

Hackney Carriage / Dual Driver Licence Practical Drive Tests

For Hackney Carriage / Dual Driver Licence applicants only – once you have passed your written knowledge test, you will have to take and pass a road test ('drive test').

The Drive Test can be booked by calling a Licensing Enforcement Officer on 641952. Please note the fee for the test must be paid at least 7 days before the Test by visiting the Licensing Reception at booth 35 at the Council House between the hours of 09.00 – 12:45 hrs on weekdays. You can also pay by card by calling 641951.

The same payment and cancellation rules apply as detailed for the written test.

You will be required to provide a vehicle, which can be one of the following:

- a) a licensed private hire vehicle which is a saloon type car (if you hold a Private Hire Drivers' Licence), licensed to carry no more than four passengers; or
- b) a saloon type car which is not licensed as a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle, which must have at least four doors and a seating capacity of no more than four, excluding the driver.

You will be required to provide the following documentation:

- a) your current driving licence; and
- b) a certificate of motor insurance for the vehicle you intend to use. You must also supply written confirmation from the vehicle's insurers to show it is specifically insured for the purpose of a Council Drive or Knowledge Test. You should be aware that failure to provide this prior to the start of your test will mean that the test will not go ahead and you may forfeit the fee; and
- c) if the vehicle to be used is not licensed as a hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle, a current , valid MOT Certificate.

You should be aware that **any** vehicle presented for use during a Drive Test will be subjected to an examination by the Licensing Enforcement Officer prior to the start of the Test. If the vehicle is deemed to be unfit by the Licensing Enforcement Officer the Drive Test will not be carried out and this may result in the loss of your fee.

The Test will last approximately one hour.

You may take as many drive tests as required after passing the written knowledge test.