

BLTOA PROPOSALS 25 APRIL 2008

Once a vehicle reaches 15 years old these are the arrangements we propose for exceptional vehicle status.

Exceptional Quality Policy

The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy document provides that with effect from xxxxx2008, no vehicle shall be licensed if it is over the age of 15 years unless it satisfies an exceptional quality policy.

Vehicles must meet minimum emissions standards with reference to the year of manufacture as detailed in paragraph 2.4.6 of the policy.

1. The vehicle must pass the initial pit test – vehicles with seven or fewer faults (excluding consumables) will be permitted to undertake the necessary repairs and submit for a re-test; vehicles with eight or more faults will fail and will not be permitted a re-test.
2. The vehicle must meet the full exterior and interior specification detailed below. Vehicles with seven or fewer defects as detailed below will be permitted to undertake necessary repairs and submit for a re-test. Vehicles with eight or more defects will fail, and will not be permitted a re-test.

Exterior

- All bodywork to be clean and sound, free from rust, corrosion, dents, scrapes or significant scratches or loose panels. (See guidance notes below).
- All paintwork must be in good condition when the vehicle is viewed in normal light conditions.
- All wheel trims to be fitted according to the manufacturer's specification and all matched.
- Door or wing mirrors to be in good condition. 2 wing mirrors and an interior mirror are required.
- Front and rear plates to be clean, clear, unbroken and conform to the relevant legislation. Hinging rear number plates must be maintained so that the number plate is visible at all times.
- Front and rear bumpers to have no corrosion, dents, cracks or scrapes and be securely fitted. End caps must be fitted.
- Mud flaps, if fitted should be maintained.
- No broken, cracked or missing glass or surrounds on all front and rear lights where fitted and must display the correct colour.
- Radiator grills should be secure and the original specification.
- Windscreen and rear screen wiper arms should be in good condition and rust free and properly fitted.