

Private Hire Vehicle Specification

1. The vehicle must have 4 wheels and be fitted with at least 4 doors. A door is defined as a means of direct access into and egress from the vehicle, and which is not obstructed by seating or luggage or by any other cause, and which can be opened from both inside and outside of the vehicle by the passenger.
2. The following additional condition applies to vehicles licensed to carry more than 4 persons:-
Each passenger must have direct access to and egress from the vehicle without the need to climb over other seats or luggage. This would not include where a seat has to be tipped to allow access or egress. Any seat must measure 400mm at the narrowest point.
3. The vehicle must be right-hand drive.
4. The vehicle must have a current M.O.T. Certificate where appropriate.
5. The vehicle must be presented for inspection in a clean and roadworthy condition, and all its fittings and equipment shall at all times be kept in an efficient, safe, tidy and clean condition and must comply with all relevant statutory requirements, including those contained in the Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations.
6. The vehicle must not be of such type, design or appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a Hackney Carriage vehicle.
7. Vehicles must have adequate space for luggage within the car; whilst a roof rack is permissible, this should be to provide extra luggage accommodation, not as an alternative - no other roof fitting will be permissible.
8. The vehicle must be fitted with a fire extinguisher (dry powder type, minimum weight 2.00 kg) in such a position to be readily available for use.
9. The vehicle must be equipped with an appropriate first-aid box, minimum contents to be as follows: card giving the general first-aid guidance, six individually wrapped sterile adhesive dressings, one large sterile plain dressing, two triangular bandages, two safety pins and individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes and one pair of disposal gloves.
10. The vehicle must be capable of carrying at least 4 and not more than 8 passengers, in addition to the driver.
11. There must be in force a current Certificate of Insurance in relation to the vehicle.
12. The vehicle must pass the County Council's vehicle mechanical and suitability test before a licence can be issued.
13. Each and every front seat passenger must be provided with a lap & diagonal seat belt, and head restraints.