

APPENDIX G

CURRENT VEHICLE AGE POLICY FOR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

1. Any new vehicle to be licensed as a private hire vehicle, either permanent or temporary, to be no older than 5 years from the date of first registration.
2. That condition 1 above will apply to all new and current licence holders.
3. The vehicle once licensed can be licensed to a maximum of 9 years from the date of first registration.
4. A current licensed vehicle can be transferred to another licence holder up to one year under the maximum age limit.
5. All vehicles to be tested annually up to six years of age.
6. After six years of age vehicles to be tested six monthly.
7. That for any vehicle imported into the UK, the date requirements will apply from the date of manufacture.
8. That where it is felt that there are exceptional circumstances for a vehicle to be licensed either from new (over 5 years of age) or to be licensed beyond the permitted age limit, any requests regarding exceeding the age limit must be put in writing to the Licensing Office at least 60 days before the expiry of the licence. The criteria to be considered for exceptional circumstances will include one or a combination of:
 - (a) Full service history of the vehicle
 - (b) Low mileage
 - (c) Excellent condition inside and out
 - (d) Wheelchair accessibility