

Reference No:



# Bedford Borough Council

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## PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE

### REQUEST FOR VEHICLE LICENCE REQUIREMENT EXEMPTION

Reason for Request for Exemption ( <i>please ✓ as appropriate</i> )		
Window Tint <input type="checkbox"/>	Age of Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>	Display of door signs, roof sign and Licence Plates <input type="checkbox"/>
See section 3.	See section 4.	See section 5.
Other requirement <input type="checkbox"/>	Please specify the other requirement	
Please enclose photographs with this application of the current/proposed vehicle from all four sides including the inside front and rear. Photographs enclosed <input type="checkbox"/>		

#### 1. Applicant Details

Applicants Name:		Licence Plate Number: (If known)	
Home Address:			
Contact Telephone Number:			
Email Address:			

#### 2. Vehicle Details:

To qualify as Exempt, the vehicle would be luxurious and of a higher specification than standard model vehicles (please see examples of vehicle considered in the framework). It would be relatively new, ideally under 3 years old (though age will not preclude the licensing of a vehicle in exceptionally good condition) and be of suitable size, appearance and design.

Does the exemption request relate to a vehicle currently licensed or a vehicle you propose to apply to licence? Please ✓ as appropriate below.					
Currently licensed vehicle <input type="checkbox"/>			Proposed vehicle to be licensed <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Make	Model	Vehicle Registration	Year of Registration	Current Mileage
Current Vehicle					
Proposed new vehicle					
Please use the space below to set out the type of work to be undertaken, ie regular private hire/hackney carriage or specialist travel. <i>If you need additional space then please use additional paper.</i>					

**Please only complete the relevant sections below for the Exemption types that you wish to apply for.**

**3. Window Tint:**

The Authority's Manual of Inspection advises that the current levels of allowable tint are: 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.

Please provide tint readings of <u>all</u> windows in the spaces below:			
Front Windscreen	Front Driver Window	Rear near side Passenger Window	Rear Windscreen
	Front Passenger Window	Rear off side Passenger Window	
Any other windows			

**4, Age of Vehicle (Private Hire Vehicle’s only):**

All Private Hire Vehicles licensed will normally be less than nine years of age (at first licensing and the last date of being licensed). If a Private Hire Vehicle application is submitted to the Council with a 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. **You are advised to apply at least 8 weeks beforehand as it will be referred to the General Licensing Sub Committee.**

**Please use the space below to set out what is exceptional about the vehicle that should mean that the normal licensing requirement about the vehicle age should not be applied. *If you need additional space then please use additional paper.***

**5, Display of Door Signs, Roof Signs and Licence Plate:**

**Please provide letters from a few of your clients/potential clients showing an expression from them that they require the use of vehicles without displaying a licence plate, door and roof signs. Please also provide your booking records for the last 12 months (so we can correlate with the client testimonials) . As per Section 4 of the Framework for Consideration of Requests for Vehicle Exemptions below,**

*“Details of the clients and an expression from them that they do require vehicles without licence plate, door signs and roof signs will be requested. It is the Authority’s normal expectance that vehicles proposed to be exempted will be engaged substantially (i.e. more than 75%) in the provision of the above type of work”.*

**Please use the space below to write anything else that you would like the Council to take into account when considering this? *If you need additional space then please use additional paper.***

Please set out below any other additional information you think would be relevant to this request. *If you need additional space then please use additional paper.*

Please return the completed form and supporting documents to Licensing Via Customer Services in Horne Lane or by email to [licensing@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@bedford.gov.uk)

**For office use only:**

<b>When first licensed</b>	<b>First mileage reading</b>	<b>Estimated cost of replacement to original specification</b>	<b>Other vehicles licensed by requestor that could be affected</b>	<b>Other comparable request references</b>

**Decision Record:**

Chief Officer Legal & Democratic Services (Interim)

Date:

Reason:

Approved

Refused