



## Proposed Variation of Licence Fees

The following are the proposals for varying fees charged for the licensing of Hackney Carriage Vehicles, Private Hire Vehicles, and Private Hire Operators. These fee reductions are only possible because we are no longer sending out reminder/renewal forms and letters. It will be your responsibility to apply at least three weeks before your current license expires. If you have any objections to these proposals please let us know in writing by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006.



	<b>Current Fee</b>	<b>Proposed Fee</b>
New Grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle (including plates, bracket, roundels etc)		
a) Wheelchair Accessible	£190.00	£370.00
b) Other Vehicles	£390.00	£370.00
New Grant of a Private Hire Vehicle (including plates, bracket, transfers etc)	£315.00	£295.00
Renewal of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle (including plates)		
a) Wheelchair Accessible	£190.00	£345.00
b) Other Vehicles	£390.00	£345.00
Renewal of a Private Hire Vehicle (including plates)	£315.00	£270.00
Change of Hackney Carriage Vehicle	£93.00	£85.00
Change of Private Hire Vehicle	£88.00	£85.00
Transfer of Private Hire/Hackney Carriage Vehicle	£40.00	£40.00
Change of Registration Mark (Cherished Numbers)	£85.00	£85.00

Grant of Private Hire Operator Licence		
1 Vehicle	£131.00	£118.00
2 Vehicles	£213.00	£200.00
3-7 Vehicles	£489.00	£476.00
8-12 Vehicles	£710.00	£697.00
13-17 Vehicles	£930.00	£917.00
18-22 Vehicles	£1268.00	£1255.00
23-27 Vehicles	£1494.00	£1481.00
28-32 Vehicles	£1744.00	£1722.00
33-37 Vehicles	£1945.00	£1932.00
38-42 Vehicles	£2155.00	£2142.00
43-47 Vehicles	£2360.00	£2347.00
	Every Additional 5 Vehicle or part a further fee of £200.00	Every Additional 5 Vehicle or part a further fee of £200.00
Renewal of Private Hire Operators Licence		
1 Vehicle	£100.00	£88.00
2 Vehicles	£185.00	£170.00
3-7 Vehicles	£460.00	£446.00
8-12 Vehicles	£680.00	£667.00
13-17 Vehicles	£900.00	£887.00
18-22 Vehicles	£1240.00	£1225.00
23-27 Vehicles	£1465.00	£1451.00
28-32 Vehicles	£1710.00	£1692.00
33-37 Vehicles	£1920.00	£1902.00
38-42 Vehicles	£2130.00	£2112.00
43-47 Vehicles	£2330.00	£2317.00
	Every Additional 5 Vehicles or Part a further fee of £200.00	Every Additional 5 Vehicle or Part a further fee of £200.00
Private Hire Driver Renewal Badge	£65.00	£55.00
Hackney Carriage Driver Renewal Badge	£65.00	£55.00
Combined Driver Renewal Badge	£80.00	£70.00
Testing of Vehicles	£30.00	£50.00
Testing of Vehicles including MOT Certificate	£55.00	£65.00
Failure to Attend for Test (less than 48 hours notice)	£30.00	£50.00
Retest	£16.50	£25.00
Retest (Including Emissions Test)	£21.50	£35.00
Retest ((Emissions Only)	£21.50	£10.00
Meter Calibration Test	£10.00	£10.00

## Proposed Tariff Changes

The Stockton Hackney Carriage Drivers Association has asked for changes to Tariff 2. Their proposal is to change the times for Tariff 2 from 12 Midnight to 23.00 hours and from 06.00hours to 07.00hours. This change has been requested as the trade are working longer hours with the new changes in the licensing laws allowing pubs to stay open later. The association feel that it would be better to change the timings for Tariff 2 rather than penalise everybody for the longer hours.

Before the licensing committee considers these proposals, we would welcome your views. Please put them in writing, to the address above, by the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2006.

## Increase in CRB Fees

The Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) will be increasing their fees from £34.00 to £36.00 for an enhanced disclosure. This increase will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006.

We would like to point out that this increase has nothing to do with the Council. The CRB is an Executive Agency of the Home Office. We would also point out that unlike some Council's we don't charge a "handling fee" for dealing with the CRB checks – what you pay all goes to the CRB.

## Coming Soon

Following the recent "open day" and the Hackney Carriage Associations requests regarding disabled access vehicles we will shortly be issuing a consultation document on revisions to the vehicle, driver and operator conditions.



## Carriage of Guide Dogs for the Disabled

We have recently received a number of complaints about Drivers refusing to carry guide dogs. I would remind all drivers that you are legally obliged to carry guide dogs unless you have an appropriate medical exemption that has been submitted to this office. All future complaints will be investigated and offenders will be reported to the Licensing Committee with a view to having their licence suspended or revoked.

## Soap Box



Do you have any views or opinions on transport matters that you would like to share with Council and the rest of the Trade?

Why not write an article to be included in a future edition of this newsletter. The Trade Times is for your benefit, why not make use of it and have your say!

## Website

Advice and information on a range of Trading Standards & Licensing issues is available 24 hours per day on our website.



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[www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/stockton](http://www.tradingstandards.gov.uk/stockton)

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