

**MEDICAL FORM for
Hackney Carriage &/or a
Private Hire vehicle driver
licence**

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Notes for the Applicant

The medical examination should be carried out by a Doctor, under the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's Group 2 medical standards. This will normally be a Doctor from the Group Practice where you are registered.

The Group 2 medical standards for fitness to drive are higher than for car licence holders and you may wish to consult your Doctor before arranging for this medical examination.

The Doctor can charge you a fee for issuing this medical report, unless you have made other arrangements with the Doctor. Wychavon District Council as the Licensing Authority accepts no liability to pay for the medical examination or medical report.

PART A – To be completed by the Applicant

Full Name

Address &
Post Code

Date of Birth Tel. No

Name and address of your present general practitioner or of the group practice with which you have been registered for the last 12 months.

Name of GP or
Group Practice

Address & Post
Code

I authorise my Doctor(s) and Specialist(s) to give the Licensing Authority reports about my medical condition if any matter affecting my fitness to drive arises:-

- a in connection with my application for a licence to drive taxis / private hire vehicles, and / or
- b during the period that the licence (if granted) is in force

Applicant's
Signature Date

Important: Please sign in the presence of the medical practitioner who signs the report overleaf

PART B – To be completed by the Doctor

I have examined the person named in this report and in my opinion, I consider that the person named overleaf **is*** / **is not*** medically fit to drive taxis or private hire vehicles. (*delete as applicable)

I also confirm that I have examined this patient under the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's Group 2 medical standards and have had access to the patient's personal medical record.

Signature of Medical Practitioner

Date

Name (please print)

Surgery Stamp

Telephone No

Important

Please do not write any comments or notes on this form.
Any essential additional information should be given in a separate letter and sent to:

The Licensing Unit
Environmental Services
Wychavon District Council
Civic Centre
Queen Elizabeth Drive
Pershore WR10 1PT.

Please read these notes before undertaking the examination.

You are asked to examine the applicant and state that in your opinion the applicant meets the **Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's Group 2 medical standards** and is fit to drive taxis and private hire vehicles.

The Group 2 standard applies to drivers of large goods vehicles (LGV) and passenger carrying vehicles (PCV), but is currently not mandatory for taxi and private hire drivers. However we are following the judgement of the Medical Commission for Accident Prevention, which recommended that the standard should be applied to all vocational drivers.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's Group 2 medical standards are set out in the "At a Glance" booklet of national medical guidelines of fitness to drive. The booklet describes the law relating to medical aspects of driver licensing and in particular, it advises members of the medical profession on the medical standards which need to be met by individuals to hold licences to drive various categories of vehicle. The "At a Glance" booklet can be downloaded from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's web pages at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/dvla/medical/atagance.aspx> or obtained from Synavant Interactive Marking, 42-48 Somers Road, Rugby, Warks, CV22 7XB. Doctors can also get advice from the Medical Advisor, Drivers Medical Unit, DVLA, Swansea, tel. 01792 761119. An abridged version of the notes is below.

Group 2 Medical Standards – abridged version of DVLA "At a Glance" guidance booklet

The following conditions are a bar to the holding of any hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver licences.

(The Licensing Committee can determine applications where this standard is not met.)

1. Epilepsy or liability to epileptic attacks

A diagnosis of epilepsy or spontaneous epileptic attack(s) requires 10 years free of further epileptic attack without taking anti-epilepsy medication during that 10-year period. For conditions that cause an increased liability to epileptic attacks, the risk of attacks must fall to that of the general population. We must refuse or revoke the licence if these conditions cannot be met.

2. Diabetes

Persons with insulin treated diabetes will need specialist assessment and must meet strict criteria for diabetic control and meet the other higher medical standards (Group 2), ask us for more information.

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3. Eyesight

All applicants must be able to read in good light with glasses or corrective lenses if necessary, a number plate at 20.5 metres (67 feet) or 20 metres (65 feet), where narrower characters are displayed (50mm wide). The characters displayed on all new and replacement number plates manufactured from September 2001 are 50mm in width instead of 57mm.

In addition, applicants must by law have:

- . A visual acuity of at least 6/9 in the better eye; and
- . A visual acuity of at least 6/12 in the worse eye; and
- . If these are achieved by correction, the uncorrected visual acuity in each eye must be no less than 3/60.

Normal binocular field

The 2nd E.C Directive requires a normal binocular field of vision for Group 2 drivers. Drivers whose best vision in one eye has deteriorated since the previous application to less than 3/60 will be considered functionally monocular and a Group 2 licence will be refused.

Uncontrolled symptoms of double vision

Uncontrolled symptoms of double vision precludes licensing. As monocular vision is a bar, the treatment of double vision with a patch is not acceptable for Group 2 driving.

An applicant (or existing licence holder) failing to meet epilepsy, diabetes or eyesight regulations must be refused by law.

4. Other medical conditions

In addition to those medical conditions covered by law, applicants (or licence holders) are likely to be refused if they are unable to meet the recommended medical guidelines in the following situations:

- Within 6 weeks of: myocardial infarction, an episode of unstable angina, CABG or coronary angioplasty.
- Angina, heart failure or cardiac arrhythmia which remain uncontrolled.
- Implanted cardiac defibrillator.
- Hypertension where the blood pressure is persistently 180 systolic or more and/ or 100 diastolic or more.
- A stroke or TIA within the last 12 months.
- Unexplained loss of consciousness with liability to recurrence.
- Meniere's, or any other sudden and disabling vertigo within the past year, with a liability to recurrence. Insuperable difficulty in communicating by telephone in an emergency.
- Major brain surgery and/ or recent severe head injury with serious continuing after effects.
- Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic neurological disorders with symptoms likely to affect safe driving.
- Psychotic illness, within the past 3 years.
- Serious psychiatric illness.
- If major psychotropic or neuroleptic medication is being taken.
- Alcohol and/ or drug misuse within the past 1 year or alcohol and/ or drug dependency in the past 3 years.
- Dementia.
- Any malignant condition, within the last 2 years, with a significant liability to metastasise to the brain.
- Any other serious medical condition likely to affect the safe driving of a passenger carrying vehicle.