



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXPECTED STANDARDS FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER LICENSEES

1. The driver shall immediately on receipt of the licence, deliver the same for retention by the proprietor of the licensed hackney carriage, whilst such driver remains in his/her employ.
2. 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/her by the Council pursuant to Section 54(1) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.
3. The driver shall:
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) Not without the express consent of the hirer, drink or eat in the vehicle.
 - (c) 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.
 - (d) 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.
4. The driver shall not, without reasonable cause, unnecessarily prolong, in distance or in time, a journey for which the hackney carriage he or she is driving has been hired.
5. If the driver is not the proprietor of the hackney carriage 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 and at the latest no more than 48 hours after the occurrence of the accident.
6. The driver must inform the Chief Officer Legal & Democratic Services (Interim), Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP, in writing within seven days of any motoring or other criminal conviction which has occurred since the granting of this licence.
7. The Hackney Carriage 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 Chief Officer Legal & Democratic Services (Interim), Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Bedford MK42 9AP.
8. A medical certificate shall be produced by the driver within seven days of a request by the Council for such certificate and must be provided annually after attaining 65 years of age.

9. If the driver has knowingly conveyed in a hackney carriage, the dead body of any person, he shall immediately thereafter notify the fact to the Council's Service Manager (Public Health).
10. The licensed vehicle being driven shall have signs affixed and maintained on the nearside and offside front or rear doors as supplied by the Council which will state "Bedford Taxi".
11. 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.
12. 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 Hackney Carriage 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 2 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.
13. The Council reserves the right to vary, delete or waive any of the foregoing conditions.