



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS LICENCES

1. The driver shall immediately on receipt of the licence deliver the same for retention by the proprietor of the licensed private hire vehicle whilst such driver remains in his/her employ.
2. The driver shall:-
 - (a) when requested by any person hiring or seeking to hire a private hire vehicle:
 - (i) Convey a reasonable quantity of luggage.
 - (ii) Afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading.
 - (iii) Afford reasonable assistance in removing it to or from the entrance of any house, station or place at which he may take up or set down such persons.
 - (b) Behave in a civil and orderly manner and shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of persons conveyed in or entering or alighting from the vehicle.
 - (c) Not smoke in the vehicle when the vehicle is available for hire or in use as such and shall request that passengers in the vehicle do not smoke.
 - (d) Not without the express consent of the hirer drink or eat in the vehicle.
 - (e) Not without the express consent of the hirer play any radio or sound reproducing instrument or equipment in the vehicle other than for the purpose of sending or receiving messages in connection with the operation of the vehicle.
 - (f) At no time cause or permit the noise emitted by any radio or other previously mentioned equipment in the vehicle which he is driving to be a source of nuisance or annoyance to any person, whether inside or outside the vehicle.
3. (1) The driver shall not convey or permit to be conveyed in a private hire vehicle a greater number of persons than that prescribed in the licence for the vehicle.
3. (2) The driver shall not, without the consent of the hirer of a vehicle, convey or permit to be conveyed, any other person in that vehicle.
- 4.(1) The driver shall, immediately after the termination of any hiring of a private hire vehicle or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left there.
4. (2) If any property accidentally left in a private hire vehicle by any person who may have been conveyed therein is found by or handed to the driver, the driver shall
 - (a) Carry it within twenty four hours, if not sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner, to a Police Station within the district, and leave it in the custody of the Officer in Charge of the Police Station on his giving a receipt for it.
 - (b) Be entitled to receive from any person to whom the property shall be redelivered an amount equal to 5 pence in the pound of its estimated value (or the fare for the distance from the place of finding to the Police Station, whichever be the greater) but not more than five pounds.

5. The driver of a private hire vehicle shall, if he is aware that the vehicle has been hired to be in attendance at an appointed time and place, or he has otherwise been instructed by the operator or proprietor of the vehicle to be in attendance at an appointed time and place, punctually attend at that appointed time and place, unless delayed or prevented by sufficient cause.
6. The driver shall not, without reasonable cause, unnecessarily prolong, in distance or in time, a journey for which the private hire vehicle, he or she is driving, has been hired.
7. If the driver is not the proprietor of the private hire vehicle, he or she is driving, or is in the charge of, when the vehicle is involved in an accident he or she shall report or cause to be reported to the proprietor of that vehicle details of the accident in which the vehicle has been involved, as soon as possible after the occurrence of the accident.
8. The driver must inform the Head of Democratic & Registration Services, Bedford Borough Council, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP, in writing, within seven days of any motoring or other criminal conviction which has occurred since the granting of this licence.
9. The driver shall, at all times when acting in accordance with this licence, wear in such a position, as to be plainly and distinctly visible, the badge issued to him by the Council pursuant to Section 54(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
10. The Private Hire Driver's Badge shall be provided by, and at all times remain the property of, the Council and upon the Council suspending, revoking or refusing to renew this licence, the driver shall, on demand, return the badge to the Head of Democratic & Registration Services, Bedford Borough Council, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP.
11. A medical certificate shall be produced by the driver within seven days of a request by the Council for such certificate and must do so annually, after attaining 65 years of age.
12. If the driver has knowingly conveyed in a private hire vehicle, the dead body of any person, he shall immediately thereafter notify the fact to the Council's Head of Democratic & Registration Services.
13. That Private Hire vehicle being driven shall have signs affixed and maintained on the nearside and offside front or rear doors of a size and general design as specified by the Council and state only the name, address and telephone number of the operator of the vehicle and the legend "Advance Bookings Only" (unless otherwise exempted).
14. The driver shall at no time advertise his services as a "Taxi", "Cab", "Taxi-cab" or any combination of words or letters, which, when pronounced, would sound similar to such words.
15. The driver of the licensed vehicle shall submit that vehicle to a safety check when required, on the demand of an authorised officer of the council or police officer and shall produce the vehicle at such place for such a check as may be notified by the officer.
16. Unless otherwise exempted in writing by the Head of Democratic & Registration Services, the Licensee shall permit to enter the licensed vehicle a dog trained to assist a disabled person when a disabled person is accompanied by such a dog and shall allow the said dog to remain with the disabled person throughout the duration of the journey booked by, or on behalf of, the disabled person; no charge or additional charge shall be made to the disabled person for the carrying of the said dog.
17. Within 7 days of a change of home address of the licensee, s/he will notify the change of address to the Council's Head of Democratic & Registration Services.

18. Where indicated, the Licensee is also hereby authorised to drive a licensed vehicle as required in order to conform to a contract from the Council for transport services (e.g. School Transport). This authorisation is separate from the Private Hire Driver Licence concerned and may be removed at any time by the Council as the commissioning party to such a contract. This separate authorisation is also subject to compliance with the requirements of the specific contract for transport services. This authorisation is indicated, if it applies, by the words 'incorporating School Transport badge' on the face of the identification badge referred to in Condition 9 above. Where the said identification badge does not include the words 'incorporating School Transport badge', the holder of this Licence is not authorised to drive a licensed vehicle in pursuance of a contract with the Council for transport services.

19. The Council reserves the right to vary, delete or waive any of the foregoing conditions.