



WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Vehicle Licensing Policy 2019 – 2024

Summary Document

Limousines, Tuk-Tuk's, Rickshaws,
Novelty/Other Vehicles

Introduction

This is a summary document. The details listed below do not replace the clause or conditions contained in the Vehicle Licensing Policy 2019-2024. This document lists the basic requirements in order for potential applicants to make an initial decision concerning the licensing of a particular vehicle. It is not comprehensive and should not be relied upon as such.

Additional requirements, conditions and further information are available to read in separate documents, particularly the Vehicle Licensing Policy 2019-2024, and we strongly advise you to read these documents before purchasing any vehicle and before submitting an application for a vehicle licence.

Stretched Limousines

In additions to Vehicle Licensing Policy 2019-2024 policy sections 1-14, the following applies to stretched limousine vehicles. Section 12.10 (left hand drive vehicles) shall not apply.

- a. That no vehicle over 10 years old shall be licensed as a stretched limousine
- b. That applications are accompanied by the relevant IVA inspection certificate
- c. That vehicles are required to pass an MOT test every 6 months
- d. That the result of this MOT test be submitted to the licensing team at the time of the test

Tuk Tuks, Rickshaws, Velotaxis and Pedicabs

Non-motorised vehicles cannot be licensed as private hire vehicles.

In order for applications for motorised vehicles to be determined applicants will be required to demonstrate how they propose to comply with this policy.

In respect of hackney carriages, which can be motorised or non-motorised, there are a number of issues that need to be considered including the current numerical limit on licences and wheelchair accessibility.

The driver of any hackney carriages and private hire vehicle needs to hold an appropriate drivers licence issued by the council and the same would be required were any other type of vehicle to be licensed.

Applicants wishing to licence any type of vehicle similar to a tuk tuk, rickshaw, velotaxi or pedicab should consider this policy and aim to demonstrate how they propose to comply with the relevant requirements.

Any decision on the grant of such a licence will only be taken by the Group Head of Community and Environmental Services or the Head of Community Protection in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee.

If the Council were minded to grant licences for tuk tuks, rickshaws or pedicabs appropriate conditions would need to be attached and these may be in addition to conditions imposed under this policy.

Other Novelty or Specialist Vehicle Types falling outside of this policy

Any vehicle not conforming to the regular standards required may be considered as a novelty or specialist vehicle on application.

Any person wishing to licence any vehicle that falls outside of this policy should apply in writing to licensing team giving reasons for the application.

An application must be accompanied by a full explanation of a business proposal and reasons as to why the grant of a licence should be considered.

Any decision on the grant of a licence to a specialist, classic or novelty vehicle will only be taken by the Group Head of Community and Environmental Services or the Head of Community Protection in consultation with the Chair of the Licensing Committee.