Your Vehicle Checklist - Hackney Carriages only

Important note: All Cambridge City Hackney Carriage Vehicles to have a silver base colour (as described on the V5 registration document).

Vehicle requirements	YES/NO
Vehicle must be Silver in base colour (as described on the V5 registration	
document).	
Hackney Carriage Vehicles can be Wheelchair accessible or	
Saloon	
1. Wheelchair accessible vehicles	
The vehicle shall have a minimum door height and width and internal headroom	
equal to or larger than a London Taxi International FX4 Fairway Taxi. (These	
measurements are door width 680mm: door height 1270mm and inside height	
floor to roof 1320mm)	
Any aisle / gangway in such a vehicle should measure at least as wide as the	
minimum seat measurements.	
That they are capable of loading from the nearside or rear.	
One of the listed conversion certificates, if applicable;	
(i) European Community Whole Vehicle (M1) Type Approval,	
(ii) M1 Low Volume Type Approval	
(iii) National Small Series Type Approval	
(iv) Individual Vehicle Approval	
If you were one of the 50 licence holders who took the opportunity to surrender your wheelchair accessible vehicle to licence a zero-emission saloon vehicle	
you have the option to swap it back to a wheelchair accessible vehicle only.	
2. Saloon	
The vehicle must be one of the following;	
 Ultra-low emission which are considered as: Plug in hybrid vehicles or Extended Range electric vehicles (E-REV) with CO2 emissions less than 75g/km 	
Or	
- Zero emissions which are considered as vehicles which emit no	
emissions during their operation. These vehicles are, Electric only	
vehicles or Fuel cell vehicles (e.g. hydrogen)	
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Or	
until 30 th June 2024 (Only applicable for HCV001 to HCV121)	
- Standard hybrid vehicle, with CO2 emission levels less than 120g/km	

 Age Limit when first licenced New Wheelchair Accessible vehicles must be less than 4 years from date of registration. New Saloon vehicles which are Zero and Ultra Low emission Plug-in vehicles with CO2 emissions less than 75g/km have no age limit when first being licenced. New Saloon vehicles which are Standard hybrids must be less than 4 years from date of registration. (Only applicable for HCV001 to HCV121). Age Limit at Renewal For renewal vehicle licenses, vehicles must be; Less than 9 years old (this is for currently licenced petrol and Diesel 	
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vehicles, all wheelchair accessible vehicles, and standard hybrid	
vehicles).	
Less than 15 years old (Zero emission vehicle)	
 Less than 12 years old (Ultra-Low Emission Plug- in vehicle) 	
Hackney Carriage Vehicle Livery YES	S/NO
A silver base colour (as described on the V5 registration document)	
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The 'wrap' of two gloss stripes, one placed either side of the vehicle (running	
horizontally from the front of the vehicle to the back of the vehicle) should be the	
following colour/ designs: Avery 813 Grass Green, Solid Strip	
The stripes must be fitted along the side of the vehicle and should follow the natural line of the vehicle.	
The stripe should have a break on any part of it, on the front passenger and	
driver doors, to allow for the positioning of the crests.	
For Multi-Seater Vehicles, the stripe must be a thickness of 6 inches (150mm). Or	
For Saloon Vehicles, the stripe must be a thickness of 4 inches (100mm).	
All Hackney Carriage Vehicles will need to have the Cambridge City Crests on	
the driver and front passenger door.	
External advertising on Hackney Carriage Vehicles will only be permitted on the	
rear of the vehicle. (Please read Taxi Handbook, Section 13)	
Internal advertising in Hackney Carriage Vehicles will continue to be permitted	
as described in the existing policy and handbook.	
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Other Vehicle requirements YES	S/NO
Be suitable in type, size and design for the appropriate licence applied for.	
Sports saloons, drop head couples, convertibles and touring cars will not be	
licensed.	
Rear Passenger windows must have a maximum 70% tint and minimum 30%	
transition. The front windscreen must let at least 75% of light through and the	
front side windows must let at least 70% of light through. No film tinted windows	

Top Sign Be safe and comfortable Not be less than 4 feet 3inches wide in the rear part of the body, where such measurements shall be taken 6 inches below the top and 6 inches in front of the rear backrest of the vehicle with both of the rear doors closed. Have a minimum legroom for passengers using the rear seats of 8.5 inches, such measurement shall be taken from the rear door pillar to the nearest point of the rear seat squab. Have provided for all passengers being carried in it, immediate and direct access to doors (minimum of 2 doors in the rear) that is available without assistance from any other person that will provide satisfactory means of escape in the event of an accident or emergency. A separate means of ingress and egress must be provided for the driver.
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Be fitted with safety glass (i.e. if glass fractures it does not fly into fragments
capable of causing severe cuts), which shall be replaced as soon as broken,
discoloured or cracked.
Be constructed so as to provide sufficient means by which any person in the
vehicle may communicate with the driver.
Be fitted with the appropriate number of seatbelts according to the number of
persons for which the vehicle is licensed to carry.
Be provided with a means of opening and closing not less than one window on
each side.
Have floors covered with a proper carpet, mat or other suitable covering.
Be well maintained in a clean condition and in every way fit for public service.
Be provided with a means of securing luggage.
Be fitted with at least one no-smoking sign (showing the statutory no-smoking
symbol) that is displayed in a prominent position in each compartment of the
vehicle constructed or adapted to accommodate persons.
Not be fitted with celluloid or other highly flammable material.
Be provided with an efficient fire extinguisher, which shall be carried in such a
position as to be readily available for use.
Be provided with a first aid kit, which shall be carried in such a position as to be
readily available for use.
f vehicle is working for an Operator, vehicle must display door signs that include
Operator contact telephone number.