

STIRLING COUNCIL

CIVIC GOVERNMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 1982

PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE SPECIFICATION

Vehicle Inspection

1. The holder of the licence is required to present the vehicle to one of the approved Council garages to undergo and pass an annual inspection.
2. Vehicles when first being licensed by Stirling Council **can be no more than five years old** from the date of first registration. There is no upper age limit for vehicles after they are licensed.
3. Vehicles will be subject to frequent testing depending on the age and type of vehicle:

Saloon/Hatchback/Estate Car

1-3 years old	1 test per year
4-5 years old	2 tests per year
6-7 years old	3 tests per year
More than 7years old	4 tests per year

Wheelchair adapted

1-3 years old	1 test per year
4-5 years old	2 tests per year
6-8 years old	3 tests per year
More than 8 years old	4 tests per year

Custom Built Vehicles

1-3 years old	1 test per year
4-5 years old	2 tests per year
6-12 years old	3 tests per year
More than 12 years old	4 tests per year

4. At the time of application and test the Registration Document (V5), valid Certificate of Insurance and current MOT Certificate (for vehicles over 1 year old) must be presented along with the appropriate fee for the test and plates.

Vehicle Type

The vehicle may be:

1. A saloon/hatchback/estate type;
2. An accessible small minibus/MPV type;
3. An accessible/purpose built cab; or
4. Diesel, electric, hybrid or petrol.

Saloon/hatchback/estate cars must comply with the following:

1. Have not less than 4 doors;
2. Have a minimum internal width of 1.37 metres;
3. Be any colour other than white or silver;
4. Be capable of carrying a minimum of 3 passengers;
5. Have sufficient boot/luggage space for a folded standard size wheelchair;
6. Have a fire extinguisher no older than 5 years from the date of manufacture fitted in a suitable fastener readily accessible to the driver (minimum capacity of 1kg of a suitable multi purpose fire extinguisher);
7. A calibrated taximeter may be fitted to a Private Hire Vehicle, if the operator wishes, however, this must be fitted in a position which is approved by the Council; and
8. The appropriate fee for each garage must be paid.

Small minibus/MPV must comply with the following:

1. Have not less than 4 doors;
2. Have a minimum internal width of 1.37 metres;
3. Be any colour other than white or silver in colour;
4. Sufficient space must be available for passengers luggage;

5. Be capable of carrying a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 passengers with transverse seats in an approved layout;
6. Have a fire extinguisher no older than 5 years from the date of manufacture fitted in a suitable fastener readily accessible to the driver (minimum capacity of 1kg of a suitable multi purpose fire extinguisher);
7. A calibrated taximeter may be fitted to a Private Hire Vehicle, if the operator wishes, however, this must be fitted in a position which is approved by the Council;
8. All wheelchair accessible vehicles should be fitted and comply with all relevant legislation and Department of Transport and the Environment guidance; and
9. The appropriate fee for each garage must be paid.

Purpose-built/accessible vehicles must comply with the following:

1. Be wheelchair accessible;
2. Be any colour other than white or silver in colour;
3. Sufficient space must be available for passengers luggage;
4. Be capable of carrying a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 8 passengers with transverse seats in an approved layout;
5. Have a fire extinguisher no older than 5 years from the date of manufacture fitted in a suitable fastener readily accessible to the driver (minimum capacity of 1kg of a suitable multi purpose fire extinguisher).
6. A calibrated taximeter may be fitted to a Private Hire Vehicle, if the operator wishes, however, this must be fitted in a position which is approved by the Council.
7. Have licence plates issued by the Licensing Team.
8. All wheelchair accessible vehicles should be fitted and comply with all relevant legislation and Department of Transport and the Environment guidance.

Condition of Vehicles

The holder of the licence shall ensure that the vehicle, including all bodywork, upholstery and fittings, is maintained in a safe and serviceable condition, and subject to prevailing road conditions, is kept clean and tidy both internally and externally.

Display of Plates and Signs

The holder of the licence shall ensure that while the vehicle is in use as a Private Hire Vehicle, any licence and fare plates issued by the Council are displayed.

Private Hire Test Certificate

Once the vehicle has passed on all points, the approved garage will send a completed Test Certificate to the Licensing Section and the Private Hire Car Licence will be issued.