## **Important Notice to all drivers and Private Hire Operators**

## **Immigration Act 2016**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016 you are required to provide certain documents which show you have permission to be in the UK and undertake work as a Private Hire Operator, Private Hire or Hackney Carriage driver.

The Local Authority has a duty to check these documents when an applicant first applies for a new licence or applies to renew or extend their current licence. For those applicants who have time-limited permission to be in the UK the check must be repeated at each subsequent application to renew or extend until such time as they demonstrate that they are entitled to remain indefinitely in the UK, without restriction on their ability to work.

You MUST provide one of the <u>original</u> document(s); shown below when you renew your licence.

The two most common acceptable documents are likely to be:-

- A UK passport (current or expired) OR
- A <u>Full</u> UK birth certificate, which includes the name of at least one of your parents, or adoptive parents, **and** a document with your National Insurance Number in your name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.

If you are unable to provide the any of the above documents please refer to the additional list overleaf..

Please note: Failure to produce the original documents will result in your application being refused.

| Acceptable Documents - for persons who have a permanent right to work in the UK |  |
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| 1   | A passport showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a British citizen or a citizen of the UK and Colonies having the right of abode in the UK.   |
| 2   | A passport or national identity card showing the holder, or a person named in the passport as the child of the holder, is a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.   |
| 3   | A Registration Certificate or Document Certifying Permanent Residence issued by the Home Office to a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.  |
| 4   | A Permanent Residence Card issued by the Home Office to the family member of a national a European Economic Area country or Switzerland.   |
| 5   | A <b>current</b> Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder indicating that the person named is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.   |
| 6   | A <b>current</b> passport endorsed to show that the holder is exempt from immigration control, is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK, has the right of abode in the UK, or has no time limit on their stay in the UK.  |
| 7   | A current Immigration Status Document issued by the Home Office to the holder with an endorsement indicating that the named person is allowed to stay indefinitely in the UK or has no time limit on their stay in the UK, together with an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer. |
| 8   | A <b>full</b> birth or adoption certificate issued in the UK which includes the name(s) of at least one of the holder's parents or adoptive parents, <b>together with</b> an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.  |
| 9   | A birth or adoption certificate issued in the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or Ireland, <b>together with</b> an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.  |
| 10  | A certificate of registration or naturalisation as a British citizen, <b>together with</b> an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer.   |

| Acceptable Documents – for persons who have a temporary right to work in the UK |  |
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| 1   | A <b>current</b> passport endorsed to show that the holder is allowed to stay in the UK and is currently allowed to do the type of work in question.   |
| 2   | A <b>current</b> Biometric Immigration Document (Biometric Residence Permit) issued by the Home Office to the holder which indicates that the named person can currently stay in the UK and is allowed to do the work in question  |
| 3   | A <b>current</b> Residence Card (including an Accession Residence Card or a Derivative Residence Card) issued by the Home Office to a non-European Economic Area national who is a family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland or who has a derivative righ of residence.   |
| 4   | A <b>current</b> Immigration Status Document containing a photograph issued by the Home Office to the holder with a valid endorsement indicating that the named person may stay in the UK, and is allowed to do the type of work in question, <b>together with</b> an official document giving the person's permanent National Insurance number and their name issued by a Government agency or a previous employer  |
| 1   | A Certificate of Application issued by the Home Office under regulation 17(3) or 18A (2) of the Immigration (European Economic Area) Regulations 2006, to a family member of a national of a European Economic Area country or Switzerland stating that the holder is permitted to take employment which is <b>less than 6 months</b> old <b>together with Verification</b> from the Home Office Evidence and Enquiry Unit. The licence may be granted for six months from the date of the Certificate of Application. |
| 2   | A <b>Verification</b> issued by the Home Office Evidence and Enquiry Unit to you, which indicates that the named person may stay in the UK because they have an in time application, appeal or administrative review and which is outstanding. The licence may be issued for six months from the date of the licence decision.   |