

**Standard Conditions Relating To
Combined Hackney Carriage / Private Hire driver Licences.**

1. The licence is not transferable.
2. The driver must inform the Council within seven days of any motoring or other criminal conviction or caution which has occurred since the granting of this licence.
3. The driver shall, at the request of any authorised Officer of the Council or of any constable, produce for inspection this licence:-
 - (a) in the case of a request by an Authorised Officer of the Council, at the Council's offices, Priory House, Monks Walk, Chicksands, Shefford SG17 5TQ or Watling House, High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire. LU6 1LF within five days beginning with the day following that on which the request is made;
 - (b) in the case of a request by a constable within five days beginning with the day following that on which the request is made at any Police Station which is within the area of the Council and is nominated by the driver when the request is made.
4. The driver shall conduct himself towards any person who has hired the vehicle and any other passengers in an orderly, seemly and courteous manner and shall take all reasonable precautions for the safety of persons and luggage conveyed in the vehicle.
5. The driver shall, unless specifically exempted in writing by the Council, wear in such a position and manner as to be plainly and distinctly visible, a driver's badge as issued by the Council whilst licensed to act as a driver of the vehicle.
A second form of driver identification may also be issued to be displayed in the licensed vehicle.
6. The driver's badge shall at all times remain the property of the Council and upon the council suspending, revoking or refusing to renew the licence the driver shall return the badge to the council upon demand.
7. The driver shall notify the Council in writing of any change of address during the period of licence prior to such change taking place and in any case within 7 days of such change.
8. The driver shall not permit to be conveyed in the vehicle a greater number of persons than that specified in the licence issued.

9. The driver shall not, without reasonable cause, unnecessarily prolong, in distance or in time, a journey for which the vehicle has been hired.
10. If the driver is involved in an accident and is not the proprietor of the vehicle, he shall report, or cause to be reported, to the proprietor details of the accident within 5 days.
11. The driver shall, at his or her discretion; carry household pets within the vehicle provided that the pet is suitable contained so as not to cause a nuisance.
12. No driver may refuse to carry a guide or hearing dog and other prescribed assistance dogs provided it is accompanied by a fare passing passenger, unless the driver can produce a medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner to the effect that the driver has an allergy to dogs and a certificate of exemption has been issued by the Council. No charge shall be made for the carriage of guide, hearing or other prescribed assistance dogs.
13. No driver may refuse to assist a passenger in a wheelchair unless the driver can produce a medical certificate signed by a registered practitioner to the effect that the driver's physical condition makes it impossible or unreasonably difficult for him or her to comply with these duties and a certificate of exemption has been issued by the Council. No additional charge shall be made for assisting a passenger in a wheelchair.
14. The driver, when driving a vehicle so constructed as to carry luggage, shall:
 - (a) convey a reasonable quantity of luggage;
 - (b) afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading;
 - (c) afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance of any house, station or place to which he or she may pick up or set down such person.
15. The Licensee shall, at the termination of each hiring, carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left therein.
16. If the driver should find, or be handed, any property accidentally left by a passenger in the vehicle it should, if not claimed by or on behalf of its owner, be taken within 24 hours to a Police Station and left in the custody of the Officer in Charge. The driver should obtain a receipt from the Officer in Charge.
17. Any person requesting a receipt for any payment made will be provided with a written receipt showing the date and fare paid and be signed by the driver. The receipt should clearly identify the company or individual providing the receipt.
18. If the driver has knowingly conveyed in the vehicle the dead body of any person, he shall immediately notify the Council's Head of Service.

19. A medical certificate shall be produced within seven days of the request by the Council for such certificate.
20. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall not tout or solicit on a road or other public place any person to hire or be carried for hire in any private hire vehicle or accept the offer for the immediate hire of the vehicle while the driver or the vehicle is on a road or other public place except where such offer is properly communicated to the driver by his Operator.
21. The driver of a private hire vehicle must not demand from any hirer a fare in excess of any previously agreed for the hiring between the hirer and the operator or, if the vehicle is fitted with a fare meter, the fare shown on the face of the meter.
22. Drivers of hackney carriages must comply with the requirements of the Council's Hackney Carriage Byelaws.
23. When driving a hackney carriage licensed to ply for hire in Central Bedfordshire, the driver shall not charge any fare for the hiring of the carriage in excess of or in addition to the table of fares fixed by the Council pursuant to Section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
24. The Council reserves the right to vary, delete or waive any of the foregoing conditions.
25. Any requirements of legislation which effects the operations being carried out under the terms of this Licence shall be regarded as if they are conditions of this Licence.
26. All drivers shall operate strictly within the terms of any licence issued, incorporating all of the terms and conditions of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and the Hackney Carriage Byelaws. The conditions may not necessarily be exhaustive.

Appeals

27. You may appeal against all or any of these conditions.
28. Any appeal must be made within 21 days of grant of licence.
29. Appeals must be made to the Magistrates Court.