

Appendix 5 Vehicle Age Limits

Hackney Carriage Vehicles

Permitted Vehicle Types	Traditional LTI black cabs Mercedes Vito Taxi Mercedes Benz M8 Hackney. (similar to Vito taxi but without 4 wheel steering) Peugeot E7 (SE Model) by Allied Vehicles
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	Where Exceptional Conditions* are NOT met	Where the Vehicle Safety EC1* is met	Where Vehicle Safety and emissions EC1& 2* are met
Lower Age Limit (vehicles must be less than this age when first licensed)	4 years	Not relevant to new vehicle applications	6 years (EC2 only)
Upper Age Limits of Vehicles first licenced prior to 11.4.14	12 years	17 years	No upper limit
Upper Age Limits Vehicles first licenced since 11.4.14	10 years	17 years	No upper limit
Written off vehicles	Replaced with a vehicle up to the age of that written off, up to the 10 year limit	N/A	

*VEHICLE SAFETY: EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION 1 (EC1)

- Saloon, Estate and small MPV Private Hire vehicles to meet Euro 5 (petrol) or Euro 6 (diesel).
- Any inspection identifying the following defects will usually result in the vehicle no longer being classed as an exceptional condition upon expiry of the licence
 - inspection resulting in a fail where an authorised MOT vehicle examiner identifies 2 or more dangerous or major faults or
 - where the vehicle is found to have a poor maintenance history, evidenced by 2 or more previous suspensions for vehicle safety issues within the preceding 2 years.

It will not be acceptable for such a vehicle to be taken away, repaired and presented for a further test. Any further application will not be accepted for such a vehicle. Dangerous and Major faults are outlined in the DVSA MOT Inspection Manual: Cars & Passenger Vehicles. Reference to this manual can be found using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mot-inspection-manual-for-private-passenger-and-light-commercial-vehicles>

*EMISSIONS: EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION 2 (EC2)

- **Until 31/12/28:** Vehicles must be categorised as having fuel types of either hybrid (HEV), plug in hybrid (PHEV), Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), Range Extended Electric Vehicle (REEV or E-REV) or Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (HFCEV) and have a battery range of at least 40 miles.
- **From 1/1/29:** Vehicles must be categorised as having fuel types of either plug in hybrid (PHEV), Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), Range Extended Electric Vehicle (REEV or E-REV) or Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (HFCEV)

Private Hire Vehicles

	Where Exceptional Conditions* are NOT met	Where the Vehicle Safety EC1* is met	Where Vehicle Safety and emissions EC1& 2* are met
Saloons, Estate Cars and small M.P.V's.	No lower age limit. Upper age limit of 8 years.	Lower age limit of 8 years. (ie the vehicle must be less than 8 years old at the time of first application).	Lower age limit of 8 years where EC 2 is met. (ie the vehicle must be less than 8 years old at the time of first application).
#Large M.P.V's and Minibuses that are NOT wheelchair accessible.	Lower age limit of 8 years (ie the vehicle must be less than 8 years old at the time of first application). Upper age limit of 10 years (which only applies if the licence is continuously renewed).	Upper age limit of 12 years where ECs 1 is met (which only applies if the licence is continuously renewed).	Upper age limit of 14 years where ECs 1 & 2 are both met (which only applies if the licence is continuously renewed).
#Large M.P.V's and Minibuses that ARE wheelchair accessible	Lower age limit of 8 years (ie the vehicle must be less than 8 years old at the time of first application). Upper age limit of 13 years (which only applies if the licence is continuously renewed).	Lower age limit of 8 years (ie the vehicle must be less than 8 years old at the time of first application). Upper age limit of 15 years (which only applies if the licence is continuously renewed).	Lower age limit of 8 years (ie the vehicle must be less than 8 years old at the time of first application). No upper limit

#To be classed as a large MPV, the overall length of the vehicle has to be 4.8 metres or more.

*VEHICLE SAFETY: EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION 1 (EC1)

- Saloon, Estate and small MPV Private Hire vehicles to meet Euro 5 (petrol) or Euro 6 (diesel).
- Any inspection identifying the following defects will usually result in the vehicle no longer being classed as an exceptional condition upon expiry of the licence
 - inspection resulting in a fail where an authorised MOT vehicle examiner identifies 2 or more dangerous or major faults or
 - where the vehicle is found to have a poor maintenance history, evidenced by 2 or more previous suspensions for vehicle safety issues within the preceding 2 years.

It will not be acceptable for such a vehicle to be taken away, repaired and presented for a further test. Any further application will not be accepted for such a vehicle. Dangerous and Major faults are outlined in the DVSA MOT Inspection Manual: Cars & Passenger Vehicles. Reference to this manual can be found using the following link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/mot-inspection-manual-for-private-passenger-and-light-commercial-vehicles>

*EMISSIONS: EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION 2 (EC2)

- **Until 13/12/28:** Vehicles must be categorised as having fuel types of either hybrid (HEV), plug in hybrid (PHEV), Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), Range Extended Electric Vehicle (REEV or E-REV) or Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (HFCEV) and have a battery range of at least 40 miles.
- **From 1/1/29:** Vehicles must be categorised as having fuel types of either plug in hybrid (PHEV), Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV), Range Extended Electric Vehicle (REEV or E-REV) or Hydrogen Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle (HFCEV)