



DECLARATION OF FITNESS Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle

This form is for any MOT Testing Station in the Bridgend County Borough Council area to complete **at the same time** as your MOT test is undertaken.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that your vehicle is suitable to be licensed or re-licensed (as applicable). Vehicle standards and the current age policy are available at www.bridgend.gov.uk

The MOT test certificate and this form must be submitted to the Licensing department within 28 days from the date of the test **together with** an application form and supporting documents e.g. valid insurance/LOLER etc.

Note to tester

The hackney carriage and private hire vehicle licensing test has additional items to that required by the MOT motor vehicle test. The following table details the additional items that will need to be inspected.

	Testable Item	Comments
01	Licence Plates & Council Door Signs (Not applicable to first time plating)	Licence plate shall be securely fixed and displayed outside on the rear of the vehicle directly on or immediately above the bumper in such a position that the vehicle's registration mark is not obscured, with the particulars there on facing outwards in such a manner and place that the licence plate is clearly visible by daylight from the road at the rear of the vehicle. The licence disc shall be fixed and displayed inside the vehicle in such manner and place that the particulars there on are clear and visible to any passenger being conveyed in the vehicle. All Adhesive signs shall be affixed on the upper part of the driver and front passenger side doors indicating that the vehicle is licensed by the Council with the number of the vehicle in letters no smaller than 3" in height except for those vehicles involved in the Green Fleet Pilot Scheme.
02	Paintwork	<u>Hackney Carriages</u> must be white. <u>Private Hire Vehicles</u> may be of any colour except for white.
03	Condition of Wings & Wheel Arches	Panels, wings bumpers to be in good condition, free from rust, holes, broken metal or any other visible damage.
04	Security of Body	Safe and in good condition, free from dents and rust.
05	Passenger & Driver's Doors	Doors to be in good condition, free from rust, holes, broken metal or any other visible damage. Hinges to be in good order, all working, and doors to be seated correctly when closed.
06	Floor Coverings	In good condition, clean and free from any contamination.
07	Interior lights/mirror/ trim	Good condition, clean and free from any damage, grease or any other contamination.
08	Passenger & Driver Seats	Good condition, clean and free from any tears, damage, grease or any other contamination.
09	Bumper	Present and in good condition.
10	Windscreen and Windows	Good clean condition and free from damage. Only original vehicle manufactured tints are permitted on the rear windows (no film is to be permitted).
11	Luggage Compartment	Clean and free for the accommodation of passengers luggage. Nothing done to the vehicle must compromise the existing arrangements for the carrying of a spare wheel, and there should remain sufficient space for adequate luggage or a folded wheelchair to be carried.

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12	Hackney Carriage Taxi Meter Location and Table of Fares	Taximeter fitted and must be positioned so that all letters and figures on the face thereof are at all times plainly visible to any person being conveyed in the carriage and in such a way as to make it impracticable for any person to tamper with them except by breaking, damaging or permanently displacing the seals or other appliances. A current Table of Fares must be displayed within the vehicle.
13	Wheelchair Accessibility	Mounting points and all necessary straps to be in good condition and ramps and tail lift to be provided as per the application.
14	Camera Recording Equipment	CCTV or dashcam equipment may be fitted in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
15	Fire extinguisher and first aid kit	A fire extinguisher in good condition should be carried in an easily accessible position on the vehicle. A first aid kit should be available within the vehicle which meets the minimum standard recommended by the Health and Safety Executive in its guidance "First Aid at Work."
16	Roof Sign/For Hire Sign/Roof light	Hackney Carriage Only – all present and in working order in accordance with Council specification.
17	Estate Car more than 4 seats	A means of opening the rear tailgate from the inside fitted and signs indicating "Emergency Exit". Must be fitted with a grill/fitting sufficient to prevent luggage carried in the rear compartment from coming into contact with persons in the rear seat.
18	Private Hire Vehicle	Private Hire Only: No sign, notice, device or livery which includes the word "Taxi" or "Cab".

CCTV/Dashcam fitted: **YES** **NO**

Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Registration Number

Plate/Door Sign Number (Renewal only)	
Passenger Seats	
Wheelchair Tail lift fitted	YES/NO

The above vehicle has today been inspected and found to be fit for use as a Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Vehicle.	MOT Testing Station Stamp:
	Tester Name:
	Tester Signature: Print Name underneath
Date:	