

(CCC) Hackney Carriage vehicle's

Please can you provide the following information

1. Total number of Hackney Carriage vehicles currently licensed by your authority.
2. Do you impose a vehicle condition relating to a top light?
3. If yes to Q2 what is the wording of this condition?
4. If yes to Q2 have you received any complaints or requests to remove the condition relating to top light? And how many of these were on grounds of public safety?

Response:

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

I can confirm that Cambridge City Council currently have 301 licenced Hackney Carriages vehicles, with the remaining 20 eith awaiting to have a licenced by prospective proprietors, or are currently under temporary surrender (a feature put in place during Covid-19 for vehicle, licences, ended 1st September 2021)

In response to question 2 - 4, I can confirm that we require all Hackney Carriage vehicles to have a top sign.

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy states;

“18.3 Cambridge City Council licensed vehicles are required to display a City Council issued identity licence plate. This is a key feature in helping to identify vehicles that are correctly licensed by the authority. Hackney Carriage Vehicles:
i) Must be silver in colour (as described on the V5 registration document for each vehicle).

ii) Must have a ‘wrap’ of two gloss stripes, one placed either side of the vehicle (running horizontally from the headlight to the rear light).

iii) Must have the stripe ‘grass green’ in colour and must be fitted along the side of the vehicle and should follow the natural line of the vehicle. iv) Must ensure that the stripe has a break on any part of it, on the front passenger and driver doors, to allow for the positioning of the crests.

v) For Multi-Seater Vehicles, the stripe must be a thickness of 6 inches (150mm).

vi) For Saloon Vehicles, the stripe must be a thickness of 4 inches (100mm).

vii) Must display the Cambridge City Hackney Carriage pale blue identification plate on the rear of the vehicle.

viii) Must have a ‘Taxi’ yellow, roof sign on the top of the vehicle.

18.4 Roof signs fitted to Hackney Carriage vehicles shall be illuminated at all times when the vehicle is available for hire. The sign bearing the word” TAXI” in black lettering on a yellow background on the front and “Cambridge Licensed Taxi Cab” in black lettering on a red background on the back is at all times to be prominently displayed on the roof of the vehicle except:

i) when the vehicle is on hire for a wedding

ii) when it is necessary to accommodate passenger’s luggage by use of a roof rack iii) when the vehicle is being used for social, domestic or pleasure purposes.

18.5 The roof sign can also be removed when the vehicle is undergoing

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maintenance work or is being cleaned but must be put back on the vehicle before the vehicle is used again for hire and reward. “

I can also confirm we have not recently had any complaints regarding the top signs.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk