



Private Hire Vehicles Pre- Licence Conditions (2023)

Definitions:

"**Authorised Officer**" has the same meaning as in section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

The Proprietor" has the same meaning as in section 80 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

"**The Council**" means Burnley Borough Council.

"**The Identification Plate**" means the plate issued by the Council for the purpose of identifying the

Vehicle Pre-Requirements

- Shall not be a London style hackney carriage style or similar vehicle.
- Shall not be a left-hand drive vehicle.
- Shall not be a convertible i.e. have a soft top.
- Shall have a capacity for at least four adult passengers.
- Shall maintain at least two separate means of exit for all passengers seated to the rear of the driver's seat.
- Shall have passenger seats that are either front or rear facing.
- All seats must be positioned to ensure the comfort and safety of the passenger.
- Shall have an engine capacity of not less than 1,200cc.
- Shall be of such design to enable any person in the vehicle to communicate with the driver.
- Shall be fitted with a roof covering which can be kept watertight.
- Shall contain windows and a means of opening and closing not less than one window on each side.
- Shall contain seats which must be properly cushioned or covered.
- Shall be constructed or adapted so as to have sufficient luggage space for the number of passengers for which it is licensed.

The vehicle must be type approved. You will be required to provide the necessary confirmation that the vehicle is approved - a V5 registration document (log book) indicating that the vehicle is M1 type approved (shown in the vehicle category at line J), or in the case of minibuses, that the vehicle was manufactured as an M2 vehicle, which is a minibus with more than 8 passenger seats, and the only modification is the removal of the rearmost seats to reduce the seating capacity. The V5 will show M2 in the Vehicle Category at line J.

Vehicles converted from vans or imported from outside the EU will be required to have passed a VOSA Voluntary Individual Vehicle Approval inspection.

The relevant certificate will be required before such a vehicle can be licensed.

Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAV's)

Any vehicle that has been adapted or modified to accommodate disabled passengers shall be re-certified, after adaptation or modification, to meet the

European Whole Vehicle (M1 or M2) Type Approval standard, the British National Low Volume Type (M1 or M2) Approval standard or the Voluntary Individual Single Vehicle Approval in respect of all such adaptations or modifications. The relevant certificate will be required before such a vehicle can be licensed.

- Access to and egress from the wheelchair position must not be obstructed in any manner, at any time, except by wheelchair loading apparatus;
- Wheelchair internal anchorage points and equipment must be of the manufacturers design and construction and comply with the M1 or M2 standards as specified in European Directive 76/115 EEC (as amended by 90/629 EEC) and should be secured in such a position as to not obstruct any emergency exit when the equipment is not in use;
- A suitable, separate restraint (seat belt) must be available for the occupant of the wheelchair.
- Access ramps or lifts must be securely fixed to the vehicle prior to use and be able to support the weight of any wheelchair, occupant and helper
- Ramps and lifts must be securely stored in the vehicle before driving off; such devices shall have a minimum load rating of 300kg.
- The vehicle shall be fitted with a locking mechanism, or other device, that holds the wheelchair access door in the open position whilst a wheelchair is being loaded or unloaded.
- Any equipment fitted to the vehicle for the purpose of lifting a wheelchair into the vehicle must have been tested in accordance with the requirements of the Lifting Operations and Lifting Equipment Regulations 1998 (S/I 1998/2307). Any such equipment must be maintained in efficient working order so as to be available for use at all times.
- Where a vehicle is manufactured or adapted to carry a wheelchair, and the vehicle has been licensed as such, the licensee (and any licensed private hire operator responsible for operating the vehicle) shall ensure that the driver of the vehicle has received sufficient training to be able to load/unload and convey wheelchair bound passengers in safety and comfort.
- A sign may be affixed to the outside of the vehicle indicating that it is able to convey passengers in wheelchairs, provided that the vehicle has been manufactured or properly adapted for that purpose.