

### Main policy changes and suggested transition periods

Existing policy	Proposed policy change	Suggested transition period	Numbers of driver's/vehicles affected by proposals
There is currently no requirement	Introduction of training to include disability awareness.	<p>New applicants - To take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.</p> <p>For existing drivers – every licensed driver must have completed their training by 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.</p>	All licensed drivers, however a small number of drivers have already received training to NVQ level 2 standard.
No upper age limit on licensed vehicles	An upper age limit of 10 years be introduced to all licensed vehicles, with the exception of wheelchair accessible vehicles and the upper age limit is 12 years.	<p>To take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 for new vehicle licence applications.</p> <p>For existing vehicles – Any vehicle that has reached the appropriate upper age limit as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, will only be licensed for a further 12 months. Thus giving them a period of 12months in which to purchase a newer vehicle.</p>	As at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009, eight Private Hire vehicles will be affected and 10 Hackney Carriages

		During the transition period, their vehicles would still need to have additional vehicle tests every four months as per the current arrangements.	
Vehicles over the age of 4 years to be tested every six months; vehicles over the age of 7 years to be tested every 4 months	The frequency of vehicle tests to be reduced, so that only vehicles over the age of 7 years are tested every six months.	<p>New applicants - To take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.</p> <p>For existing vehicles – they will be required to adhere to the new requirements when their vehicle licence becomes due for renewal. Vehicles less than 7 years old will not require any additional tests other than on renewal of their licence.</p>	<p>As at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, we have 28 Hackney Carriages over 4 years old and 34 Private Hire Vehicles.</p> <p>We also have 29 Private Hire vehicles over 7 years old and 27 Hackney Carriages.</p>
Applicants are required to submit a copy of their DVLA licence with their application form.	All new applicants and existing drivers upon renewal of their licence will be required to complete a DVLA mandate requesting up to date information on their driving record.	<p>New applicants - To take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.</p> <p>For existing drivers – they will be required to adhere to the new requirements when their licence becomes due for renewal, after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009</p>	All licensed drivers

<p>A driver's licence be refused if the applicant has accumulated : More than 6 penalty points in the past 2 years or more than 12 penalty points in the past 5 years</p>	<p>A driver's licence be refused: if a new applicant has more than 6 penalty points at the time of making an application; or if an existing driver has more than 9 penalty points at the time of making a renewal application.</p>	<p>New applicants - To take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.  For existing drivers – they will be required to adhere to the new requirements when their licence becomes due for renewal, after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.</p>	<p>All licensed drivers</p>
<p>A medical certificate is required every three years.</p>	<p>If aged 21-45 years a medical certificate will be required on the granting of an initial application; Where the driver is aged between 45 and 64 years old, a medical certificate will be required every five years; Where the driver is 65 years old or over, a medical certificate will be required annually.</p>	<p>New applicants - To take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009:  For existing drivers – they will be required to adhere to the new requirements when their next medical becomes due for renewal, after 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.</p>	<p>All licensed drivers.  As at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009, we will have 68 driver's between the age of 45 and 64 years old and 9 driver's over the age of 65.</p>