



WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Vehicle Licensing Policy 2019 – 2024

Applicant Check Sheet

For both Hackney Carriage and Private Hire (except where stated)	Requirement
Vehicle Type Approval as shown on V5	M1 or relevant IVA certificate
Vehicle Design	<p>Any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professionally converted Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Saloon Estate Hatchback <p>(only hackney carriages may be purpose built 'black cab type vehicles'. Private hire vehicles cannot have a built in roof light or look like a taxi.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Right hand drive Four doors Engine power of at least 90hp and 200nm torque (or hybrid/fully electric) Reasonable space for passengers and luggage Any fuel type providing it meets the relevant euro emission level (see table below) Accident/crash repaired only at level N or S Window tints that meet MOT requirements No other non-factory modifications
Bodywork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean No scratches, dents or rust No mismatched paint
Interior	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean seats free of stains Correct signage:

	No smoking signs Tariff (hackney carriage) Meter Fire extinguisher First Aid kit (optional) Accident book (optional) Hi-vis emergency vests for all passengers and driver Spare wheel or spare wheel repair kit
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Age Limits for vehicles at first time of licensing

All time periods are given from the date of first registration.

Hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle powered only by an internal combustion engine (traditional car engine)	no more than 7 years old at the date of application.
Hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle (other than a wheelchair accessible vehicle) powered by a petrol/electric-hybrid engine	no more than 9 years old at the date of application.
Hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle (other than a wheelchair accessible vehicle) powered by an electric motor with or without on-board range extending generator	no more than 12 years old at the date of application
Any zero-emission capable (petrol/electric-hybrid/electric with or without range extender) wheelchair accessible vehicle	no more than 15 years old at the date of application

Maximum Age of Vehicle before Replacement/Emission Standards

At time of licensing, from date:

01 April 2020	No vehicle first registered with the DVLA before January 2006 will be licensed or re-licensed.
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01 April 2021	Any vehicle using diesel fuel (or diesel alternative such as biodiesel) must be rated as at least Euro 5b
01 April 2021	Any vehicle using petrol fuel (or petrol alternative such as LPG) must be rated as at least Euro 5
01 April 2023	Any vehicle using diesel fuel (or diesel alternative such as biodiesel) must be rated as at least Euro 6
01 April 2023	Any vehicle using petrol fuel (or petrol alternative such as LPG) must be rated as at least Euro 5b
01 April 2025	Any vehicle using petrol fuel (or petrol alternative such as LPG) must be rated as at least Euro 6
Any vehicles (diesel or petrol or alternative fuel) reaching euro 6 emission standards or higher shall not have any maximum age limit imposed.	
Any zero emission capable/hybrid/electric vehicle registered after 01 January 2013 shall not have any maximum age limit imposed.	(To qualify under this clause where an internal combustion engine or generator provides alternative power, the generator must meet the euro 5/5b/6 emission standard for the fuel type used as per the dates above including where alternative fuels are used).

01 April 2023 - Any zero emission capable/hybrid/electric vehicle **already licensed** by the Council and first registered with the DVLA between 01 January 2006 and 01 January 2013 **shall not** be relicensed after April 2023.

(To qualify under this clause a zero emission capable/hybrid/electric vehicle must be able to travel at least 25 miles continuously on a single electric charge)