

LICENSING

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR VEHICLE APPLICATIONS

THE APPLICANT IS REQUESTED TO READ THESE NOTES BEFORE HE/SHE STARTS TO COMPLETE THE FORM AND TO DETACH THEM FROM THE FORM AND RETAIN THEM.

APPLICATION FOR (RENEWAL OF) A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE/ TAXI VEHICLE LICENCE

1. The form must be completed and returned to:

The Licensing Service
Democratic & Registration Services
Bedford Borough Council
Borough Hall
Bedford MK42 9AP
Enquiries on telephone number: (01234) 276943
E-mail: licensing@bedford.gov.uk

AN APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED ONLY WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY THE DOCUMENTS AND FEE(S) LISTED AT (a)-(b) BELOW. THESE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND FAILURE TO COMPLY WILL RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING REJECTED AND RETURNED TO YOU. THE FOLLOWING MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION FORM:

- (a) A full Vehicle Registration Certificate (V5) showing the Proprietors name and current address **or** the V5C/2 (New Keepers Supplement) provided the Certificate has been sent for updating by the DVLA within the preceding month **or** a new or duplicate Vehicle Registration Certificate (V62) as appropriate. In all cases originals of these documents should be presented, if these are not presented then you must provide a written explanation as to why not.
- (b) Appropriate Licence Fee (See Note 11).
- (c) Current Certificate of Insurance **or** Cover Note endorsed to cover the vehicle for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward in the Proprietors name showing all named drivers. Only originals documents will be accepted and faxed or photocopy details are not sufficient for this purpose. The insurance Certificate/Cover Note should be provided at the time of collecting the licence plates.
- (d) **In all cases ONLY original documents will be accepted and all must be in the Proprietors name.**

The Licensing Service may request other information subsequently in support of the application and reserves the right in doing so.

TAXI / PRIVATE HIRE POLICY

2. Subject to the policies in paragraph 17 below, a vehicle licence will be for a maximum period of up to twelve months from the date of application/renewal (replacement vehicles are considered as newly licensed vehicles).

In relation to Taxi Vehicles:

- (a) That, Taxi vehicles to be licensed for the first time by Bedford Borough Council must be white in colour and from 1 January 2012 all existing Taxis must also be white in colour.
- (b) Replacement vehicles for existing Taxis must be wheelchair¹ accessible in type.
- (c) That, with effect from 1 January 2012, all Hackney Carriages must be wheelchair

¹ Guidance on wheelchair accessible requirements is available from the Customer Services Centre Home Lane, Bedford

accessible (i.e., a vehicle that a person in a wheelchair can remain in their wheelchair and board, travel and alight in safety).

In relation to Private Hire Vehicles:

- (a) All Private Hire Vehicles will have roof signs that that are green in colour (forward facing)². See note 6.
 - (b) All Private Hire Vehicles licensed will normally be less than nine years of age (at first licensing and the last date of being licensed)³. If a Private Hire Vehicle application is submitted to the Council with an exemption request to the nine years of age rule, the vehicle will not be booked in for an inspection and will be scheduled in for the next Sub-Committee Hearing. Please submit the applications at least 8 weeks prior to the expiry of the current licence so that this can be allocated to the next GLSC.
 - (c) All new and replacement private hire vehicles must not be white⁴ in colour and from 1 January 2012 all existing private hire vehicles must not be white in colour.
 - (d) Purpose built London style cabs will not normally be licensed as Private Hire Vehicles.
3. The Council has the power to refuse applications for Taxi licences for the purpose of limiting the number of such licensed vehicles. At the time of issuing this guidance the Council was satisfied that there is no significant unmet demand for such vehicles. However, the Council has a policy of managed growth that envisages 10 additional Taxi Licences being issued each year whilst demand for such licences exists.
 4. You are required to source your own roof sign and ensure that it complies with the Council requirements attached to your Taxi / Private Hire Vehicle Licence.
 5. The safety, comfort, mechanical condition and suitability of the vehicle will be tested by the Council. These tests take place at the Vehicle Repair Depot, which is in Brunel Road, Bedford.
 6. The required roof signs need to be correctly fitted onto the car and safely wired into the sidelight circuit by an authorised fitter. If the vehicle's passenger capacity is unknown, contact the Licensing Service for guidance. If a vehicle owner RENEWING the licence for the vehicle presents it for testing without the required roof sign, or any of the requirements on page 8, it will normally be failed.
 7. **Bookings can be made at the Customer Service Centre, Horne Lane, Bedford. No booking of a test will be accepted by way of a telephone call to Borough Hall and no bookings will be accepted directly by the testing Depot.**
 8. Vehicles can be booked in for a renewal test up to 4 weeks in advance of the current licence expiry date. When the current compliance certificate is show the anniversary date will be honoured. The earliest that a vehicle can be booked into the depot when booked at Customer Service's is 72 hours from submitting the application form subject to availability.
 9. The Licensing Service must receive cancellations of test appointments at least 24 hours prior to the time of the test. If a cancellation is received less than 24 hours prior to the time of the test, the licence fee will not normally be returned. Non-attendance at the test centre at the allocated time will be deemed to be cancellation by the applicant of the test appointment.

² The Executive Committee on 18 February 2004 approved that Private Hire Vehicles from 1 August 2004 have roof signs that are green in colour (forward facing) from 1 August 2004.

³ The General Licensing Committee on 14 April 2005 approved that Private Hire Vehicles be less than 9 years of age.

⁴ The Executive Committee on 18 February 2004 approved that Private Hire Vehicles being licensed for the first time be any other colour than white and be easily extinguishable from white. The same shall apply for all existing private hire vehicles from 1 January 2012.

10. It is an offence under Section 57 (3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 to make a false statement or omit to give any particulars requested by the Council in connection with this application.
11. (a) Applicants must ensure that before a vehicle is presented for test, the bodywork and interior are clean and the engine and other mechanical parts are free from excessive oil, grease and dirt so as to enable a proper inspection to be made. For further guidance on the testing process please check the Manual of Inspection available on the website:
<https://bbcdevwebfiles.blob.core.windows.net/webfiles/Licensing/Taxi%20Licensing/Hackney%20Carriage%20and%20Private%20Hire%20Vehicles%20Inspection%20Standards.pdf>
- (b) Any vehicle which does not satisfy this requirement will not be tested at that time and a further appointment (for which a further fee will be payable) will have to be made.
12. Any owner who changes his place of abode must give notice in writing to the Licensing Service, Democratic and Registration Services Unit, Borough Hall, Bedford within 7 days.

13. LICENCE FEES AS FROM 01/04/2018

(i)	Licence Fee The Council has set Licence Fees and presently agrees to remit part (or all) of those fees in certain circumstances. Subject to the vehicle test, the Council will normally grant a Private Hire/Taxi Licence for a period of up to 12 months	
	The amount to be paid in each case is as set out below:	
	Private Hire Vehicle Licence	£220.00
	Taxi Vehicle Licence	£412.00
(ii)	Cancellation of test appointment	
	- More than 24 hours notice given	£ 40.00
	- Less than 24 hours notice given	£ 81.00
(iii)	Retest Fee	
	- Private Hire	£ 81.00
	- Taxi	£ 81.00
(iv)	Issue of Replacement Plate	£ 40.00
(v)	Issue of Replacement Pass Certificate	£ 40.00

14. If you wish to transfer your Private Hire Vehicle / Taxi to another person not named on the licence you must inform the Council within 14 days of doing so. We will require the new proprietor to provide evidence of adequate insurance for the vehicle.

15. A copy of the conditions attached to Private Hire Vehicles Licences and of the Hackney Carriage Byelaws are available for inspection/purchase at the Customer Services Centre, Horne Lane, Bedford.

Also available are copies of the Manual of Inspection for licensed vehicles (the standard to which the Council's Inspectors will test the vehicle). This can also be viewed on the website at the following link:

<https://bbcdevwebfiles.blob.core.windows.net/webfiles/Licensing/Taxi%20Licensing/Hackney%20Carriage%20and%20Private%20Hire%20Vehicles%20Inspection%20Standards.pdf>

16. If an applicant for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence intends to obtain bookings from members of the public directly himself, he should apply for a Private Hire Operators Licence to the Council. Further to this, you should note that only licensed Hackney Carriage Drivers may drive Hackney Carriages and only licensed Private Hire Drivers may drive Private Hire Vehicles. Details of driver and operator licences are available, upon request, from the Licensing Service of the Borough Council.
17. Should a vehicle fail a test, but then pass a re-test, the Chief Officer Legal & Democratic Services (Interim) may, at her discretion, licence the vehicle for a shorter period than would normally be the case.
18. The items to be inspected by the staff at the testing depot are set out in the Council's Manual of Inspection and are referred to overleaf. Applicants should note the following requirements concerning signs:

(a) **Taxi Vehicles**

Any vehicles to be licensed for the first time by Bedford Borough Council as a Taxis (with the exception of London style cabs such as the FX4 TX1 or Metrocabs) is required to display a roof signs of 24" width with the following words in black on a yellow background:

Borough of Bedford
TAXI

All taxis are provided with plastic signs, which state "BEDFORD TAXI" which are to be affixed and maintained on the near and offside front or rear doors of the vehicle.⁵

(b) **Private Hire Vehicles**

All private hire vehicles are required to have signs displayed and maintained on their nearside and offside front or rear doors. The signs shall be a minimum of 8¹/₄" x 11³/₄" overall with a border 1/4" from the edge, with the lettering and border being the same colour. The sign may only state the name, address and telephone number of the operator of the vehicle and the legend "Advance Bookings Only". The minimum size of the lettering for the address and the Legend shall be 3/4", the name no greater than 2". Larger door signs are permitted where the proportions are the same as those stated. The operator may choose the colouring of the lettering.⁶

- (c) Any vehicle licensed for the first time or renewing it's license must be fitted with a roof sign complying with the specifications as set out in sub-paragraphs (i)-(v):

(i) Roof Signs

The dimension of the roof sign shall be a minimum of 600mm in length and a maximum of 620mm in length. The depth of the sign shall be a minimum of 140mm and a maximum of 160mm. The minimum height of the sign shall be 160mm and the maximum height 180mm.

The roof sign shall comprise a green background to the front, top and sides with black lettering only. The rear of the sign shall be black in colour showing red lettering only.

⁵ Taxi door signs are available from the Borough Council at nil cost – the requirement for these signs does not prevent other signs being displayed with prior agreement of Bedford Borough Council.

⁶ The private hire sign requirements do not prevent other signs being displayed on the vehicle with the prior agreement of Bedford Borough Council.

(ii) Front Elevation

The front elevation of the sign shall include in descending order the operator's trading name and telephone number and the words "ADVANCE BOOKINGS ONLY". The operator's trading name and telephone number must be in letters and numbers respectively, the height and width of each letter or number must not exceed 40mm; followed by the wording "ADVANCE BOOKINGS ONLY" which must be in letters of not less than 25mm in height and width.

(iii) Side Elevations

The word "PLATE" and Licence number must be displayed on the left and right side elevations of the roof sign. The word "PLATE" must be in letters not less than 17mm in height and the Licence number must be in letters not less than 28mm in height and width.

(iv) Rear Elevation

The rear elevation of the roof sign shall include the following in descending order:

The words "private hire vehicle" in letters not less than 28mm in height and width followed by the words "LICENSED BY BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL TO CARRY X PASSENGERS". The letters must be a minimum of 17mm both in height and width. "X" must be substituted by the specified number of persons to be carried as stated in the Private Hire Vehicle Licence.

The word "PLATE" must be displayed on the right side of the roof sign when viewed from the rear of the vehicle and must be in lettering of not less than 20mm in height and width. The Licence number must be in numbers not less than 30mm in height and width.

The registration number displayed on the vehicle must be displayed at the rear of the roof sign and be preceded by "REG NO." and must be in letters and numbers not less than 20mm nor greater than 25mm in height and width.

19. Applicants should also note that the following requirements, which apply to both Private Hire and Taxi Vehicles, for all newly licensed vehicles and existing vehicles upon renewal:

- (a) All licensed vehicles should ensure that the two-way radio is firmly secured in the vehicle. The radio must be securely fixed (i.e. with bolts) to prevent it interfering with driving controls.
- (b) All licensed vehicles should ensure that the interior windscreen sticker issued by the Council is not displayed in the wind screen wiper swept area.
- (c) All licensed vehicles are required to carry, in an easily accessible position in the vehicle a 1.75/2.00 litre AFFF foam type or a 1.36kg dry powder type fire extinguisher conforming to British Standard BS5423 or a 1kg ABC Powder Extinguisher (Multi-Purpose) with a minimum fire rating of 8A/55B and conforming to British Standard BS EN3. The extinguisher must either be visible or a sign placed in the vehicle indicating where the extinguisher is carried.
- (d) All licensed vehicles are required to carry, in an easily accessible position in the vehicle a first aid kit with the following minimum contents:
 - (i) 1 First aid guidance card
 - (ii) 6 Individually wrapped sterile dressings
 - (iii) 1 Large Sterile unmedicated dressing
 - (iv) 2 Triangular bandages
 - (v) 2 Safety pins
 - (vi) Individually wrapped moist cleansing wipes
- (e) All forward facing seats in a licensed vehicle are required to be fitted with a seat belt complying with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations current at the time of testing.

Upon the test being completed, the applicant will be given a pass or fail certificate, which should be taken to Customer Services when collecting the plate/ rebooking the test. In the event that the vehicle passes the test, the Licensing Officer will prepare the Licence plates, which will normally be available for collection after 1.30pm the next working day.

The Council's test for licensed vehicles is certified by the former Department of Environment, Transport and the Regions and a licensed vehicle will not need to pass a separate MOT.

The Council reserves the right to require the return of Licence Plates at any time and those renewing a Vehicle Licence will be required to present their 'old' plates prior to or at the same time as they collect their 'new' plates.

20. Before booking a vehicle for a test, the vehicle specifications can be presented to the Licensing Service who will arrange for an indication to be given as to the suitability of the vehicle based on those specifications for licensing purposes and the number of passengers that will be permitted. In the event that a proprietor wishes to licence a vehicle contrary to the Council's policies, they should consult the Licensing Service. Such applications are referred to the General Licensing Sub-Committee to determine prior to any test being arranged.
21. In assessing the number of passengers a vehicle will be licensed for, the testing officer will only consider passenger seats that have immediate access to a door that can be opened from the inside. Only adult specifications will be borne in mind.
22. The Motor Industry Bureau maintains an internet based Motor Insurance Database whereby the insurance details provided by insurance companies and fleet operators are able to be checked. Bedford Borough Council is prepared to act on your behalf to check whether a vehicle is recorded on the Motor Insurance Database. If you authorise this, the Authority may perform this check at such frequency as it determines. It will advise you if your details are not on the database. It will not normally advise you if your details are on the database.
23. **Data Protection Privacy Advice/ Freedom of Information Act 2000**

DATA PROTECTION

Through the relevant application/notice forms, accompanying documentation and payment facilities associated with this licensing function the Council (the data controller) collects personal data. Personal data may also be collected in respect of further related requests for information from the applicant/person submitting the notice. This is necessary for the performance of legal obligations on it in respect of the relevant licensing function or otherwise necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority. These also form the basis for the further processing of the personal data by the Council in connection with the application/notice, any determination of the same and any subsequent authorisation/appeal and issues that arise during the period of the authorisation/appeal. Beyond that, the Council will retain the records for 5 years and then destroy them securely. The Council will maintain and retain public registers and these are not destroyed. The Council may from time to time extract information itself from those public registers. The Council will share with and receive information from the following:

- Other Council Services (Where appropriate)
- Applicants Insurance Company
- DVLA

In respect of data subjects who are applicants/notice givers and those who hold authorisations. It holds the personal data in a way designed to secure it from unauthorised use, loss or destruction.

These measures include recruitment and training of staff, procurement of services and physical/cyber security. The Council's privacy statement for this function is available at www.bedford.gov.uk or upon request from the Council using the address and telephone contact details elsewhere on this form. The Council will update its privacy statement from time to time and you are urged to read that statement. You have information rights that are explained at <https://tinyurl.com/y7uccndm>. You can exercise your information rights by contacting the Council's Data Protection Officer at dpo@bedford.gov.uk or writing to Information Governance, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP (Telephone (01234) 267422). If you believe that the Council has failed to comply with its data protection obligations you may contact the ICO at 0303 123 1113 or at www.ico.org.uk. Further contact details are available upon request. The full Privacy Statement for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage vehicle applications can be viewed here: www.bedford.gov.uk/gdprprivacy

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Information held by the Council may need to be disclosed in response to a request for it within the terms of the Freedom of the Information Act 2005. This information excludes that which is in any other way already in the public domain.

24. Right of Appeal

Any applicant refused a Vehicle Licence has a right of appeal to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the decision being notified to you.

Whilst you may wish to make reasonable enquiries of the Licensing Authority's staff (and they will be endeavour to be helpful in clarifying areas of doubt), you should take care not to act unreasonably towards them. Aggressive, abusive and intimidating behaviour including persistent shouting will not be tolerated. Such unreasonable behaviour could be grounds to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew / grant a Licence.

PRIVATE HIRE / TAXI ITEMS TO BE INSPECTED

1. LIGHTS

Head
Front
Stop
Indicators

Reflectors
Dip
Rear
Interior

7. METER TEST (Taxis only)

Fares for distance – check display of charges
(Meter and Fares List)

2. STEERING & SUSPENSION

Track rod
Tie rods
Steering box
Wheel bearings
Idlers
Joints
Ball Joints

Suspension front
Suspension rear
Top suspension
Plates
Shock absorbers

8. INTERIOR

Door handles, locks, window winders:

Working and all parts intact

Edges of doors, sills, seats, ash trays:

Clean, no sharp edges, free from rust

Upholstery: *clean, free from stains, cuts, rips and abrasive edges securely fixed*

Door panels and dash board:

As upholstery

Carpets and mats: *clean, intact, not excessively worn*

Paintwork: *clean, free from excessive scratches*

3. BRAKES

Foot brake condition
Foot brake efficiency
Hand brake condition

Windscreen: *free from insignia (*)*

Boot: *to be clean and tidy*

Estate cars: *to be fitted with a guard-rail of a type approved by the Council to separate the rear loading area from passengers.*

Hand brake efficiency

4. **TYRES** (including spares)

Type
Condition

5. **CHASSIS** (including)

Door sills
Exhaust
Wings – front
Wings – rear

6. **GENERAL ITEMS**

Windscreen wipers
Windscreen washers
Horn
Speedometer

9. **EXTERIOR BODYWORK**

Clean polished finish, free from rust, dents and unsightly scratches
Paintwork to be of a uniform colour.

10. **SIGNS**

See note 18 for signage requirements for Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles

Note: All repair work must be carried out to a professional finish.

Licence plates
Fire extinguisher
Seat belts
First Aid Kit

} See note 19

(* Vehicles will be refused if unapproved glass is fitted i.e. Tinted Glass. For Tinted Glass the front passenger and driver side windows must have a visual light transmission throughout of 75% and 70% or higher respectively. All other windows must have a visual light transmission reading throughout of 32% or higher.

If applicants are in doubt of the above the Manual of Inspection Standards for Licensing Vehicle Testing is available upon request at the Borough Hall or the Depot (Brunel Road).

Bedford Borough Council

APPLICATION FOR

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE

New Grant

Renewal

(please tick appropriate boxes)

TAXI VEHICLE LICENCE

New Grant

Renewal

(please tick appropriate boxes)

For **TAXI** vehicle licences only:

Would you prefer a square or oblong licence plate?

Square

Oblong

DETAILS OF OLD VEHICLE or VEHICLE TO BE REPLACED (if applicable)

If the vehicle to be licensed is to replace an existing licensed vehicle, please state the following details **FOR THE OLD VEHICLE**:

(Old Vehicle or Vehicle to be Replaced) Licence/Plate Number: _____

(Old Vehicle or Vehicle to be Replaced) Registration Number: _____

Enter the date your licence/plate expired: _____

VEHICLE TO BE LICENCED

Existing/Last Plate No. of vehicle: _____ Vehicle Registration No: _____

Vehicle Make: _____ Vehicle Model: _____

Date of first Registration: _____ Vehicle Colour: _____

Engine Size: _____ Chassis Number: _____

Forenames of Applicant: _____

Surname: _____

Previous or alias names used: _____

Date used from: _____ Date used to: _____

National Insurance Number: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Business name if a company owned vehicle: _____

Full address: _____

Postcode: _____ Contact telephone number: _____

Email address: _____

Have you read and understood the guidance notes for Private Hire and Taxi Vehicle Licences:

YES / NO

Bedford Borough Council

Name of Private Hire Operator who will provide Advance bookings:

If you are not the (sole) owner of the vehicle, who is/are the (joint) owners?

Mr/Mrs/Miss	Forenames	Surname

Unspent convictions against the owner(s)

Please state all unspent or pending convictions against the owner(s):

If there are no such convictions you MUST write 'None':

Name of Owner(s)	Conviction	Date of Conviction
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Miscellaneous Questions

Has a loan, hire purchase or other credit agreement been entered into to purchase the vehicle?

YES / NO

(If yes, please give details of the loan/hire Purchased/credit Company concerned):

Is the vehicle wheelchair accessible? **YES / NO**

Does the vehicle have a tail lift? **YES / NO**

Please state the address of every place where the vehicle will be kept when not in use:

Bedford Borough Council

How many other vehicles, which are the property of the same owner, are licensed by Bedford Borough Council as Private Hire or Taxi vehicles? _____

If the vehicle has been fitted with a meter, please indicate the type of meter concerned?

If the vehicle is to be licensed as a Taxi (Hackney Carriage), please state the approximate numbers of hours per week it will be used as such:

Applicants are reminded that a roof sign to a prescribed design is required.

Have you made arrangements to display a roof sign to the prescribed design on this vehicle?
Yes No

Have you made arrangements to display a no smoking sign on this vehicle for the compliance test?
Yes No **Please refer to the Manual of Inspection Declaration**

I/We hereby apply to the Bedford Borough Council for a Licence for the vehicle described above to be let or offered for hire within the licensing area of the Borough and, if the same is granted, I/we undertake to comply with all statutory provisions, Byelaws and conditions relating to the same and accept that if I/we (or a driver of the vehicle) infringe or neglect to comply with any of the conditions subject to which the licence is held, the same shall be liable to be suspended or revoked by the Council.

I/we also declare that all the information I/we have given in the application for a Licence is correct (to the best of my knowledge) and I/we undertake to inform the Chief Officer Legal & Democratic Services (Interim) of Bedford Borough Council immediately of any changes to the information I/we have provided whilst my/our application is considered and, should a Licence be granted, during the Licence period.

Proprietor (Signed) _____ (Date) _____

(Name – please print) _____

Joint Owner (Signed) _____ (Date) _____

(Name – please print) _____

Remember to enclose the appropriate fee(s) and submit the documents as requested in the guidance notes attached to this application form (copies, including faxed copies, will not be accepted).

VEHICLE PLATES WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL AFTER 1.30PM THE NEXT WORKING DAY.

Bedford Borough Council

Whilst your application is being processed if you wish to authorise a person(s) to whom Bedford Borough Council can disclose information on the progress of your application please indicate below the individual(s):

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Name: _____ Relationship to you: _____

If you are granted a Licence do you wish the above individual(s) to continue to be authorised for disclosure.

YES / NO

REGISTERED COMPANY APPLICANTS ONLY

If the applicant is a registered Company, please state the following information:

Position in the Company (e.g. Director): _____

Company Name: _____

Company Registered Office: _____

Company Registration Number: _____

I am authorised to apply for the Licence concerned:

YES / NO

Bedford Borough Council

Insurance Authorisation Letter

Name and address of Insurance Company:

Your name and address:

Name and address of Insurance Broker:

Today's Date: _____

Dear Sir/Madam

Your Vehicle's Registration Number: _____

Your Insurance Policy Number/Cover Note Number: _____

I hereby authorise Bedford Borough Council to obtain from you all details relating to the insurance of the above vehicle, including but not restricted to, the following for a period of 12 months from the date above and relating only to that period:-

- Whether the Policy has been amended, suspended or cancelled.
- Whether there have been any accidents involving the vehicle.
- Whether there have been any claims on the insurance.
- Whether the vehicle has been modified from the manufacturer's standard specification
- Whether the insurance covers any drivers other than the insured.

I also authorise the Council to act on my behalf to check the Motor Insurance Database of the Motor Insurance Bureau at such frequency as it determines.

Yours faithfully

Your Signature:

Your Name:



BEDFORD BOROUGH



Chief Executive: P. Simpkins

To the Insurance Company / Broker
outlined overleaf

Reference: PHV /TXV
Contact: Licensing Service
Telephone: 01234 276943
Fax: 01234 718392
Email: Licensing@bedford.gov.uk

Date: _____

Dear Sir/Madam

Disclosure of Insurance Details

Further to the letter of authority set out overleaf, please provide the following information in relation to the Insurance of the vehicle concerned:

- Whether the Policy has been amended, suspended or cancelled.
- Whether there have been any accidents involving the vehicle.
- Whether there have been any claims on the insurance.
- Whether the vehicle has been modified from the manufacturer's standard specification.
- Whether the insurance covers any drivers other than the insured.

Yours faithfully

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