

DECLARATION OF FITNESS

Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle



This form is for any MOT Testing Station in Cardiff to complete at the same time as your MOT test.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle is suitable to be re-licensed prior to having it tested. If your vehicle is over 10 years old (or 6 years old if it is not prestige), you must ensure that it complies with the Exceptional Condition policy and obtain an extension if required.

The MOT test certificate and this form must be submitted to the Licensing department within 28 days from the date of the test, or within 2000 miles, whichever comes first.

The hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licensing test has additional items to that required by the MOT motor vehicle test. The following table details the additional items that will need to be inspected.

No.	Testable Item	Comments
1.	Electrical and Wiring Equipment	In good condition and repair, secure and correctly positioned.
2.	Driver Controls	In sound condition and operating correctly without signs of excessive wear.
3.	Speedometer	The speedometer must be operational.
4.	Licence Plates	Licence plates must be fitted on the outside rear of the vehicle in a clear and conspicuous manner either directly above or directly below or directly to the left or right hand side of the vehicle registration number plate. The plate must be securely fixed directly onto the vehicle by either nuts and bolts, self tapping screws or rivets, or indirectly by means of a bracket that is similarly fixed to the vehicle. The interior plate shall be fixed on the inside of the vehicle in such a position as to be easily observed by the passengers.
5.	Paintwork	<u>Hackney Carriages</u> must be black with a white bonnet. Purpose built vehicles which meet the Metropolitan Police Conditions of Fitness, such as London Cabs, may be all black <u>Private Hire Vehicles</u> may be of any colour other than that adopted for hackney carriages, so they may NOT be black with a white bonnet, but they must be of a uniform colour as described in the vehicle V5 registration document. If the vehicle has been re-sprayed this must be done professionally including the boot, door edges and frames. All paintwork must be in good condition and with an excellent finish.
6.	Condition of Wings and Wheel Arches	Panels, wings bumpers to be in good condition, free from rust, holes, broken metal or any other visible damage.
7.	Security of Body	Safe and in good condition, free from dents and rust.
8.	Passenger and Drivers Doors	Doors to be in good condition, free from rust, holes, broken metal or any other visible damage. Hinges to be in good order, all working, and doors to be seated correctly when closed.
9.	Interior and Exterior Fittings	No fittings or signs to be attached inside or outside vehicle unless approved by the Council.
10.	Clutch and Footbrake Pedal Rubbers	In good condition
11.	Floor Coverings	To be in good condition, clean and free from any contamination.
12.	Interior lights, mirror and trim	To be in good condition, clean and free from any damage, grease or any other contamination.
13.	Passenger and Driver Seats	To be in good condition, clean and free from any tears, damage, grease or any other contamination.
14.	Bumper	Present and in good condition.

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15.	Fuel Tanks and System including other facilities	Securely fitted and in good condition, appropriate filler cap suitable and fitted.
16.	LPG Tank (if fitted)	An LPG tank installed within the luggage compartment of the vehicle as a result of fuel conversion must have a maximum volume capacity no larger than 100 litres, and be positioned between the wheel arches. Only with written approval of the Council may a larger size be fitted.
17.	Windscreen and Windows	To be in a good clean condition and free from damage. The windscreen must allow at least 75% of light to pass through with all other windows allowing 70% of light to pass through. Window winders to be in good condition and all working correctly.
18.	Transmission Shafts	In good condition.
19.	Engine and Transmission Mountings	There should be no oil or water leaks
20.	Luggage Compartment	To be clean and free for the accommodation of passengers luggage. Nothing done to the vehicle must compromise the existing arrangements for the carrying of a spare wheel, and there should remain sufficient space for adequate luggage or a folded wheelchair to be carried.
21.	Spare Wheel Carrier	Unless the vehicle is fitted by the manufacturers approved run flat tyres a spare wheel of full or compact design (space saver) in good condition must be carried together with the appropriate tools to change a wheel.
22.	Taxi Meter Location	The taximeter must be positioned so that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage and in such a way as to make it impracticable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances.
23.	Wheelchair Accessibility	Mounting points and all necessary straps to be in good condition and ramps and winches provided as necessary.
24.	Camera Recording Equipment	Interior CCTV equipment of a type previously approved by the Authority may be fitted in accordance with the manufacturers instructions, subject to: a) a sign indicated that recording equipment is in use being clearly displayed within the vehicle, and; b) all images downloaded from the camera being made available to the Police and Authorised Officers, upon request.
25.	Fire Extinguisher and first aid kit	A fire extinguisher in good condition should be carried in an easily accessible position on the vehicle. A first aid kit should be available within the vehicle which meets the minimum standard recommended by the Health and Safety Executive in its guidance "First Aid at Work."

Taximeter Fitted: YES NO

Vehicle Make: _____ **Mileage Reading:** _____

Vehicle Registration Index: _____ **Date:** _____

<p>The above vehicle has today been inspected and found to be fit for use as a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle.</p>	<p>MOT Testing Station Stamp:</p>

Tester Signature: _____ **Name:** _____