



GUIDELINES ON RELEVANCE OF CONVICTIONS

HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE DRIVERS

GENERAL POLICY

1. These guidelines apply to applications for the grant and renewal of licences and to the suspension or revocation of a licence.
2. Each case will be decided on its own merits.
3. The overriding consideration shall be the protection of the public and all other matters, including unemployment, shall be secondary to the public safety factor.
4. In exceptional circumstances, the Licensing Committee may decide to issue a licence where the Guidelines on Convictions are not met.

GUIDELINES ON CONVICTIONS

Category	Offence code	Convictions included	Requirement
Minor traffic convictions	SP10	Exceeding goods vehicle speed limit	Less than 12 penalty points on licence during last three years
	SP20	Exceeding speed limit for type of vehicle	
	SP30	Exceeding statutory speed limit	
	SP40	Exceeding passenger vehicle speed limit	
	SP50	Exceeding speed limit on a motorway	
	SP60	Undefined speed limit offence	
	TS10	Failing to comply with traffic lights	
	TS20	Failing to comply with double white lines	
	TS30	Failing to comply with stop sign	
	TS40	Failing to comply with direction of a constable or traffic warden	
	TS50	Failing to comply with a traffic sign (excluding 'Stop' signs, traffic lights)	
	TS60	Failing to comply with a school crossing patrol sign	
	TS70	Undefined failure to comply with a traffic directions sign	
	MW10	Contravention of Special Roads Regulations (excluding speed limits)	
	PC10	Undefined contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations	
PC20	Contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations with moving vehicle		
PC30	Contravention of pedestrian crossing regulations with stationary vehicle		

	PL10 PL20 PL30 PL40 PL50	Driving without 'L' plates Not accompanied by a qualified person Carrying a person not qualified Drawing an unauthorised trailer Undefined failure to comply with conditions of a provisional licence	
Secondary offences	CU10 CU20 CU30 CU40 CU50 CU60 MS10 MS20 MS30 MS40 MS50 MS60 MS70 MS80 MS90	Using a vehicle with defective brakes Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of use of unsuitable vehicle or using a vehicle with parts or accessories (excluding brakes, steering or tyres) in a dangerous condition Using a vehicle with defective tyre(s) Using a vehicle with defective steering Causing or likely to cause danger by reason of load or passengers Undefined failure to comply with Construction & Use regulations Leaving a vehicle in a dangerous position Unlawful pillion riding Play street offences Driving with uncorrected defective eyesight or refusing to submit to a test Motor racing on a highway Offences not covered by other codes Driving with uncorrected defective eyesight Refusing to submit to an eyesight test Failure to give information as to identity of driver etc	Two years free from conviction
Major traffic offences	AC10 AC20 AC30 CD10 CD20 CD30	Failing to stop after an accident Failing to give particulars or to report accident within 24 hours Defined accident offences Driving without due care and attention Driving without reasonable consideration for other road users Driving without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other road users	Three years free from conviction
Serious traffic offences	BA10 BA30 DD40 DR10 DR20 DR30 DR40 DR50 DR60 DR70 DR80 DR90	Driving while disqualified by order of court Attempting to drive while disqualified by order of court Dangerous driving Driving or attempting to drive with alcohol level above limit Driving or attempting to drive while unfit through drink Driving or attempting to drive then failing to provide a specimen for analysis In charge of a vehicle while alcohol level above limit In charge of a vehicle while unfit through drink Failure to provide a specimen for analysis in circumstances other than driving or attempting to drive Failing to provide a specimen for breath test Driving or attempting to drive when unfit through drugs In charge of a vehicle when unfit through drugs	Five years free from conviction

	IN10	Using a vehicle uninsured against third party risk	
Taxi offence	Illegal plying for hire Refusing to transport a passenger with an assistance dog		Two years free from conviction
Drugs	A conviction for an offence under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971		Five years free from conviction
Violence	Offences Against the Person Act 1861		Five years free from conviction
Sexual offences	A conviction for an offence under the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual Offences Act 1956 • Indecency with Children Act 1960 • Protection of Children Act 1978 • Sexual Offences (Conspiracy and Incitement) Act 1996 • Street Offences Act 1959 • Sexual Offences Act 1967 • Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1976 • Criminal Law Act 1977 • Sexual Offences Act 1985 • Criminal Justice Act 1988 • Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 • Sexual Offences Act 1993 • Sexual Offences (Protected Material) Act 1997 • Sexual Offences Act 1997 • Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 2000 • Sexual Offences Act 2003 		An applicant should have NO convictions for these offences
Dishonesty	A conviction for an offence under the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft Act 1968 • Theft Act 1978 • Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 		Five years free from conviction
Serious offences	Any conviction that carries a mandatory or discretionary life sentence		An applicant should have NO convictions for these offences
Other offences	Other offences may become relevant depending on their nature, type and circumstances. The period free from conviction required will vary accordingly		Dependant on circumstances