

Legislative changes and updates in taxi licensing policy

Section	Change	Notes
1.7	Allows for the policy to be updated when there are changes in legislation, statutory guidance or similar	To ensure the policy can be updated immediately when the law changes to ensure it remains current
3.1	Update to confirm we have a privacy notice in accordance with GDPR.	The current version of the privacy notice will be retained on website, which allows for it to be updated as required.
7.1	Clarify the position of proprietor as laid out in legislation	This is to assist applicants in their understanding of vehicle licensing
7.27	Clarify legal requirements in respect of tariff fare for hackney carriages used for journeys ending outside the district and pre-booked journeys	This is to ensure drivers are clear on the legal requirements in respect of the tariff
8.3-8.5	Updated section on right to work in the UK	Confirms changes introduced by the Immigration Act 2016
9.2	All private hire operator licences will be issued for 5 years. Licences of a shorter duration may be issued in exceptional circumstances.	Confirms changes introduced by the Deregulation Act 2015
9.7	Updated section on right to work in the UK for operators	Confirms changes introduced by the Immigration Act 2016
9.25	A private hire operator may sub-contract a booking to another licensed operator or hackney carriage driver. A record of whom the booking was sub-contracted to and when must be kept.	Clarify wording to reflect changes introduced by the Deregulation Act 2015 removing cross-border hiring restrictions and provide advice on safeguarding when sub-contracting booking.
9.28	Advice for operators about data protection	To ensure operators are aware of their obligations under data protection legislation.
Appendix I	New section added on Disability Awareness	Guidance on responsibilities of licence holders and confirming requirements of Equality Act 2010 reference carrying assistance dogs and wheelchair users without any additional charge