

## Appendix 2

### Current Policy

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##### Age Restrictions

**183.** The Council has age restriction policies in place requiring the vehicle to be under 4 years of age when first presented for licensing. Vehicle licences will only be renewed up to 8 years old (except for purpose built wheelchair accessible vehicles such as London Cabs which may be licensed up to 10 years of age).

**184.** From the 1st April 2023, all licensed vehicles must be aged eight years or under.

**186.** The initial age of the vehicle will be extended from under 4 years to less than 6 years in respect of purpose-built vehicles only i.e. London cabs and similar vehicles to encourage more purpose-built wheelchair accessible vehicles in the fleet.

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##### Driver Knowledge/Locality Test

**85.** In order to determine the fitness of a person to hold a licence, all applicants are required to sit and pass a test on their knowledge of the local geography, driver conduct / conditions, Highway Code, licensing legislation and awareness of Child Sexual Exploitation/Safeguarding. Tests for hackney carriage drivers include a more detailed assessment of local geography, location of hackney carriage stands and knowledge of tariffs and charges. A driver licence will not be issued without the applicant first passing the knowledge test.

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##### Tinted Windows

**232.** The Council's specification relating to the use of tinted windows in licensed vehicles is as follows:

- (a) The windscreen shall have a minimum light transmission of 75%
- (b) All other front windows of any vehicle shall have a minimum of 70% light transmission.
- (c) All rear windows shall have a minimum of 30% light transmission, unless the below criterion can be met where there will be no minimum light transmission.