



GUIDELINES ON RELEVANCE OF CONVICTIONS
HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS

GENERAL POLICY

1. These guidelines apply to applications for the grant and renewal of licences and to the suspension or revocation of a licence.
2. Each case will be decided on its own merits.
3. The overriding consideration shall be the protection of the public and all other matters, including unemployment, shall be secondary to the public safety factor.
4. In exceptional circumstances, the Licensing Committee may decide to issue a licence where the Guidelines on Convictions are not met.

GUIDELINES ON CONVICTIONS

Category	Convictions Included		Requirement
Minor Traffic Convictions	SP10	Exceeding goods vehicle speed limit	Less than 12 penalty points on licence during last three years
	SP20	Exceeding speed limit for type of vehicle	
	SP30	Exceeding statutory speed limit	
	SP40	Exceeding passenger vehicle speed limit	
	SP50	Exceeding speed limit on a motorway	
	SP60	Undefined speed limit offence	
	TS10	Failing to comply with traffic lights	
	TS20	Failing to comply with double white lines	
	TS30	Failure to comply with stop sign	
	TS40	Failing to comply with direction of a constable or traffic warden	
	TS50	Failing to comply with a traffic sign (excluding 'Stop' signs, traffic lights	
	TS60	Failing to comply with a school crossing patrol sign	
	TS70	Undefined failure to comply with a traffic direction sign	
	MW10	Contravention of Special Roads Regulations (excluding speed limits)	
	PC10	Undefined Contravention of Pedestrian Crossing Regulations	
	PC20	Contravention of Pedestrian Crossing Regulations with moving vehicle	
	PC30	Contravention of Pedestrian Crossing Regulations with stationary vehicle	
	PL10	Driving without 'L' plates	

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	PL20 Not accompanied by a qualified person PL30 Carrying a person not qualified PL40 Drawing an unauthorised trailer PL50 Undefined failure to comply with conditions of a Provisional licence	
Secondary Offences	CU10 Using a vehicle with defective brakes CU20 Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of use of unsuitable vehicle or using a vehicle with parts or accessories (excluding brakes, steering or tyres) in a dangerous condition CU30 Using a vehicle with defective tyre(s) CU40 Using a vehicle with defective steering CU50 Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of load or passengers CU60 Undefined failure to comply with Construction and Use Regulations MS10 Leaving a vehicle in a dangerous position MS20 Unlawful pillion riding MS30 Play street offences MS40 Driving with uncorrected defective eyesight or refusing to submit to a test MS50 Motor racing on a highway MS60 Offences not covered by other codes MS70 Driving with uncorrected defective eyesight MS80 Refusing to submit to an eyesight test MS90 Failure to give information as to identity of driver etc	Two years free from conviction
Major Traffic Offences	AC10 Failing to stop after an accident AC20 Failing to give particulars or to report an accident within 24 hours AC30 Defined accident offences CD10 Driving without due care and attention CD20 Driving without reasonable consideration for other road users CD30 Driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users DD40 Dangerous Driving	Three years free from conviction
Serious Traffic Offences	BA10 Driving while disqualified by order of court BA30 Attempting to drive while disqualified by order of court DR10 Driving or attempting to drive with alcohol level above limit DR20 Driving or attempting to drive while unfit through drink DR30 Driving or attempting to drive then failing to supply a specimen for analysis DR40 In charge of a vehicle while alcohol level above limit DR50 In charge of a vehicle while unfit through drink DR60 Failure to provide a specimen for analysis in circumstances other than driving or attempting to drive DR70 Failing to provide specimen for breath test DR80 Driving or attempting to drive when unfit through drugs DR90 In charge of a vehicle when unfit through drugs IN10 Using a vehicle uninsured against third party risks	Five years free from conviction
Drugs	A conviction for an offence under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.	Five years free from conviction
Violence	Offences Against the Person Act 1861	Five years free from conviction

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Sexual Offences	A conviction for an offence under the Sexual Offences Act 1956 Indecency With Children Act 1960 Protection of Children Act 1978 Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Act 1996 Street Offences Act 1959 Sexual Offences Act 1967 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 Criminal Law Act 1977 Sexual Offences Act 1985 Criminal Justice Act 1988 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 Sexual Offences Act 1993 Sexual Offences (Protected Material) Act 1997 Sex Offenders Act 1997 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2000 Sexual Offences Act 2003	An applicant should have no convictions of these offences
Dishonesty	A conviction for an offence under the Theft Act 1968 Theft Act 1978 Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981	Five years free from conviction
Serious Offences	Any conviction that carries a mandatory or discretionary life sentence	An applicant should have no convictions of these offences
Other Offences	Other offences may become relevant depending on their nature, type and circumstances. The period free from conviction required will vary accordingly.	Dependant on circumstances