

HACKNEY CARRIAGE DRIVER'S KNOWLEDGE TEST **GUIDELINES**

The test comprises of two parts, an **oral** examination by the Licensing Officer and a **practical** examination accompanied by a Licensed Hackney Carriage Driver.

Marks for both parts of the examination are independently given by the Licensing Officer and the Licensed Driver and are added together to give the result.

To gain a pass, 70% must be achieved in all parts of the oral and the practical parts of the examination.

The decision of the Licensing Officer is final. No discussion will take place regarding the result of the test.

Appeal procedure will be in accordance with Council policy.

The fee for the knowledge test is £110.00. This is split with £55.00 payable to the Hackney Carriage Owners' Association, via the examining driver for each test taken, and £55.00 payable to the Council. A deposit of £55.00 is required before a test date is arranged.

This fee is not refundable within 24 hours of the test commencement.

In the case of a failure, a re-test will be allowed as soon as reasonably practicable

Applicants for a re-test will be required to take the whole test again at a cost of £110 this fee will be split equally between the Hackney Carriage Trade member who attends on the day and the Council.

ORAL: You will be required to answer a number of questions on some of the following:

The location of Bed and Breakfast / Hotels; Clubs; Pubs; Eating Places; Churches and Mosques, Public Building and Offices; Schools; Doctors Surgeries; Dentists; Veterinary Practices; Nursing Homes and Care Homes; Streets within the City Boundary; Areas within the city boundary with a theme e.g. Poet's, Trees, Birds etc.; Areas outside of the City boundary and Towns and Villages.

There will also be questions on some of the following:

Routes to other Cities; Seat Belt Law; Hackney Carriage Conditions and Byelaws; Operation of Hackney Carriage; Routes to other Cities or Locations; Shortest routes from ranks; Leisure activities.

PRACTICAL: Use of the map.

Normally, you will be asked to go to four destinations.

The use of the map is permitted at the commencement of each journey but you will lose 2 points if you do so.

If you have to refer to the map on more than one occasion during the same journey, you will have failed the test.

If you use the map more than twice in all, you will have also failed the test.

During the practical part of the test, the standard of driving will be taken into consideration.

The Licensed Taxi Driver will give you your instructions. The Licensing Officer will also be present in the car.

A Private Car may be used for this test. In the case of a Private Car, it must be **taxed, MOT'd and be covered by Insurance**. Evidence will be required. A licensed Private Hire vehicle may also be used if the applicant is a licensed Private Hire driver. Evidence of insurance will be required.

The test will take place within the City limits.

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