



MEDICAL POLICY FOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

Standards for hackney carriage or private hire drivers, as vocational drivers, are higher than those for ordinary car drivers. In line with recommended good practice, the Council will expect licensed drivers to meet the [Group 2 vocational driver standards](#).

Any medical must either have been completed by the applicants own GP or other GP from the same surgery with full access to the applicants medical history or by completing the [approved medical screening questionnaire](#) certified by a GP from the applicants surgery after referring to the applicants medical records and a medical examination conducted by any GP or health practitioner qualified to undertake a DVLA Group 2 medical.

Medicals are required to be repeated every 5 years and be within 3 months (either side) of the anniversary date of their original medical examination. On reaching the age of 65 this requirement becomes annual.

Medicals should be conducted no more than 3 months prior to the relevant date, i.e. date of grant of a new licence or the anniversary date of the previous medical examination.

Drivers may be required to undertake further medical examinations if evidence is presented raising doubt on the fitness of the applicant/driver.

The council has the discretion to seek an independent assessment of any completed medical form to assist in forming their decision on the fitness of an applicant/driver.

The council will suspend driver's licences who do not satisfy the council they continue to meet the required standards, this will include no evidence of a satisfactory medical before the 5 year renewal date or evidence of an emerging health issue likely to impact on the individual meeting the required standard.