

## **WREXHAM COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS**

1. The vehicle must be purpose built for use as a Hackney Carriage and be approved by the Chief Housing and Public Protection Officer.
2. All Hackney Carriage Vehicles within the County Borough must be capable of transporting Disabled People in their wheelchairs.
3. The vehicle must not be more than 10 years old. (On new / first applications)
4. Vehicles must be presented for inspection in a clean and roadworthy condition and must be free from any rust.
5. No vehicle must be submitted for inspection with any accident damage and the Council must be informed of accident damage whilst the vehicle is licensed.
6. The vehicle must be right hand drive.
7. The minimum acceptable width of seat section per person is 17”.
8. The vehicle and all its fittings and equipment must be in an efficient, safe, tidy and clean condition and must comply with all relevant statutory requirements, including in particular those contained in Motor Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations.
9. The seats in the vehicle must be properly cushioned or covered and the vehicle must be comfortable.
10. The floor of the vehicle must be provided with a proper carpet or other suitable covering.
11. There must be adequate space within the vehicle for the carrying of passengers’ luggage and this space must be clean and tidy and water tight. A roof rack must not be fitted.
12.
  - i) The vehicle must be fitted with an efficient dry powder variety fire extinguisher of minimum weight of two kilos to be securely fixed in the boot of the vehicle.
  - ii) Each extinguisher to be regularly serviced by a competent person to sure that the gauge reads serviceable at all times.
13. The vehicle must be equipped with a first-aid box.
14. The vehicle must be equipped with sufficient tools and equipment to enable damaged or punctured tyres to be quickly replaced.
15. The meter for recording fares fitted in the vehicle must be in such a position as not to be visible from the outside of the vehicle but clearly visible to the passengers.
16. If the vehicle is currently licensed by the Council as a hackney carriage the licence plate issued by the Council must be securely fixed externally to the rear of the vehicle in a conspicuous position and in such a manner as to be removable.
17. No signs, notices, advertisements, plates, marks, numbers, letters, figures, symbols, emblems or devices whatsoever should be displayed on, or from the vehicles except as may be required by any

statutory provision, byelaws or permitted or required by any condition of a hackney carriage licence issued by the Council in respect of the vehicle.

18. If the vehicle is currently licensed by the Council for hackney carriage the number of the licence and the number of passengers permitted by the licence to be carried in the vehicle must be clearly marked inside the vehicle as to be visible at all times to passengers carried in the vehicle.
19. There must be in force, in relation to the vehicle, a policy of insurance or such security as complies with the requirements of Part VI of the Road Traffic Act, 1972.
20. There must be in force, in relation to the vehicle, a valid MOT test certificate (if appropriate) and a current road fund licence.
21. Hackney Carriage Vehicles may be of any colour supplied by the vehicle manufacturer. Applications for any other colours will be referred to the Environmental Licensing Committee.

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