicant to advise the licence has been refused and provide information on appeal rights.

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STAGE 1: WHAT DO I NEED WHEN I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

The first stage of the application process requires the applicant to organise an appointment with the licensing team. Applicants should call (01256) 844844 or e-mail licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk to make a new driver appointment. New driver appointments are available on Tuesdays or Thursdays only during office hours and may take up to 1 hour to complete. **Do not submit your application before your appointment is made.**

Additional application documentation can also be submitted in person at the Parklands Reception at the Civic Offices where a member of the customer services team will check your documentation. If you bring your application to the Parklands Reception you will need to take a ticket and the officers will photocopy any original documents and return those to you.

Please do not leave original documents with our reception unless specifically requested by the licensing team.

The following documents must be submitted at the initial appointment with the licensing team (as a minimum requirement):

1. An application form fully completed and signed by you. (Section A)	
2. The current licence fee and DBS criminal check fee (Section A)	
3. A valid DVLA driving licence (counterpart and photo card)	
4. A completed DVLA Check or Check Code (Section B)	
5. Acceptable forms of identification for completion of DBS criminal check	
6. Acceptable forms of identification for a right to work check.	
(Refer to Section C for details of acceptable identification)	
Further documentation listed at Stage 2, can also be submitted at the initial appointment.	

Following your new driver appointment the licensing team will send off your DBS application form and undertake an up to date check on your DVLA driving licence history. The DBS may take between 2-8 weeks to issue your certificate.

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STAGE 2: WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO COMPLETE MY APPLICATION?

The following checks must be completed and relevant documents submitted before your private hire drivers licence application can be determined:

7.	DBS Disclosure certificate Applicants must produce an enhanced DBS disclosure certificate to the licensing team. (Following receipt from the DBS See Section C.)
8.	Medical examination form Applicants must produce a council issued medical examination form completed and signed by your GP or a Doctor at the surgery where you are registered. (Any fee to the doctor is payable by the applicant (See Section G)
9.	Driver awareness test (DAT) Applicants must undertake and pass the drivers awareness test. Payment for tests is payable to the Licensing team. (See Section A for payment details and Section D for further information on the test)
10.	Applicants must undertake and pass the Blue Lamp Trust driving assessment, Disability Awareness and Safeguarding Classroom courses and produce pass certification to the Licensing team. (Payment for the test is payable to the Blue Lamp Trust (See Section E)
11.	Certificate of good conduct (where applicable) Applicants must produce a translated and sealed certificate of good conduct to the licensing team (where applicable)
12.	Confirmation of licensed operator Applicants must confirm details of the licensed private hire operator they will work for.
13.	Public liability insurance Applicants must provide evidence (min. of £2 million public liability insurance): (a) Original certificate (if you are the named policy holder), or (b) Copy of certificate and declaration completed by policy holder (Section F)
14.	Passport photograph Applicants must provide 1 colour passport size photograph.
	licensing team may also request other information considered to be reasonably essary in order to determine the application.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

An enhanced DBS disclosure report will be valid for 6 months only. If your application is not determined before the DBS disclosure expires, a new disclosure will be required.

A medical examination report will be valid for 12 months only. If your application is not determined before the medical expires a new medical will be required.

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Question: What happens next?

Following completion of Stages 1 & 2 and once responses have been received and the licensing team is satisfied that the application is complete, a decision will be made whether to grant or refuse your private hire drivers licence. Applicants may be requested to attend a further interview at the council offices and/or provide other information which may be considered necessary in order to determine the application.

Where a decision is made to grant the private hire drivers licence the applicant will be notified when their licence and badge is ready for collection from the council offices. All private hire driver licences are issued subject to compliance with the standard licence conditions which will be provided on issue of your licence. Further copies of all private hire and hackney carriage licence conditions and byelaws are available to download at www.basingstoke.gov.uk

In accordance with the Immigration Act 2016, if the applicant has a time limited right to work in this country, a licence will only be granted for that stated period of time unless further evidence is provided of an extension to the time limit.

Where a decision is made to refuse the private hire drivers licence the applicant will be notified in writing and provided the opportunity to appeal the decision to the Licensing Sub-Committee or the Magistrates Court within 21 days.

Question: What standard of DBS and Medical requirements are required for licensed private hire drivers

An enhanced disclosure and barring service (DBS) disclosure is required to determine a driver's suitability to be licensed and this is required every three years.

This authority is encouraging all licensed drivers to register with the DBS online service which requires a yearly subscription of £13 by the applicant, and would eliminate the future requirement for a DBS appointment as this authority would seek authorisation to access criminal records online. Ask the officer to discuss the process of registering at your appointment.

In accordance with the licence conditions, all applicants must meet the DVLA Group 2 medical standards. Once a licence is granted the medical is required every five years up to the age of 65, annually thereafter. Under some circumstances our medical advisor may advise more frequent checks are necessary. The GP that carries out the medical must have access to the driver's medical records. The medical form should be returned to the licensing team as soon as possible after completion by the GP.

Question: How do I renew my drivers licence?

Licensed drivers will be sent a renewal reminder by the licensing team between 4-8 weeks before the expiry date. Renewal applications must be submitted at least 10 working days before the current licence expires. Failure to do so could mean your licence is not renewed before your current licence expires and therefore you will be unable to work.

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LICENSING

APPLICATION FOR A NEW PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE (page 1 of 4) This form MUST NOT be used for a renewal private hire drivers licence application.

PLEASE COMPLETE PAG	ETE PAGE ONE AND TWO IN CAPITAL LETTERS USING BLACK INK						
1. NAME (in full)							
2. ADDRESS							
3. HOME TEL. NO.		4.	MOBILE TE	L. NO.			
5. EMAIL ADDRESS		•		•			
6. D.O.B		7.	National In	surance no:			
8. WHEN DID YOU PASS	YOUR DRIVING T	EST?					
9. HAVE YOU EVER LIVE	D IN ANY COUNT	RY OTHE	R THAN TH	E UK? YES	I	NO	
If Yes, when did you become	ne resident in the	UK?:				_	
Please provide details of	Country			From date		To dat	te
ALL other countries you have lived in:							
10. CRIMINAL AND MOTO	RING CONVICTION	ONS, CAU	TIONS OR	WARNINGS			
We take into account ALL co	Please provide details of ALL <u>criminal or motoring convictions, cautions or warnings</u> We take into account ALL convictions when considering an application for a driver's licence. All motoring and criminal convictions must be declared on the application form.						
Nature of Offence	Penalty					Date	
11. ARE THERE ANY CHA	ARGES PENDING	AGAINS1	YOU AT T	HE TIME OF THI	S API	PLICAT	ION?
YES NO							
If Yes, please provide furth details	ner					_	
12. HAVE YOU EVER BEE	N DISQUALIFIED	FROM D	RIVING?	YES		NO	
If Yes, please state date(s) disqualification and reason							
13. HAVE YOU EVER HEL	.D A DRIVERS LIC	CENCE W	ITH ANY O	THER COUNCIL	? YE	s 🗌	NO _
If yes, please state council and dates:							
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14. HAVE YOU EVER HAD A LIC	CENCE OR LICENCE APPLICATION REVOKED OF	R REFUSED? YES NO		
If yes, please state date(s) and reason:				
15. MEDICAL STATUS				
ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY MED PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER?	DICAL CONDITION THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR SUI	TABILITY AS A YES NO		
If yes, please give full details and continue on a separate sheet if necessary				
16. OPERATOR (Private hire and	l hackney drivers undertaking any pre-booked work)		
Please provide the name of the Lice your operator details will follow.	ensed Operator for whom you propose to drive or tick th	e box to indicate that		
Details of operator				
OR Operator details to be confirmed A licence will not be issued without confirmation of the licensed operator for whom you propose to drive				
17. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANT You must be insured for a minim licensing team before your driver	um of £2 million public liability insurance and provi	de evidence to the		
	I enclose evidence of public liability cover (original	certificate)		
I have provided evidence of publicompleted by the named policy h	ic liability cover (copy of certificate) and a declaration	on form		
Evidence of Public Liability Insur	ance to follow			
A private hire drivers licence will	not be issued without evidence of current public lia	ability insurance		
10. DECLARATION				
and correct to the best of my	rmation and particulars given by me in this ap knowledge and belief and I make it knowing ermined and issued in connection with it may	that if it is tendered		
Signature:	Name (please print):	Date:		

Fees 2021		Office Use Only: Code
3 Year Licence	£294.00	YBSE2302-CO41
DBS Criminal Check	£40.00	1-B4603001-YE25
Driver Awareness Test	£36.00	1-B4603001-YB61
Medical Advisor Check (where due)	£33.00	YBSE2302-CO41

Payment to be made prior to your appointment either at the kiosk in the Parklands Reception, if paying by debit/credit card with one of the receptionists, or over the phone with our contact centre (01256) 844844.

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STAGE 1 DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

1. An application form fully completed and signed by you. (Section A)	
2. The current licence fee and DBS criminal check fee (Section A)	
3. A valid DVLA driving licence (counterpart and photo card)	
4. A completed DVLA Check or Check Code (Section B)	
5. Acceptable forms of identification for completion of DBS criminal check	
6. Acceptable forms of identification for a right to work check.	
(Refer to Section C for details of acceptable identification)	
Further documentation listed at Stage 2, can also be submitted at the initial appointment.	

STAG	E 2 DOCUMENT CHECKLIST
7.	DBS Disclosure certificate Applicants must produce an enhanced DBS disclosure certificate to the licensing team. (Following receipt from the DBS See Section C.)
8.	Medical examination form Applicants must produce a council issued medical examination form completed and signed by your GP or a Doctor at the surgery where you are registered. (Any fee to the doctor is payable by the applicant (See Section G)
9.	Driver awareness test (DAT) Applicants must undertake and pass the drivers awareness test. Payment for tests is payable to the Licensing team. (See Section A for payment details and Section D for further information on the test)
10.	Blue Lamp Trust (BLT) driving assessment, Disability Awareness and Safeguarding Applicants must undertake and pass the practical Blue Lamp Trust driving assessment, the BLT Disability Awareness, And Safeguarding course, and produce the three original pass certificates to the Licensing team. (Payment for the tests/courses are payable to the Blue Lamp Trust (See Section E)
11.	Certificate of good conduct (where applicable) Applicants must produce a translated and sealed certificate of good conduct to the licensing team (where applicable)
12.	Confirmation of licensed operator Applicants must confirm the details of the licensed private hire operator they will be working for once their licence is issued.
13.	Public liability insurance Applicants must provide evidence of a minimum of £2 million public liability insurance:
	(a) Original certificate (if you are the named policy holder), or(b) Copy of certificate and declaration completed by policy holder (<u>Section F)</u>
14.	Passport photograph Applicants must provide 1 colour passport size photograph.
	icensing team may also request other information considered to be reasonably necessary in order to mine the application.

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For further information on the requirements to renew a private hire or hackney carriage driver's licence please refer to the 'Notes to Applicants' and 'Conditions of Licence' which are available on our website at www.basingstoke.gov.uk or on request from the licensing team. You can contact the licensing team with any queries on 01256 844844 or email licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk. If you wish to see an officer to discuss your application, you will need to contact the duty officer on (01256) 844844 or email licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk to arrange a convenient appointment. If you arrive without an appointment, there may not be an officer available to see you.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is under a duty to protect the public funds it administers, and to this end may use the information you have provided on this form for the prevention and detection of fraud. It may also share this information with other bodies responsible for auditing or administering public funds for these purposes.

For further information, see the Level 2 notice on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council website which can found at: http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/fraud or contact Internal Audit Investigations Team, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Tel 01256 845501

HOW WE COLLECT AND USE INFORMATION

We will use the information given in this form and any supporting evidence you send us to process your hackney carriage /private hire application. We may pass the information to other agencies or organisations, such as the Department for Work and Pensions and the Inland Revenue, as allowed by law.

We may check information you have provided, or information about you that someone else has provided, with other information held by us. We may also get information about you from certain third parties, or give them information to:

make sure the information is accurate:
 prevent or detect crime; and
 protect public funds.

These third parties include government departments, local authorities, and private-sector companies such as banks and organisations that may lend you money. We will not give information about you to anyone else, or use information about you for other purposes, unless the law allows us.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is the data controller for the purposes of the Data Protection Act. If you want to know more about what information we have about you, or the way we use that information, please ask us.

You have a right of access to the information that this Council holds about you. To request this please write to: Information Governance Officer. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke RG21 4AH

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Immigration Act 2016 - Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1976 Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers/ Private Hire Operators

IMMIGRATION CHECK SELF DECLARATION FORM

Your right to work in the UK will be checked as part of your licence application, this could include the licensing authority checking your immigration status with the Home Office. You must therefore provide a document or document combination that is stipulated as being suitable for this check. The list of documents is set out at List A and B below. You must bring in the original document(s) so that the check can take place. The document(s) will be copied and the copy retained by the licensing authority. The original document will be returned to you.

If there are restrictions on the length of time you may work in the UK, you licence will not be issued for any longer than this period. In such circumstances, the check will be repeated each time you apply to renew or extend your licence. If, during this period, you are disqualified from holding a licence because you have not complied with the UK's immigration laws, your licence will lapse and you must return it to the licensing authority, failure to do so is a crime.

1	Name:	Date of birth:	
A	Address:		
		Post code:	
	UMENTS EVIDENCING RIGHT TO WORK (see guidan eference or issue numbers and expiry dates)	ce notes attached for further information, inclu	ıde
1.			
2.			

DECLARATION

I hereby solemnly and sincerely declare:

- That the information and particulars given by me are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I am aware if I make, knowingly or recklessly, a false statement or omit any information from this form, it is a criminal offence.
- I understand and consent that the information and particulars given by me in this self declaration form may be
 issued to and verified with other enforcement agencies and consulting bodies; including Hampshire Police,
 the Home Office, Local Magistrates Court, and any other corporate body in accordance with data protection
 and the Council's disclosure policy.
- I am aware if any information is tendered inaccurately, relevant information is not disclosed or I make any false statements, my suitability to hold a private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence could be reviewed and I would be subject to enforcement action in accordance with the Licensing Enforcement Policy.
- I will immediately notify licensing of any change in my immigration status which could result in a conviction, warning, penalty or caution and/or any change to my medical condition which could affect my fitness to hold a private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence.

Signature:			Date:	
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Signature: Date:	
Officer Name:	
I confirm receipt and check of immigration documentation (tick relevant documen	tation below).
For Office use only:	

LIST A:

- 1) A passport showing the holder is a British Citizen or a citizen of the UK and the Colonies having the right of abode in the UK.
- 2) A passport or national identity card showing the holder is a national of a European Economic Area county or Switzerland
- A Registration Certificate or Document Certifying Permanent Residence issued by the Home Officer to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland
- 4) A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office
- 5) A Current Biometric Residence Permit issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- 6) A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.
- 7) A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, together with an official document giving the persons permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- 8) A full birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK which includes the name(s) of at least one of the holder's parents or adoptive parents, together with an official document giving the persons permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- 9) A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland together with an official document giving the persons permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- 10) A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British Citizen together with an official document giving the persons permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

If you cannot provide one of the options from List A, please see below:

LIST B:

- 1) A current passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to do the type of work in question.
- 2) A current Biometric Residents Permit issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to do the work in question.
- 3) A current Residence Card, including an Accession Residence Card or a Derivative Residence Card, issued by the Home Office to a non European Economic Area national who is a family member of a national of a European Economic Area country of Switzerland or who has a derivative right of residence.
- 4) A current Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with a valid endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK and is allowed to do the type of work in question, together with an official document giving the persons permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.
- 5) A certificate of Application issued by the Home Office under regulation 17 (3) or 18A(2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulation 2006, to a family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland stating that the holder is permitted to take employment which is less than six months old.

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Obtain a DVLA check code

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You have previously been required to produce the paper part of your licence for an annual check to ensure that no penalty points have been added.

Since June 2015 the counterpart document of everyone's DVLA driving licence has not been valid and has not been kept up to date. Instead everyone's driver record will be held on the DVLA's computers and can be viewed online, by phone or post. Access to the records are restricted and we need your help to carry out our checks. Without this we will be unable to process your application or renew your licence.

To get into your record we now require you to provide us with a "check code" which enables us to go online and check your DVLA driver records.

Confirming your driving record to us

You can do this online for free by accessing the DVLA's <u>share driving licence</u> service. This service should be used by both paper and photocard driving licence holders. You can generate a "check code" to pass to us to view your driving licence details. Remember the "check code" expires after 21 days.

If your licence has been lost, stolen or destroyed you will need to apply for a replacement. You can find out how to do this online at www.gov.uk/apply-online-to-replace-a-driving-licence. Or, as long as you have not changed the details on your photocard licence, you can apply for a replacement licence using a debit card or credit card by phoning 0300 790 6801 between 8am and 2pm on Saturdays.

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SECTION C

HOW TO BOOK A DISCLOSURE AND BARRING SERVICE (DBS) APPOINTMENT

Please contact the licensing team to arrange an appointment to complete a DBS disclosure application form by calling (01256) 844844 or e-mailing licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk. Appointments can be booked on Tuesdays or Thursdays only during office hours.

You will be required to provide evidence of identity in order that the form can be completed; acceptable forms of identity are listed below. Payment for a DBS is £40.00. Please provide a receipt for payment at the appointment.

Following the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) from 25 May 2018, DBS are required to explain to applicants how their personal data will be used and their rights under the GDPR. This is explained in the Enhanced Privacy Policy which can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/dbs-privacy-policies. Before your appointment you MUST read this policy and ensure you understand it as we will require a declaration from you before your DBS application can be submitted. A hard copy of the privacy policy is available from the licensing team on request.

At the appointment three separate documents must be provided to evidence your identity. At least one of the forms of identity you provide must be a:

- Current valid passport, or
- Biometric Residence Permit, or
- UK Driving Licence (photocard)
- Birth Certificate (issued at the time of birth)

If you are unable to do so, then we are required by the DBS to carry out an external ID validation check, which will incur an additional cost of £6.00 (including VAT). If you are able to supply at least one of the forms of identity listed above then the remaining forms of identity can consist of any of the following additional

LIST OF ADDITIONAL VALID IDENTITY DOCUMENTS ACCEPTED FOR AN ENHANCED DBS APPLICATION

All documents must be valid, current and original. Photocopies or documentation printed from the internet will not be accepted.

Trusted Government/State Issued Documents:

- Current UK Driving Licence (old style paper version)
- Current non-UK Photo Driving Licence (valid only for applicants residing outside of the UK at time of application)
- Birth Certificate (UK and Channel Islands) (issued after the time of birth by the General Register Office/relevant authority i.e registrars. (Photocopies are not acceptable.)

- Marriage/Civil Partnership Certificate (UK and Channel Islands)
- Adoption Certificate (UK and Channel Islands)
- HM Forces ID Card (UK)
- Fire Arms Licence (UK and Channel Islands)

Financial and Social History Documents:

- Mortgage Statement ** (UK or EEA) (Non-EEA statements must not be accepted)
- Bank/Building Society Statement *(UK or EEA) (Non-EEA statements must not be accepted)
- Bank/Building Society Account Opening Confirmation Letter (UK)
- Credit Card Statement* (UK or EEA) (Non EEA statements must not be accepted)
- Financial Statement** eg pension, endowment, ISA (UK)
- P45/P60 Statement **(UK and Channel Islands)
- Council Tax Statement ** (UK and Channel Islands)
- Work Permit/Visa** (UK) (UK Residence Permit)
- Letter of Sponsorship from future employment provider (Non-UK/Non-EEA only valid only for applicants residiing outside of the UK at time of application).
- Utility Bill* (UK) Not Mobile Telephone
- Benefit Statement* eg Child Allowance, Pension
- A document from Central/Local Government/Government Agency/
 Local Authority giving entitlement*(UK and Channel Islands) eg from the
 Department for Work and Pensions, the Employment Service, Customs & Revenue,
 Job Centre, Job Centre Plus, Social Security
- EU National ID Card
- Cards carrying the PASS accreditation logo (UK and Channel Islands)

Denoted with * documentation should be less than three months old documentation should be issued within past 12 months Not denoted documentation can be more than 12 months old.

On completing your appointment the licensing team will send the completed application form to the Disclosure and Barring Service.

The certificate will then be issued to you at the address listed on your DBS application form, no copy will be sent to the licensing team. You MUST therefore produce your DBS Enhanced Disclosure Certificate to the licensing team as soon as possible.

The DBS have introduced a new Update Service. Details will be provided at your appointment. If you already subscribe to the DBS Update Service and want Basingstoke and Deane licensing team to carry out a status check, you must provide an enhanced DBS certificate and a completed **consent form**. Your certificate must be for a child and adult workforce. No fee is required for a status check. Further information on the Update Service can be found at www.gov.uk/dbs

FURTHER INFORMATION

Obtaining a certificate of good conduct

Any person submitting a new application for a private hire driver's licence who was born or has lived outside the UK for any period of time, should submit, at their own expense, a translated and sealed certificate of good conduct. This is to be obtained from the embassy or relevant authority of **each** country where they have lived since the age of ten years old. This will provide an equivalent record of criminal history as provided by the enhanced disclosure and barring service check required for UK applicants. Information regarding embassies can be found at the following website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/world/organisations

It is recommended that the applicant contacts the embassy in the first instance to see if they are able to provide the required information. If they are unable to provide a certificate of good conduct applicants should consult with the Licensing team who can advise on further avenues that you may take to provide the document required; for example a letter from the local police authority in the country in which you previously resided.

DBS Criminal record Check Certificates: Removal of old and minor offences

Due to changes in legislation, with effect from 29 May 2013, the Disclosure and Barring

Service (DBS) will remove certain specified old and minor offences from criminal record

certificates issued from that date. Further information can be obtained from the Licensing team
on request.

Retention Policy

As an organisation using the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to help assess the suitability of applicants for positions of trust, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council complies fully with the DBS Code of Practice regarding the correct handling, use, storage, retention and disposal of Disclosures and Disclosure information. Further information can be obtained from the Licensing team on request.

Policy Statement Ex-Offender

As an organisation using the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to assess applicants' suitability for positions of trust, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council complies fully with the DBS Code of Practice and undertakes to treat all applicants fairly. Further information can be obtained from the Licensing team on request.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Private Hire Drivers Guidelines relating to convictions

Hackney carriage and private hire drivers are listed as regulated occupations within the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975. No conviction is categorised as spent under this Order. **All** categories that criminal offences fall into are deemed to be relevant to the role of a private hire and hackney carriage driver. Therefore we take into account **all** convictions when considering an application for a driver's licence, irrespective of offence, sentence imposed or age when the offence is committed. Further details of our policy relating to convictions can be obtained from the licensing team on request.

Private Hire Driver Awareness Test Please read carefully before booking your test date

The private hire driver awareness test is designed as a general test for private hire driver licence applicants to ensure a working knowledge of the borough of Basingstoke and Deane and the private hire trade.

There are five sections to the awareness test, 10 questions in each section, all multi choice and headed as follows:

Section A: Private hire regulations and the Law - Example:

How many passengers are you permitted to carry in a private hire vehicle?

a) Four

b) Five

c) Eight

d) The number of passengers printed on the licence/plate

Applicants are advised to study the Highway Code to prepare for Section 1 of the test. The full Highway Code is available online on the GOV.UK website or testing aids can be found at your local library or bookshop.

Section B: An understanding of general driving - Example:

If a police officer orders your car to stop and he finds that you have a faulty tyre, who is responsible?

a) You, the driver

- b) Whoever services the car
- c) The previous owner
- d) Whoever issued the current MOT

Applicants are advised to study the conditions of licence for private hire operators, vehicles and drivers. Applicants may also wish to refer to recent editions of our taxi and private hire newsletter. Copies of the relevant conditions and newsletters can be found on our website www.basingstoke.gov.uk or provided to applicants on request. This section also includes questions relating to dealing with disabled customers.

Section C: Basic English and Numeracy - Example:

The cost of a journey is £8.50. The passenger gives you a £10.00 note and tells you to keep the change.

How much will your tip be?

a) £1.50

b) £2.00

c) £2.50

d) £3.00

Applicants are advised to contact Basingstoke College of Technology, Worting Road, Basingstoke RG21 8TN if they need help to improve their English and/or numeracy skills.

Section D : Geographical knowledge - Example:

Where is Everest Community Academy

- a) Queen Mary Avenue
- b) Worting Road
- c) Crossborough Hill
- d) Oxford Way

Applicants are advised to ensure that they have studied a local area map book and are confident in finding their way around the borough. It will be beneficial for applicants to familiarise themselves with the estates and villages within the Basingstoke and Deane area as well as taking note of any of the larger public houses, colleges and academy's, local landmarks, hotels and places of interest including leisure parks.

Section E: Random test (10 multiple choice questions)

Section E of the test is a general test and includes a combination of questions relating to sections A to D.

The fee is payable in advance for any test taken (including resits).

How will the test be carried out?

- This is an electronic test which is taken whilst sat at a computer.
 The candidate selects the correct answer selected from four multi-choice options.
- The overall time allowed for the test is 60 minutes.
- Tests will take place at the Civic Offices, Basingstoke and be overseen by a customer services officer
- Anyone who has a problem with reading and/or using a computer should advise the licensing team before booking their test date.
- There is a 80% pass mark which must be achieved in each section. Results will be sent by post or email within two weeks of the test taking place.

What if I fail to achieve the pass mark first time?

- Any applicant not achieving a pass will be required to resit a whole test.
- If a second **resit** is not passed the applicant will be required to wait 6 months before they may apply to resit a whole test. This policy applies for every 3 tests taken that are not passed, ie a 6 month waiting period before another test can be taken.

(NB: Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) disclosures are only kept for 6 months. After this time a new DBS disclosure will be required)

How do I book a test?

- Contact the licensing team on (01256) 844844 or e-mail <u>licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk</u> to confirm the next available test date. Remember tests take place on Wednesdays only.
- Payment for the test is payable in advance to confirm your place on the test. Applicants will be informed of their test date by email/post.

NB: If you drive to the council offices you are advised to seek alternative parking as the the council car park has limited spaces.

How to book a Blue Lamp Trust private hire assessment test

To book a test over the phone you will need a:

- valid UK (or Northern Ireland) photocard licence or
- full British old style paper licence and valid passport, or
- European Union driving licence with a UK paper counterpart.
- valid debit or credit card for payment (Visa, Mastercard, Delta, Visa Electron, Switch/Maestro and Solo cards are accepted)

Please ensure you make it clear which test you are booking for:

Private hire or taxi
Practical test

Booking a Test by phone:

Practical Test Booking	0300 777 0157
Line	

You can book a practical test over the phone from **Monday to Friday**, **9.30am to 4pm**.

FEES

Private Hire Saloon	£87.00
Highway Code / Traffic Signs / Cabology questions	

What does the assessment involve?

The assessment consists of a driving licence and eyesight check followed by a 45 minute driving test across a variety of road types. Each candidate will be asked to perform 2 reversing manoeuvres and possibly an emergency stop. A maximum of 9 driving faults are allowed and a high level of driving competence is required to pass.

Successful candidates will be issued with a copy of their marking sheet and the relevant licencing authority issued with an e-certificate.

You must use glasses or contact lenses during the whole test if you need them to read the number plate. You can't take the driving part of the assessment if you fail the eyesight test.

Vehicle requirements

Your vehicle must meet the same requirements as the car practical driving test, and be a vehicle which would be suitable for use as a private hire vehicle in line with the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council vehicle specification.

Documents you must bring

You must bring both parts of your driving licence - the photocard and the paper counterpart. You must take your signed driving licence and a valid passport if you have an old-style paper licence.

Failing the assessment

If you fail the assessment you'll get a debrief from the examiner and a copy of your assessment. You must wait at least 3 clear working days before you retake the assessment. Sundays and public holidays don't count as working days.

Passing the assessment

When you pass your taxi assessment, you'll get a pass certificate (form TPH10), a copy of your assessment and a debrief from the examiner.

Applicants must then produce the original pass certificate to the licensing team to demonstrate they have successfully passed the test.

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BLUE LAMP TRUST GUIDANCE ON ASSESSMENT REQUIREMENTS

Driving Assessment

Many (but not all) local authorities will require you take a taxi/PH driving assessment, which will be carried out by a DVSA approved assessor. The test will require you to show a level of driving skill and ability associated with that of an experienced driver. You will also need to demonstrate a sound knowledge of the Highway Code.

The standard needed to pass the test will be higher than that of a learner driver taking the standard driving test and will take into account issues specifically related to taxi driving. The main focus of the test will be on road safety and the safe conveyance of passengers. Your passengers must feel safe at all times.

The driving test will last for around forty five minutes. You will have to drive on a wide range of roads and in a variety of road traffic conditions and this may include motorways and dual carriageways.

Manoeuvres

The test will require you to carry out 2 reversing manoeuvres from the following chosen by the assessor:

- A turn in the road.
- A left or right reverse from major to minor road.
- Reversing into a car parking space (Bay Parking).
- Reversing into a space at the side of the road (Parallel Parking).

Manoeuvres must be made safely, under control and in accordance with the Highway Code.

Stopping the vehicle

As this is common practice when driving a taxi the examiner will require you to perform two or three stops. You should:

- Pull up at a reasonable distance from the kerb where it is safe, legal and convenient.
- Apply the handbrake.
- Select neutral gear.
- Ensure there are no obstructions, such as a street light, that would stop a passenger opening the door.

The Independent drive

Independent driving forms part of the practical driving test. It requires the test candidate to drive without being given directions by the assessor by either following a series of street directions, following traffic signs, or a combination of both, for about ten minutes.

It doesn't matter if the candidate doesn't remember every direction, or if they go the wrong way - that can happen to the most experienced drivers. Independent driving is not a test of the candidates orientation and navigation skills, it is about being capable of making their own decisions whilst driving and how to safely navigate that route without prompts - this includes deciding when it's safe and appropriate to ask for confirmation about where they are going.

When taking the independent driving test:

- If you need to ask the examiner for a reminder of the directions then do so. Once asked the examiner will confirm the route.
- If you go off-route your overall driving test result will not be affected, unless you commit a
 driving fault. The examiner will also help you get back on the route so you can continue
 with independent driving.
- If there are poor or obscured traffic signs, the examiner will give directions until the next visible traffic sign.
- A detailed knowledge of the test route is not necessary.
- You cannot use a Sat-Nav.

Driving Assessment Marking

- Remember this is an assessment and involves no element of training or guidance. The assessor is only there to observe your drive and mark accordingly.
- The assessor is independent, accredited by the DVSA and will simply mark your driving against structured assessment criteria.
- The assessor will mark you as they would a learner driver taking the normal practical driving test. For more information check the DVSA website on driving tests.
- If you commit more than 9 driving faults you will fail, whereas a learner can score fifteen.
- You will also fail if you score one or more serious or dangerous driving faults.
- Driving Fault This is a fault that is not potentially dangerous but if you make the same fault throughout your assessment it could become a serious fault.
- Serious Fault a potentially dangerous incident has occurred or where a regular driving fault shows a serious or potentially dangerous weakness in the candidate's driving.
- Dangerous Fault Involves actual danger to either you, the examiner, the public or property.
- The Assessor can only mark what is seen. No matter how many years you have been driving or your previous driving experiences, the assessor will simply mark what you do on your assessment, so if you make mistakes these will be marked.

The Assessment Results

- Remember the standard of driving expected will be higher than that of a learner driver.
- If you commit offences such as driving in a bus lane contrary to a restriction, contravening a traffic light, overtaking contrary to the road marks and other similar actions you will automatically fail.
- If during your assessment you commit more than 9 driving faults, you will also fail.
- If you demonstrate a safe smooth drive without any serious or dangerous faults and 9 or less driving faults you will pass your test.
- In accordance with DVSA practice the assessor's decision is final.
- The assessor will give you your result at the end of the assessment. You will also be given a copy of your assessment sheet at this time.

How to book a Blue Lamp Trust Disability Awareness Classroom Course

To book the Blue Lamp Trust Disability Awareness Classroom Course, please visit:

Disability Awareness | THE BLUE LAMP TRUST

The course aims to provide Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers with a knowledge and understanding of disabilities, their responsibilities and best practice protocols to provide safe and secure transport to all passengers. The candidate will be able to:

- Understand what is meant by the term disability
- Understand the law and legal requirements around disability
- Understand different types of disability
- Understand how to load and secure passengers and wheelchairs
- Understand best practice when interacting with a disabled passenger
- Understand the regulations about assistance dogs
- Understand their duty of care responsibilities and best practice protocols

Learning will be consolidated via Knowledge Check Questions throughout the course. The course costs £40. Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Disability Awareness Course can be seen here: THE BLUE LAMP TRUST DISABILITY AWARENESS COURSE FAQS

How to book a Blue Lamp Trust Safeguarding Classroom Course

To book the Blue Lamp Trust Safeguarding Classroom Course, please visit:

THE BLUE LAMP TRUST - SAFEGUARDING

The course aims to provide Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers with a knowledge and understanding of Safeguarding, their responsibilities and best practice protocols. The candidate will be able to:

- Understand what is meant by the term 'safeguarding'
- Identify adults at risk and other vulnerable people
- Understand what is meant by Child Sexual and Criminal Exploitation, Human Trafficking, Modern Slavery and Domestic Abuse.
- Recognise types of abuse, associated signs and indicators.
- Identify suspicious activities.
- Know how, and the whom, they can report concerns.
- Understand their safeguarding responsibilities and best practice protocols.

The course costs £25. Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Safeguarding Classroom Course can be seen here: THE BLUE LAMP TRUST - SAFEGUARDING FAQs

SECTION F

PUBLIC LIABILITY DECLARATION FORM

Applicants for a private hire driver's licence must produce evidence to the council to demonstrate that they are insured for third party public liability cover to a minimum of £2,000,000. This provides a driver with insurance cover for incidents that may happen when he/she is away from his/her vehicle.

PUBLIC LIABILITY DECLARATION
Please refer to Question 8 of the Driver's Licence Application Form
Are you the named policy holder on the public liability document?
If No, you must contact the policy holder and they must provide you with a copy of their policy document and complete the declaration below. These must then be submitted along with your application form.
If Yes, provide the original document of the current policy (you do not need to complete the declaration below.
DECLARATION OF INSURANCE COVER FOR PRIVATE HIRE OR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER
I, (insert name of policy holder)
can declare that (insert name of applicant)
is covered under the attached insurance policy.
I certify the attached is a true copy of the original insurance policy document.
The insurance policy provides the required cover for the above driver and includes: (please tick)
Motor Vehicle Insurance
Public Liability (min value £2 million)
I will notify the Licensing team immediately if cover for the above named driver ceases.
Signed Dated
Name: Telephone Number (Please print in block capitals)
Position in Company (Please print in block capitals)

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SECTION G



LICENSING

REPORT OF MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF APPLICANT FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

FRONT PAGE TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

To to completed in the presence of the Medical Practitioner carrying out the examination

Name of Applic	ant:		
Address of App	licant:		
		Postcode:	
Contact Phone	No.:	E-mail Address:	
Date of Birth:			
Is this a new ap	pplication?	Date First Issued:	Yes No
Name and addr	ess of doctor applicant is	registered with:	
Please read the foll "I have read the doctor(s) and sp driver's licence. Council's Medica I understand the confidential basis	ecialist(s) regarding my med I also give consent for my d al Adviser. information in this report wil	ements below: consent for the Council's M lical examination for a Hac octor(s) and specialist(s) to	
Signed:		Date:	

Please forward this completed report to:

The Licensing team, Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 4AH If you have any queries please contact the Licensing team at the above address or telephone: 01256 844844 Fax: 01256 845200 E-mail: licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk

Any fee charged is payable by the applicant to the Medical Practitioner.

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Information and Useful Notes for Applicants and Doctors

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hart District Council require all new applicants for Hackney Carriage or Private Hire drivers' licences to undergo a medical in line with the DVLA Group 2 standard for the purpose of assessing their fitness to hold a private hire or hackney carriage drivers' licence. Existing drivers are required to undergo a medical every five years, or annually on renewal once they reach the age of 65. Additional more frequent medical assessment or tests may be required as advised by the council's medical adviser.

Group 2 Medical Standards

Medical standards for Group 2 are very much higher than those applied to Group 1, reflecting the high risk caused by the length of time the driver may spend at the wheel in the course of their occupation. (Group 1 includes motor cars and motor cycles.) The following conditions are a bar to meeting Group 2 standards:

1. Epilepsy or liability to epileptic attacks

A diagnosis of epilepsy or spontaneous epileptic attack(s) requires 10 years free of further epileptic attack without taking anti-epilepsy medication during that 10-year period.

2. Diabetes

Insulin Treated Diabetic drivers are now permitted to drive under current Group 2 standards. They are required to demonstrate good control of their condition and must satisfy the following criteria:

- no episode of hypoglycaemia requiring the assistance of another person has occurred in the preceding 12 months
- has full awareness of hypoglycaemia
- regularly monitors blood glucose at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving, (no more than 2 hours
 before the start of the first journey and every 2 hours while driving). More frequent testing may be required if
 for any reason there is a greater risk of hypoglycaemia, for example after physical activity or altered meal
 routine, using a glucose meter with a memory function to measure and record blood glucose levels. At the
 annual examination by an independent Consultant Diabetologist, the last 3 months of blood glucose readings
 must be available
- advised to use a modern blood glucose meter which has a memory chip
- must demonstrate an understanding of the risks of hypoglycaemia
- there are no other debarring complications of diabetes such as visual field defect
- if medical standards are met, a 1 year licence will be issued

To obtain further information on Diabetes and the DVLA Group 2 medical standards of fitness to drive, please refer to the Diabetes section of the DVLA's publication 'At a Glance Guide to the Current Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive' and the Appendix to this chapter (INF188) at www.dvla.gov.uk/medical/ataglance

Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetics managed by tablets which carry a risk of inducing hypoglycaemia (this includes Sulphonylureas and Glinides) are also permitted to drive under current Group 2 standards. They are required to demonstrate good control of their condition and must satisfy the following criteria:

- no episode of hypoglycaemia requiring the assistance of another person has occurred in the preceding 12 months
- has full awareness of hypoglycaemia
- regularly monitors blood glucose at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving using a modern blood glucose meter which has a memory chip
- must demonstrate an understanding of the risks of hypoglycaemia
- there are no other debarring complications of diabetes, such as a visual field defect

If medical standards are met a 1, 2 or 3 year licence will be issued.

Please refer to the Diabetes section of the DVLA's publication 'At a Glance Guide to the Current Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive' at www.dvla.gov.uk/medical/ataglance and the appendix to that chapter (INF188/2).

3. Eyesight

The law requires that a licence holder or applicant must be able to meet the prescribed eyesight requirements, i.e. to read in good daylight (with the aid of glasses or contact lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle and containing letters and figures 79 millimetres high and 50 millimetres wide (i.e. post 1-9-2001 font) at a Page **28** of **46** LIC TXPDPACK Rev 3.5 Revised: Sept 2018 Next Revision: Sept 2020

distance of 20 metres, or at a distance of 20.5 metres where the characters are 79 millimetres high and 57 millimetres wide (i.e. pre 1-9-2001 font).

In addition for group 2 entitlement drivers must have a visual acuity, using corrective lenses if necessary, of at least Snellen 6/7.5 (Snellen decimal 0.8) in the better eye and at least Snellen 6/60 (Snellen decimal 0.1) in the other eye. Where glasses are worn to meet the minimum standards, they should have a corrective power \leq +8 dioptres in any meridian of either lens. It is also necessary for all drivers of Group 2 vehicles to be able to meet the prescribed Group 1 visual acuity requirements.

Normal binocular field of vision is required i.e. Any area of defect in a single eye is totally compensated for by the field of the other eye. Complete loss of vision in one eye or corrected acuity of less than 3/60 in one eye would be mean the applicant is barred from holding a Group 2 licence.

Grandfather rights apply in some instances regarding the above. To obtain further information on DVLA Group 2 medical standards of fitness to drive, please refer to the DVLA's publication 'At a Glance Guide to the Current Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive' at www.dvla.gov.uk/medical/ataglance or 0870 600 0301.

An applicant (or existing licence holder) failing to meet epilepsy, diabetes or eyesight regulations must be refused by law.

4. Other Medical Conditions

In addition to those medical conditions covered by law, applicants (or licence holders) are likely to be refused if they are unable to meet the recommended medical guidelines in the following situations:

- Within 6 weeks of: myocardial infarction, an episode of unstable angina, CABG or coronary angioplasty.
- Angina, heart failure or cardiac arrhythmia which remain uncontrolled.
- Implanted cardiac defibrillator.
- Hypertension where the blood pressure is persistently 180 systolic or more and/or 100 diastolic or more.
- A stroke or TIA within the last 12 months.
- Unexplained loss of consciousness with liability to recurrence.
- Meniere's, or any other sudden and disabling vertigo within the past 1 year, with a liability to recurrence.
- Insuperable difficulty in communicating by telephone in an emergency.
- Major brain surgery and/or recent severe head injury with serious continuing after effects.
- Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic neurological disorders with symptoms likely to affect safe driving.
- Psychotic illness, within the past 3 years.
- Serious psychiatric illness.
- If major psychotropic or neuroleptic medication is being taken.
- Alcohol and/or drug misuse within the past 1 year or alcohol and/or drug dependency in the past 3 years.
- Dementia.
- Any malignant condition, within the last 2 years, with a significant liability to metastasise (spread) to the brain.
- Any other serious medical condition likely to affect the safe driving of a medium/large goods or passenger carrying vehicle.

Tiredness: Sleep Disorders

Up to one fifth of accidents on motorways and other monotonous roads may be caused by drivers falling asleep at the wheel.

Many accidents are attributed to "driver inattention" but once vehicle faults, traffic offences, poor road or weather conditions, alcohol and specific medical causes are excluded, closer inspection suggests driver sleepiness may be the cause. Evidence for this includes the apparent failure to respond to traffic and road conditions generally and, in particular, the absence of signs of emergency braking.

Driver sleepiness may be caused by modern life styles preventing adequate rest. It may be made worse by shift working combined with the monotonous nature of certain types of driving. Alertness fluctuates naturally throughout the day. Driving between 2am and 7am increases the risk of a sleep related accident. Most people also tend to be less alert during the mid-afternoon or after a heavy meal. All drivers need to address these problems responsibly.

However, some medical conditions may cause excessive sleepiness. These will greatly increase any normal tendency to sleepiness.

The most common medical cause is **OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNOEA SYNDROME (OSA)**. This condition occurs most commonly, but not exclusively, in overweight individuals, particularly those with a large neck size. Partners often complain about the snoring and notice that sufferers seem to have irregular breathing during sleep. Sufferers of OSA rarely wake from sleep feeling fully refreshed and tend to fall asleep easily when relaxing.

OSA is one of the few medical conditions that has been shown to increase significantly the risk of traffic accidents. However, once diagnosed, there is very effective treatment available, normally through specialist centres. The greatest danger is prior to diagnosis, when the significance of the symptoms is not appreciated. A road traffic accident may be the first clear indication of the condition. All drivers, especially professional drivers, and doctors need to be much more aware of the risks of sleepiness from this treatable cause.

To obtain further information on DVLA Group 2 medical standards of fitness to drive, please refer to the DVLA's publication 'At a Glance Guide to the Current Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive' at www.dvla.gov.uk/medical/ataglance or 0870 600 0301.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

Guidance Notes for the Doctor for completing the report

Before completing this form, please read information and useful notes (pages 2 and 3).

It may be helpful to consult DVLA's 'At A Glance Guide' (to the Current Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive). This is available for download at www.dvla.gov.uk/medical/ataglance.

Doctors may enquire in writing, or may speak to one of the medical advisers during office hours, to seek advice about a particular driver or about fitness to drive in general. After hours there is an answer phone.

Further help may be obtained by telephoning 01792 761119 (medical professionals only) and asking to speak to one of the Medical Advisers. Alternatively, enquiries can also be sent to medadviser@dvla.gsi.gov.uk, or to:

The Medical Adviser Drivers Medical Group DVLA Longview Road Morriston SWANSEA SA99 1TU

DVLA will need to know the applicant's full name, address and date of birth.

Applicants who may be symptom-free at the time of the examination should be advised that if, in the future, they develop symptoms of a conditions which could affect safe driving they must inform the Licensing Department at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council.

It is the duty of the licence holder or licence applicant to notify DVLA of any medical condition which may affect safe driving. If there are circumstances where the licence holder cannot, or will not, do so, the General Medical Council has issued clear guidelines to Doctors as to the appropriate action. The guidance is reproduced on Page 4 of the 'At A Glance' guide.

- The Medical Examination Report should be completed with reference to the applicant's medical history.
- Please answer all questions
- Please undertake a full examination of the patient. This should include urine screening for Glucose.
- Please make sure that you have printed the applicant's name and date of birth on each page before submitting this form



MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

To be completed by the Doctor (please use black ink)

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• Please answer **all** questions

Please give patient's weight a	nd height	weight	(kg/st)	height (cms/ft)
Please give details of smoking	habits, if any			
Please give number of alcohol	units taken each week			
Is the urine sample positi	ve for Glucose?	Yes	No	(please tick appropriate box)
Details of specialist (s)/ consultants, including address	1	2		3
Speciality				
Date last seen				
Current medication including exact dosage and reason for each treatment	ive a car	and/or taxi/priv	vate hire vehicl	e
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Applicant's name			DOB	

Medical Examination Report for a Group 2 Licence

Do not complete the vision assessment until you have read the following

Important information for doctors

Please read and follow the information below before deciding if you are able to fully and accurately fill in the vision assessment. If you are unable to do this, you must tell the applicant that they will need to ask an optician or optometrist to fill it in.

We will make a licensing decision based on the information you provide.

What you need to assess

If glasses (not contact lenses) are worn for driving, you MUST be able to establish the dioptre measurement of the correction used. If the correction is greater than +8 dioptres in any meridian of either lens, we may not be able to issue a Group 2 licence.

Applicants for Group 2 entitlements must have, as measured by the 6 metre Snellen chart:

- a visual acuity of at least 6/7.5 (decimal Snellen equivalent 0.8) in the better eye
- a visual acuity of at least 6/60 (decimal Snellen equivalent 0.1) in the other eye
- this may be achieved with or without glasses or contact lenses
- we cannot accept a Snellen reading shown with a plus (+) or minus (-) eg 6/6-2 or 6/9+3
- 3 metre readings must be converted to the 6 metre equivalent

Note: Drivers first licensed to drive Group 2 vehicles before 31 December 1996 who cannot meet the above standards may still be considered by DVLA on an individual basis. Please see leaflet INF4D (Medical examination report) for further information.

Before you fill in this report please:

- check the applicant's identity
- read the information leaflet INF4D (Medical examination report). This can be viewed in PDF format at www.gov.uk/reapply-driving-licence-medical-condition

The applicant is responsible for any fee payable for completion of the assessment. DVLA will not be liable for any costs involved.

Please note that if you complete the vision assessment as well as the medical assessment, you must sign and date **both** parts of the form.

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MEDICAL EXAMINATION REPORT

Vision assessment

To be filled in by a doctor or optician/optometrist You MUST read the guidance notes on page 2 before completing this report

Vision (please see Eyesight notes on page 2)

	rection is needed tions 5 and 6 can	d to meet the eyesight standard for driving, ALL questions must be answered. If co	rrection is NOT needed,
1.	Please confirm	n (\checkmark) the scale you are using to express the driver's visual acuities.	
	Snellen	Snellen expressed as a decimal	
2.		cuity at least 6/7.5 in the better eye and at least 6/60 in the other eye ses may be worn to meet this standard)	YES NO
3.	Were corrective	re lenses worn to meet this standard?	YES NO
	If Yes, glasses	s contact lenses both together	
4.	Pleae state the	e visual acuity of each eye. Please convert any 3 metre readings to the 6 metre	equivalent.
	Unc	corrected Corrected (using the prescription worn for driving)	
	R	R L	
5.		t contact lenses) are worn for driving, is the corrective power greater than tres in any meridian of either lens?	YES NO
6.	If correction is Box provided.	worn for driving, is it well tolerated? If No, please give gull details in the	YES NO
	If you answer	yes to any of the following, give details in the box provided.	
7.		ory of any medical condition that may affect the applicant's binocular field of and/or peripheral)?	YES NO
	If formal visua Later date.	al field testing is considered necessary, DVLA will commison this at a	
8.	Is there diplopi	ia?	YES NO
	(a) Is it contro	olled?	
	If yes, please of	give full details in the box provided.	
9.		icant on questioning, report symptoms of intolerance to glare and/or impaired itivity and/or impaired twilight vision?	YES NO
10.	Does the appli	icant have any other opthalmic condition?	YES NO
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Date of eyesight examination if different to date of signature
Name of examining doctor/optician (print)
Signature of examining doctor/optician
Date of signature DDDMMM YYY
Please was tide years COC HDC or CMC number
Please provide your GOC, HPC or GMC number
Doctor/optometrist/optician's stamp
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Nervous System 1 Questions 1-4 below MUST be answered. Please tick √ the appropriate box(es) YES NO 1. Has the applicant had any form of seizure? If NO, please go to question 2 below (a) Has the applicant had more than one attack? (b) Please give date of first and last attack First attack Last attack (c) Is the applicant currently on anti-epileptic medication? If YES, please complete current medication on page 5 of this form. (d) If no longer treated, please give date when treatment ended. (e) Has the applicant had a brain scan? If YES, please give details in Section 6 Has the applicant had an EEG? If **YES** to any of above, please supply reports if available. 2. Is there a history of blackout or impaired consciousness within the last 5 years? If YES, please give date(s) and details in Section 6 Does the applicant suffer from narcolepsy/cataplexy? \Box \Box If YES, please give details in Section 6 Is there a history of, or evidence of, any of the conditions listed at a-h below? YES NO If NO, go to Section 2. If YES, please tick the relevant box(es) and give dates and full details at Section 6 and supply relevant reports. (a) Stroke/TIA If YES, please give date Has there been a full recovery? Has a carotid ultra sound been undertaken? (b) Sudden and disabling dizziness/vertigo within the last year with a liability to recur (c) Subarachnoid haemorrhage (d) Serious head injury within the last 10 years (e) Any form of brain tumour, either benign or malignant, primary or secondary Other brain surgery or abnormality (g) Chronic neurological disorders (h) Parkinson's disease **Diabetes Mellitus** 2 Does the applicant have diabetes mellitus? YES NO If NO, please proceed to Section 3.

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2.	c tl	he diahetes i	managed by:-		
۷.	(a)	Insulin?	managed by		
	(ω)		ase give date started on insulin		
	(b)		with insulin, are there at least 3 months of ose readings stored on a memory meter(s)?		
		· ·	se give details in Section 6		
	(c) (d)		table treatments? ylurea or a Glinide?		
	(e)		plycaemic agents and diet?		
			ny of a-e, please complete current medication on the appropriate section on the	_	_
	,	front of this	s form		
	(f)	Diet only?			
3.	(a)	Does the p	atient test blood glucose at least twice every day?		
	(b)		pplicant test at times relevant to driving?		
	(c)		pplicant keep fast acting carbohydrate within easy reach when driving?		
_	(d)	Does the a for safe dri	pplicant have a clear understanding of diabetes and the necessary precautions ving?		
15.	ls th	here any evi	dence of impaired awareness of hypoglycaemia?		
16.	ls tl	here a histor	y of hypoglycaemia in the last 12 months requiring the assistance of another person?		
6	10.41	here evidenc	on of:		
6.					
	` '	Loss of visi			
		•	ipheral neuropathy, sufficient to impair limb function for safe driving?	Ш	Ш
	If Y	ES, to any o	f 4-6 above, please give details in Section 6		
7.	Has	s there been	laser treatment or intra-vitreal treatment for retinopathy?		
	If Y	ES, please g	give date(s) of treatment	<u> </u>	_
_	1	Psvchiat	ric Illness		
3					
All	que	estions m	ust be answered		
	•	Please enclo	se relevant hospital notes	YES	NO
		-	of, or evidence of, any of the conditions listed at 1-7 below?		
	•	ease go to S			
			e relevant box(es) below and give date(s), prognosis, period of stability tion, dosage and any side effects in Section 6.		
NB.	If ap	oplicant rema	ains under specialist clinic(s) ensure details are completed at the top of page 1.	YES	
1.	S	ignificant psy	ychiatric disorder within the past 6 months		
2.	P	sychosis or h	nypomania/mania within the past 3 years, including psychotic depression		
3.	D	ementia or c	ognitive impairment		
4.	P	ersistent alco	phol misuse in the past 12 months		

	Alcohol dependency in the past 3 years			
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6.	Persistent drug misuse in the past 12 months			
7.	Drug dependency in the past 3 years			
f ye	es to ANY of questions 4-7, please state how long this ha	as been controlled		
Plea	ase give details of past consumption or name of drug(s)	and frequency		
4	Cardiac			
4A s th	Coronary Artery Disease nere a history of, or evidence of, coronary artery disease	?	YES	NO
NO	D, proceed to Section 4B ES, please answer all questions below and give details at Section 6			Ш
		or the form and cholose rele	evant hospital no	otes.
	Has the applicant suffered from angina? If YES , please give the date of the last known attack		evant hospital no	otes.
			evant hospital no	otes.
	If YES, please give the date of the last known attack Acute coronary syndrome including myocardial infarction?		evant hospital no	otes.
} 3.	If YES, please give the date of the last known attack Acute coronary syndrome including myocardial infarction? If YES, please give date(s) Coronary Angioplasty (PCI?		evant hospital no	otes.
2. 3. 4B	If YES, please give the date of the last known attack Acute coronary syndrome including myocardial infarction? If YES, please give date(s) Coronary Angioplasty (PCI? If YES, please give date of most recent intervention Coronary artery by-pass graft surgery? If YES, please give date(s)		evant hospital no	otes.
4B	If YES, please give the date of the last known attack Acute coronary syndrome including myocardial infarction? If YES, please give date(s) Coronary Angioplasty (PCI? If YES, please give date of most recent intervention Coronary artery by-pass graft surgery? If YES, please give date(s) Cardiac Arrhythmia nere a history of, or evidence of, cardiac arrhythmia? O, proceed to Section 4C		YES	NO
4B	If YES, please give the date of the last known attack Acute coronary syndrome including myocardial infarction? If YES, please give date(s) Coronary Angioplasty (PCI? If YES, please give date of most recent intervention Coronary artery by-pass graft surgery? If YES, please give date(s) Cardiac Arrhythmia nere a history of, or evidence of, cardiac arrhythmia?	of the form. Sinoatrial disease,		

3.	Has an ICD or biventricular pacemaker (CRT-D type) been implanted?		
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4.	Has a pacemaker been implanted? If YES:-		
	(a) Please supply date of implantation(b) Is the applicant free of symptoms that caused the device to be fitted?(c) Does the applicant attend a pacemaker clinic regularly?		
4C	Peripheral Arterial Disease		
	ere a history of or evidence of ANY of the following: 9, go to Section 4d	YES	NO
If YE	S, please answer all questions below and give details in Section 6. Peripheral arterial disease (excluding Buerger's disease)	YES	NO
2.	Does the applicant have claudication? If YES , how long in minutes can the applicant walk at a brisk pace before being symptom-limited? Please give details		
3.	Aortic aneurysm		
	If YES: (a) Site of Aneurysm: Thoracic Abdominal (b) Has it been repaired successfully: (c) Is the transverse diameter currently >5.5cm? If NO, please provide latest measurement and date obtained:		
4.	Dissection of the aorta repaired successfully If YES, please provide copies of all reports to include those dealing with any surgical treatment.		
5.	Is there a history of Marfan's disease? If YES, provide relevant hospital notes		
4D	Valvular/Congenital Heart Disease		
If NO	ere a history of, or evidence, of valvular/congenital heart disease? b, proceed to Section 4E S, please answer all questions below and give details at Section 6 of the form	YES	NO
1.	S, please answer all questions below and give details at Section 6 of the form. Is there a history of congenital heart disorder?		П
2.	Is there a history of heart valve disease?		

3.	Is there a history of Aortic stenosis?			
	If YES, please provide relevant reports			
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4.	Is there any history of embolism? (not pulmonary embolism)			
5. —	Does the applicant currently have significant symptoms?			
6.	Has there been any progression since the last licence application? (if relevant)			
4	E Cardiac other			
		YES	NO	
Doe	es the applicant have a history of ANY of the following conditions:			
	IO, go to Section 4f ES, please answer ALL questions and give details in Section 6			
(a)	A history of, or evidence of heart failure?			
(b)	Established cardiomyopathy?			
(c)	Has a left ventricular assist device (LVAD) been implanted?			
(d)	A heart or heart/lung transplant?			
(e)	Untreated atrial myxoma?			
4	Cardiac Investigations			
All	questions must be answered			
1.	Has a resting ECG been undertaken?	YES	NO	
	If YES, does it show:-			
	(a) pathological Q waves?			
	(b) left bundle branch block?			
	(c) right bundle branch block?			
	If yes to a, b or c, please provide a copy of the relevant ECG report or comment at Section 6		_	
 2.	Has an exercise ECG been undertaken (or planned)?		П	
	If YES, please give date and give details in Section 6			
	Sight/copy of the exercise test result/report (if done in the last 3 years) would be useful			
3.	Has an echocardiogram been undertaken (or planned)?	П		
٥.	(a) If YES, please give date and give details in Section 6	_	<u> </u>	
	(a) II 126, please give date			
	(b) If undertaken, is/was the left ejection fraction greater than or equal to 40%			
	Sight/copy of the echocardiogram result/report would be useful			
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4.	Has a coronary angiogram been undertaken (or planned)?			
	If YES, please give date and give details in Section 6			
	Sight/copy of the angiogram result/report would be useful			
 5.	Has a 24 hour ECG tape been undertaken (or planned)?			
٥.	If YES, please give date and give details in Section 6	Ш	Ш	
	Sight/copy of the 24 hour tope requit/report would be useful			

6.	Has a myocardial perfusion scan or stress echo study been undertaken (or planned)? If YES, please give date and give details in Section 6 Sight/copy of the scan result/report would be useful		
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40	Blood Pressure		
1.	Please record today's blood pressure reading?		
2.	Is the applicant on anti-hypertensive treatment?	YES	NO
	If YES , provide three previous readings with dates if available		
	se answer all questions in this section. If your answer is 'YES' to any of the questions, please full details in Section 6.		
1.	MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM Normally the Licensing Authority requires full functioning of spine and all 4 limbs for the granting of a l	icence.	
	a) Has the applicant a significant disability of the spine which is likely to interfere with the efficient discharge of his/her duties as a vocational driver.	YES	NO
	b) Has the applicant any deformity, loss of limbs or parts of limbs, or physical disability (with special attention paid to the condition of the arms, legs, hands and joints) which is likely to interfere with the efficient discharge of his/her duties as a vocational driver?		
2.	Is there currently any functional impairment that is likely to affect control of the vehicle?		
3.	Is there a history of bronchogenic carcinoma or other malignant tumour with a significant liability to metastasise cerebrally?		
4.	Is there any illness that may cause significant fatigue or cachexia that affects safe driving?		
5.	Is the applicant profoundly deaf?		
	If YES , is the applicant able to communicate in the event of an emergency by speech or by using a device, eg a text phone?		
6.	Does the applicant have a history of liver disease of any origin?		
	If YES, please give details in Section 6		

7.	Is there a history of renal failure? If YES, please give details in Section 6		
	II 123, please give details III Section 0		
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8.	Is there a history of, or evidence of, obstructive sleep apnoea syndrome or any other medical condition causing excessive day time sleepiness? If YES, please give diagnosis:		
	Please give: (a) Date of diagnosis (b) Is it controlled successfully? (c) If YES, please state treatment (d) Please state period of control (e) Date last seen by consultant		
9.	Does the applicant have severe symptomatic respiratory disease causing chronic hypoxia?		
10.	Does any medication currently taken cause the applicant side effects that would affect safe driving? If YES , please provide details of medication and symptoms in Section 6		
11.	Does the applicant have an ophthalmic condition? If YES, please provide details in Section 6		
12.	Does the applicant have any other medical condition that could affect safe driving? If YES, please provide details in Section 6 Further Details		
que	ase use the space below to provide further details required with reference to any of the previous stions. ase forward copies of all relevant hospital notes if available.	ously an	swered
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7	Consultants' details					
Details of type of specialist(s)/consultants, including address:						
	Consultant in:					
	Name:					
	Address:					
Date	of last appointment:					
	Consultant in:					
	Name:					
	Address:					
Date	Date of last appointment:					
	Consultant in:					
	Name:					
	Address:					
Date	Date of last appointment:					
8	Medication					
Please provide details of all current medication (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)						
	Medication	Dosage				
	Reason for taking:					
	Medication	Dosage				
	Reason for taking:					
Appli	cant's name					

	Medication		Dosage]
	Reason for ta	king:			
	Medication		Dosage		
	Reason for ta	king:]
9	Additior	nal information			
Patie	ent's weight (kg))			
Heig	ht (cms)				
Deta	ils of smoking	habits, if any			
Num	ber of alcohol	units taken each week			
Appli	icant's name				

Examining Doctor's details

To be filled in by doctor carrying out the examination

Please ensure all sections of the form have been completed. Failure to do so will result in the form being rejected.

Doctor's details (please print name and address in capital letters) 10 Name: Address: Telephone: **Email address:** Fax Number: **Surgery stamp** I confirm that this report was completed at examination and that I am currently GMC registered and licensed to practice medicine within the EU, if the report was completed outside of the UK. I hereby certify that I have today examined the above named applicant and that: the applicant is registered at this medical practice the applicants medical notes were consulted whilst I carried out the medical examination to the best of my knowledge and belief, the answers to the foregoing questons are true and correct. **GMC Registration Number Signature of Medical Practitioner** Date of examination: If you have filled in both the vision and medical assessments, both sections must be signed and dated.

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Applicant's name

Applicant's details

To be filled in in the presence of the doctor carrying out the examination

Please make sure that you have printed your name and date of birth on each page before sending this form with your application.

11 Your details	
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Your full name:	_
Your address:	
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Email address:	
Date of birth:	
Home phone number:	
Work/daytime number:	
Date when first licensed to drive a lorry	
and/or bus	
About your doctor/group practice	
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Doctor/group name:	
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Telephone:	-
Email address:	-
Fax Number:	
FAILURE TO ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS WILL RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL FEE BEICHARGED TO THE APPLICANT FOR A REPEAT CHECK BY THECOUNCIL'S MEDIC	
ADVISOR. PLEASE CHECK THE FORM BEFORE SENDING IT TO THE LICENSING T	
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