



Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982

Taxi / Private Hire Car Driver's Licence

Guidance Notes for Applicants – Renewal

1. Application

The application must be accompanied by the relevant fee. Application fees are non refundable. If after receipt of the application form it is determined that the relevant fee has not been properly paid, e.g. cheque returned by the bank, the application will be rendered void and will be returned to you. In the event that your application is refused, your fee will not be refunded.

If granted your licence will be subject to Licence Standards Conditions. These Conditions may be viewed on www.Clacks.gov.uk. It is recommended that you read these conditions prior to submitting your application.

2. Convictions (IMPORTANT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY)

It is important that applicants understand which previous convictions they must declare. Applicants must declare all convictions including “spent” convictions unless they are “spent” and “protected” by the most recent changes to the rehabilitation of Offenders Act, 1974. Failure to declare all convictions is a criminal offence. Failure to declare convictions accurately or the provision of incomplete information may lead to the refusal your of application. After refusal a further application can not be considered for a period of one year except on a material change of circumstances.

Applicants should not include details of convictions on their application for which are now both “spent” and “protected”

If you are unsure whether or not a conviction needs to be declared you should take professional legal advice. Clackmannanshire Council Officers **will not** be able to offer you any advice in relation to this matter.

If you are unsure about the precise details of your convictions, including motoring offences that my no longer appear on your driver record, you should contact Police Scotland and ask for them to be provided to you.

3. Driving Licence

On making an application to the Council for a licence to drive a taxi or private hire car, the original driving licence of the applicant must be produced for examination; a copy will not be accepted. If your licence has a photocard, the photocard part must be valid and show the current address of the applicant.

4. **Passport Photographs**

One passport sized photograph signed on the reverse must accompany the application form.

5. **Medical Examination**

The Council require:-

- (i) All new applicants to submit a Medical Certificate,
- (ii) Existing licence holders who at the time of renewal of their licence are aged 55 or over to submit a Medical Certificate every 6 years,
- (iii) Existing licence holders who at the time of renewal of their licence are aged 65 or over to submit a Medical Certificate on an annual basis

A blank Medical Certificate is provided as part of the application form. Applicants are responsible for arranging an appropriate medical examination to be carried out by a qualified medical practitioner (Doctor) of their choice. Any fee payable must be paid by the applicant.

NB

- a) The completed and signed **Medical Certificate** must be submitted with the application.
- b) Any **medical examination** report must **NOT** be submitted with the application as this may contain confidential information relative to the applicant.
- c) Medical examinations should take place no more than **28 days** prior to submission of the drivers licence application to the Council.

Medical Examination

Further Information to Assist Applicants

Clackmannanshire Council in following UK Government guidance and the Scottish Governments "Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing: Best Practice Guidance for Licensing Authorities" issued in 2012 have adopted a level of medical examination to the standard required in terms of the D.V.L.A. Group 2 Medical Standards.

If you match the criteria listed in 6(i), 6(ii) or 6(iii) above, you will require to undergo a medical examination as described in the previous paragraph BEFORE submitting your application for a Taxi or Private Hire Car drivers licence to the Council.

It is important to note that it is expected that a medical practitioner in carrying out the examination will exercise professional judgement in assessing the degree and detail of the examination relative to the duties undertaken by the applicant as a taxi/private hire car driver and that each case will be assessed on its own merit.

The medical practice you select to carry out the examination may charge a fee for carrying out the medical examination which if required is payable by the applicant. The

Council does not expect medical practices to provide this service free of charge as part of their NHS obligation

The Medical Certificate (see enclosure) duly completed and signed by the medical examiner must be submitted with your application for a Taxi or Private Hire Car drivers licence. The medical examination report completed by the examiner must **NOT** be submitted with the application.

6. Tax Conditionality Check

From **2nd October 2023**, all taxi and private hire car drivers, taxi booking office operators and metal dealers will be required to submit a tax check when renewing their licence.

Further details of the legislative changes can be found in Part 7, paragraph 342 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 2023).

HMRC have provided guidance which is available at the following links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/complete-a-tax-check-for-a-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metallicence>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/confirm-a-tax-check-for-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metallicence-applications>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/confirm-your-tax-responsibilities-when-applying-for-a-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence>
- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/confirm-an-applicants-tax-responsibilities-for-taxi-private-hire-or-scrap-metal-licence-applications>

The tax check is mandatory for licence renewal applications submitted after **2 October, 2023**.

Consequences of Not Complying

By law Clackmannanshire Council can not process your application without completing this tax check. Please ensure that you provide the correct information and a tax check code that is less than **120 days** old along with your renewal application. Failure to provide the required information could result in your application being returned and your renewal application being incompetent.

When submitting your application you will need:-

1. A completed and signed application form
2. One passport sized photograph signed on the reverse
3. A completed and signed Medical Certificate (if appropriate - see notes above)
4. Application fee
5. Documentation on Right to Work in the UK
6. Tax Check code (if required)

Failure to provide the relevant fully completed and signed document(s), photograph and correct fee will constitute an invalid application which will result in the application being returned to the applicant.

If you require any further information please contact the Licensing team on telephone number 01259 450000 or email licensing@clacks.gov.uk



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Please Answer ALL questions on this form

Tick one Box Only below – Is this application for :-			
Taxi Driver Licence			
Private Hire Car Driver Licence			
Licence Number of licence to be renewed			
Expiry date of Current Licence			
Period of Licence Applied for (tick on box only)	1 Year	3 years	

Personal Details

Full Name	First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Home Address (Including Postcode)			
Telephone No.			
Email			
Age, Date & Place of Birth	Age	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
Driving Licence No			
Photo Card expiry Date			
Have you held a valid UK driving licence for the 12 month period immediately prior to your application			

Tax Check Code	
Do you intend to work as a Taxi/PHC driver as a full time occupation?	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p>
Name and address of the operator whose vehicle you will drive.	
Do you suffer from a disability or other condition likely to affect your fitness as a driver?	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p>
If yes, state nature	
Has there been any material change to your health or medical condition since your last application?	<p style="text-align: center;">Yes No</p>
If Yes, provide details	
Have you ever been refused a licence in this or any other Scottish Local Authority area. (if yes provide details of licence type, Local Authority and date refused)	

CONVICTIONS -Please Read Carefully

The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 does not prevent the Licensing Authority considering “spent” convictions for this type of licence unless they are “protected” convictions. **You must include details of all unprotected convictions for all persons referred to in this application**

Please note that it is an offence if you fail to disclose convictions. If there are No convictions to disclose please write “**NONE**” clearly in the box below.

If you are unsure whether or not you should disclose certain convictions you should take professional legal advice as the Licensing Authority will not be able to assist you with advice or guidance in relation to this matter.

If you are uncertain about the details of your convictions an application can be made to Police Scotland to have these provided.

Conviction details

Offence or Offence Code	Date	Court	Sentence

I declare that the particulars given by me on this form are true and I hereby make application to Clackmannanshire Council for the grant or renewal of the licence applied for.

Signature	
Print Name	
Date	

Please return the completed form along with the relevant fee to

Licensing

Clackmannanshire Council
Greenside Street
Kilncraigs
Alloa
FK10 1EB

If you require any further information please contact :

Licensing on tel: **01259 450000** or

by email at **licensing@clacks.gov.uk**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Any person who in or in connection with the making of this application makes any statement which he knows to be false or recklessly makes any statement which is false in a material particular shall be guilty of an offence.

Data Protection

Clackmannanshire Council has a duty to protect public funds that it administers and may use the information provided on this application for the prevention and detection of fraud. The personal Information provided will be handled in accordance with the Clackmannanshire Council data protection policies, the full details of which can be found at **www.clacks.gov.uk/regulation/dataprotectionpolicy/**



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Guidance Notes for Medical Practitioners

Partnership & Performance

Information to Assist Medical Practitioners

On 4 July 2013 Clackmannanshire Council's Regulatory Committee approved new licence conditions for taxi and private hire car drivers.

Licence Condition 3.2 states:-

The driver of a taxi or Private Hire Car on the initial application, or on first renewal of his/her licence after attaining the age of 55 will require to submit a Clackmannanshire Council pro forma medical certificate at the time of making the relevant application. He/she shall require to submit medical certificates every

6 years thereafter until attaining the age of 65 whereupon he/she shall require to renew his/her taxi driver's licence and submit medical certificates annually thereafter.

This new condition has been introduced with reference to the DVLA guidance following on from the advice of the Secretary of State's Honorary Medical Advisory Panel. As a result, the following document titled "At a glance Guide to the current Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive" was published for medical practitioners. Page 2 of this document includes the following text:-

Taxi Licensing *

The House of Commons Transport Select Committee on Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles recommended in February 1995 that taxi licence applicants should pass a medical examination before such a licence could be granted.

Responsibility for determining the standards, including medical requirements, to be applied to taxi drivers, over and above the driver licensing requirements, rests with Transport for London in the Metropolitan area and the Local Authority in all other areas. Current best practice advice is contained in the booklet "Fitness to Drive": A Guide for Health Professionals published on behalf of the Department by The Royal Society of Medicine Press Limited ((RSM) in 2006. This recommended that the Group 2 medical standards

applied by DVLA in relation to bus and lorry drivers, should also be applied by local authorities to taxi drivers.

** The advice of the Panels on the interpretation of EC and UK legislation, and its appropriate application, is made within the context of driver licensing and the DVLA process. It is for others to decide whether or how those recommendations should be interpreted for their own areas of interest, in the knowledge of their specific circumstances.*

Furthermore the Scottish Governments "Taxi and Private Hire Car Licensing: Best Practice Guidance for Licensing Authorities" issued in 2012 states:-

Medical Fitness

8.8. It is common for Scottish licensing authorities to apply the "Group 2" medical standards (applied by DVLA to the licensing of lorry and bus drivers) to applicants for taxi and private hire car drivers' licences. New arrangements are now in place for any person who has insulin-dependent diabetes and wants to be assessed for Group 2 standards. A leaflet from DVLA explaining the recent change and the process which applicants for a Group 2 medical must go through can be accessed on the Directgov website: "A Guide for drivers with Insulin Treated Diabetes who wish to apply for Vocational Entitlement"

Clackmannanshire Council in applying the above guidance has adopted a level of medical examination to the standard required in terms of the D.V.L.A. Group 2 Medical Standards.

It is important to note that it is expected that a medical practitioner in carrying out the examination will exercise professional judgement in assessing the degree and detail of the examination relative to the duties undertaken by the applicant as a taxi/private hire car driver and that each case will be assessed on its own merit.

Further guidance on driving with a disability or a health condition may be accessed via www.dft.gov.uk/dvla/medical.aspx

The Council's own medical consultants do not believe that there should be any need for the medical practitioner carrying out the examination to routinely refer a matter to the DVLA other than in exceptional circumstances and therefore the medical practitioner will be in the position to fully complete and sign Clackmannanshire Council's Taxi and Private Hire Car medical certificate. The Council does not require to see the results of the medical examination, and simply require the applicant to submit the completed medical certificate signed by the medical practitioner along with the licence application form.

Applicants have been made fully aware that each medical practice may charge a fee for carrying out a medical examination and that any fee charged will be payable by the applicant. I would reiterate that the Council does not expect medical practices to provide this service free of charge as part of their NHS obligation.

The Medical Certificate

The Medical Certificate should be duly completed and signed by both the applicant & the medical practitioner. The applicant should submit the Medical Certificate with the application for a Taxi or Private Hire Car drivers licence.

The Medical Examination Report completed by the examiner must **NOT** be submitted to the Council.

Medical practitioners should return all Medical Certificates to the Council, covering both “fit” & “unfit” decisions regardless of whether the applicant intends to continue with the application process, to ensure a complete audit trail of the process can be exhibited.

If you require any further information please contact the Licensing Administrator on telephone number 01259 452093 or email address licensing@clacks.gov.uk

Medical Certificate

The Council (Licensing Authority) requires to be satisfied as to the physical fitness of an applicant for a Taxi/ Private Hire Car Drivers Licence before a licence can be issued to them. In this connection the Council relies upon the advice of the applicant's Medical Practitioner.

Applicant's Name Block Capitals	
Address	

Declaration by Applicant

I declare that all information given by me in connection with the medical examination to which this form relates is true.			
Signature of applicant		Date	

NOTES FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

1. This certificate is for the confidential use of Clackmannanshire Council. Any fee charged is payable by the Applicant.

2. The examination should be carried out to the standard required in terms of the D.V.L.A. Group 2 Drivers Standards as deemed appropriate by the GP relative to the driving of a Taxi or Private Hire Car.

3. Any person who makes any false statement in connection with the application for a licence is liable to prosecution, and **Clackmannanshire Council would suggest that the applicant should be so warned before the examination is made and the applicant should be requested to sign the above declaration.**

4. Special attention should be directed to the condition of the arms, hands, legs and feet, and particularly to the joints of the upper and lower extremities.

I certify that I have this day examined the applicant and find him/her to be FIT / UNFIT to meet the standards required in terms of the DVLA Group 2 Drivers Standards to undertake duties as a taxi/private hire car driver. <i>*Please delete as appropriate</i>			
Signature of Medical Practitioner			
Print Name		Date	
Practice Address and Telephone No.	Practice/GP Stamp		