
Appendix 2b - Tables of Changes (Pre- and Post-Consultation Changes/Proposals)

Table 1 Pre-Consultation Proposals

1	<p>New Licences - An age restriction policy to be adopted with a 4-year vehicle age policy with effect from April 2020 for all newly licensed vehicles. This means the EURO 6 emissions standard applies from April 2020 to all new licences</p> <p>Existing Vehicles - From April 2023, to adopt an 8-year age policy so vehicles older than 8 years will not be licensed. From April 2023 all diesel and petrol engine vehicles must be Euro 6. The taxi trade therefore has 4 years to comply (3 years from April 2020).</p> <p>Wheelchair accessible vehicles - Existing vehicles will have an extra 2 years added to the age restriction meaning that April 2025 is the compliance date. Therefore, it is possible that a relatively low number of wheelchair accessible vehicles will be Euro 5 between April 2023 to April 2025.</p> <p>'Full electric' and 'zero emission at source' vehicles would be exempt</p>
2	Reference that the licence plate cannot be altered or defaced in any way
3	Reference to post-accident testing requirements
4	Reference 'reported for an offence' in addition to 'charged with'
5	Addition of wording associated with the section of guidance that states: "We recommend that licensing authority rules for drivers are updated to make clear when a meter can and cannot be left running"
6	Terrorism and hate crime offences to be added to appendix 2
7	Possibility that we would also propose the use of an agreed formula to enable an annual tariff review to be implemented, this formula would be based on industry costs from across the county. Taking into consideration the cost of fuel, tyres, wages, licensing fees, insurance premiums Garage costs etc.

8	Vehicle defect book – addition of minimum timescale for keeping records and maximum time periods for vehicle checking i.e. once a week, daily or other specific period
9	Consideration of acceptance of weekly insurance cover
10	Amendment of the wording on the advertising condition regarding location of advertising to be restricted to rear doors, rear panels and boot
11	Amendment and clarification of ‘fit and proper’ and ‘safe and suitable’ tests
12	Addition of other offences to Appendix 2 including local authority enforced statutes and regulations
13	Consideration of inclusion of a Drivers Code of Conduct
14	Preventing the use of e-cigs and vaping in a licensed vehicle
15	Additions to Operator Conditions re use of base (e.g. parking and maintenance of licensed vehicles etc)
16	Addition to Appendix 2 of Equality Act offences
17	Addition of changes to categories of write-off vehicles
18	Additional information on applications to the Council for medical exemptions
19	Clarification of prohibition on duplication of vehicle licences
20	Additional explanatory information regarding passenger transport contracts e.g. home to school
21	Consideration of time locked meters - also all meters set with maximum tariffs
22	Reference in ‘fitness’ to suicidal threats / attempts, not a fit state of mind as per DVSA or other relevant guidance
23	Adopt the IOL suitability guidance
24	Transfers of vehicles - specify time frame when a transfer should be received and explain process
25	NAFN register needs to be referenced

26	Need to incorporate into the policy that all tyres on the vehicle must be the same size and ratings etc
27	Information and guidance on conduct and behaviour when using social media sites
28	Reference electric vehicles
29	Under appendix 1 continuing suitability need to refer under medical that they need to inform us of any changes to their health. Need to reference that drivers always need to meet Group 2 standards. Could list some of the major illnesses i.e. stroke, heart attack, diabetes etc
30	Clarification on where a licence is refused / revoked, that it is 5 years from that date during which the council wouldn't normally grant a licence - Make clear re refusals / revocations that a licence will not be granted unless 5 years has elapsed
31	More clarification on who is required to carry out the vehicle checks
32	Clarification on use of taxi meters in private hire vehicles
33	Suggestion to refresher CSE training every 2 to 3 years (time to be decided at consultation stage)
34	Randomised and targeted drug testing for drivers
35	Policy to reference the need for licence holders to be respectful etc to other drivers
36	Clarification on illumination of top signs
37	Look at trailers - should we include a test? Page 471 of button book para 9.46
38	Clarify DBS update service needs to be live with a valid certificate - upon renewal
39	Amend transfer of a vehicle application - refer to section 49 LGMPA re 14 days
40	Inclusion of a definition of a special vehicle
41	Explanation of transfer of ownership - quote section 49 of LGMPA 1976
42	Changes to the PHO to require other persons associated with the application to be fit and proper not just the applicant

43	Suggestion that for new applicants having 6 points or more to go to committee for licensing decision
44	Explanation in policy re why we do not allow surrender of a drivers badge but allow vehicle licence surrenders
45	Greater explanation of why a proprietor may be referred to committee.
46	Greater explanation of what we require for a medical exemption - i.e. blood tests, skin prick etc refer to guidance issued from guide dogs
47	Approved test for fitness and propriety for operator and vehicle licences - refer to the Ann Harris case
48	Take 'annual' out from continuing suitability point a) DVLA check
49	Top sign - make it clearer that HCV vehicles must always have a top sign
50	Consideration of first aid kits – the one we currently require is for up to 10 persons – need to state applicable to the number of persons people can carry. Also, if not sealed then unsterile and needs to be replaced
51	A licence, when granted, will be valid for a period of three years, (or less as the Council may decide is necessary in certain circumstances). - make it clearer as there is the option of 1 2 and 3 years. Addition of the word 'up to' 3 years
52	Additional information and clarification on the decal exemptions associated with executive / luxurious vehicle
53	Additional information clarifying and explaining the policy and processes followed in relation to late renewal applications (application of Exeter v Sandle)

Table 2 Post-Consultation Proposals (Subsequent changes including amended proposals)

1	Version date prediction July 2021
2	1.3 addition of The Equality Act 2010
3	4.0 change of wording for clarity
4	New proposals for emissions policy and removal of age proposals

	<p>4.1 New Applications (Newly Licensed Vehicles) - New applications for vehicle licences will only be accepted for vehicles manufactured to the emissions standard “EURO 6” or higher.</p> <p>4.2 Renewal Applications (Existing Vehicles / Continued Licensing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - After the 31st March 2022, we will no longer accept renewal applications for licensed vehicles meeting Euro 4 or lower - After the 31st March 2023, we will no longer accept renewal applications for licensed vehicles meeting Euro 5 or lower <p>4.3 Zero emission vehicles - fully electric and zero emission (at source) vehicles are welcomed by the Council.</p>
5	7.0 reference to General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee
6	7.5 additional words for clarification and reference to a Fast-Track application process for licence reinstatement following an officer revocation
7	7.7 additional paragraph for explanatory and clarification purposes
8	8.1 additional words regarding positive action
9	11.1 additional wording for help and guidance
10	15.6 additional sentence for explanatory and clarification purposes
11	Appendix 1 e) Safeguarding including CSE Awareness; proposed policy on CSE awareness refresher training
12	Appendix 1 f) Proposed policy on Disability Awareness Training and refresher awareness training
13	Continuing Suitability <u>and</u> Renewal Process new word for clarity
14	Continuing Suitability and Renewal Process new policy on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> g) Periodic safeguarding including CSE awareness training h) Periodic disability awareness training
15	Standard Conditions of a Private Hire Driver Licence s) ‘as a <i>minimum</i> ’ for clarity/explanation
16	Applications for Vehicle, Driver and Operator Licences following a conviction / caution and the ongoing suitability of Licence Holders;

	additional sentence to differentiate between suitability criteria for drivers and for vehicle proprietors and operators
17	Dishonesty convictions – removal of J and K – dealt with elsewhere
18	Addition of NOTE: Any inaccuracies, or failure to record or report convictions, will normally result in the refusal of an application.
19	Appendix 3 Vehicle Licences information/proposed policy on DBS checks
20	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 10 - positioning of plates and stickers
21	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 13 - information for clarification and explanation
22	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 19 – change of words for clarification
23	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 20 – additional words for clarification and explanation
24	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions removal of 22 on basis of information supplied by DDFRA – relating to the carrying of fire extinguishers
25	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 24 – removal of words for clarification and explanation
26	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 25 - additional words for clarification and explanation
27	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 32 - proposed change of policy for practical reasons and enforcement purposes
28	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 33 – additional wording for clarification and explanation
29	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 34 – additional wording for clarification and explanation
30	Appendix 3 Standard Conditions 35 – alternative wording for clarification and explanation
31	Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles conditions 11 - alternative wording for clarification and explanation
32	Conditions for Stretch Vehicles 2 - alternative wording for clarification and explanation

33	Appendix 5 Private Operator - additional wording for clarification and explanation
34	Appendix 8: C.C.T.V Installed in any Licenced Vehicle condition 5 - additional wording for clarification and explanation
35	Appendix 8: C.C.T.V Installed in any Licenced Vehicle condition 6 - additional wording for clarification and explanation
36	Appendix 8: C.C.T.V Installed in any Licenced Vehicle NOTE on display of notices

