



MEDICAL CERTIFICATE ASSOCIATED WITH AN APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

FULL NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

ADDRESS: _____

POSTCODE: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

Note: (1) Applicants for the grant of a driver licence are required to provide evidence, the form of a prescribed certificate available from the Council, signed by a medical practitioner with access to the applicant's medical records, stating that the applicant satisfies the requirements of the DVLA Group 2 medical standards of fitness to drive. All costs associated with obtaining the medical certificate are met by the applicant.

Note: (2) In completing this medical certificate, medical practitioners must have regard to latest guidance concerning the medical fitness of drivers carrying the public. The guidance is available from the DVLA website.

Note (3): A licence holder is examined on initial application then;

1. Every fifth year from the age of 45 up to 65 years and
2. In every year after the applicant has reached the age of 65 years
3. Unless deemed required more frequently by the doctor or local authority

1. Is the applicant subject to epilepsy, vertigo, sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting, or any mental disorder or defect likely to affect his/her efficiency as a licensed driver.

2. Does he/she suffer from any heart or lung disorder or defect?

3. Are the blood pressure readings – both Systolic and Diastolic – normal, having regard to the applicant's age?

4. (a) Is there any defect of vision?

(b) Give accuracy of vision by Snellen Test type with and without glasses:

R.E. _____ L.E. _____ With glasses (if applicable) _____

(c) Was the test conducted with the applicant's own glasses, or

(d) Do you consider that the applicant should wear glasses when driving?

(e) Is the applicant's field of vision by hand test satisfactory?

(f) Could any visual defect observed be sufficiently corrected to make the applicant fit to drive a motor vehicle? _____

5. Is there any defect of hearing? _____

6. Has the applicant any deformity or loss of limbs?

7. Does the applicant have any history of being addicted to the excessive user of alcohol or drugs?

8. Does the applicant suffer from any other medical condition not listed above?

9. Do you consider further examination necessary? If so, in what period of time?

10. Does the applicant have Diabetes Melitus? If yes, provide full details:

Please refer to best practice guidance attached for insulin treated diabetes

11. Are you aware of any reason why the applicant is not medically fit to drive a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle in accordance with DVLA Group 2 Medical Standards? Yes No

If yes, please provide details:

12. I confirm I have accessed the applicant's medical records to complete this Medical certificate in accordance with Durham County Council's Policy: Yes No

13. I can confirm that I have referred to the guidance entitled "DVLA – For Medical Practitioners – At a glance guide to the current medical standards of fitness to Drive – Latest Edition"

Yes

No

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14. I can confirm that the applicant meets the DVLA Group 2 medical standards of fitness to drive (in accordance with Durham County Council Hackney Carriage & Private Hire Licensing Policy:

Yes

No

I certify that I have this day examined **Dated:**

Full Name of Medical Practitioner: **Signature:**

Practice Address/Stamp:

Return to: Durham County Council, Licensing Services, PO Box 617, Durham DH1 9HZ
Any queries please email: licensing@durham.gov.uk Any questions telephone - 03000 261016

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**TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENSING
BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE FOR INSULIN TREATED DIABETES**

It is common for licensing authorities to apply the “Group 2” medical standards applied by DVLA to the licensing of lorry or bus drivers – to hackney carriage and private hire vehicle drivers. It is seen as “best practice” to apply the C1 standards to hackney carriage and private hire drivers within insulin treated diabetes.

Durham County Council has adopted this best practice in relation to drivers who are employed to drive hackney carriage or private hire vehicles.

The Group 2 standards prevent the licensing of drivers with insulin treated diabetes. However, exceptional arrangements do exist for drivers within insulin treated diabetes, who can meet a series of medical criteria.

The guidance means that those with good diabetic control and who have no significant complications can be treated as “exceptional cases” and have their application for a licence to drive a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle considered.

The criteria to be met for this to be considered are:

- Must have full awareness of hypoglycaemia and understand the risks.
- Not to have suffered an episode of hypoglycaemia requiring the assistance of another person driving in the last 12 months.
- To attend an examination by a hospital consultant specialising in the treatment of diabetes at intervals of not more than 12 months. Provide the consultant with the previous 3 months blood glucose records. Request the specialist consultant provide a report in support of the application which confirms a history of responsible diabetic control with a minimal risk of incapacity due to hypoglycaemia.
- To monitor my condition by checking blood glucose levels at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving. To use a glucose meter with a memory function to measure and record blood glucose levels.
- To have no other condition which would render the driver a danger when driving a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle.
- To comply with the directions of the doctor(s) treating the diabetes and to report immediately to the Licensing Authority any significant change in condition.

I hereby agree to comply with the above criteria.

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FULL NAME

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SIGNATURE

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DATE