



North Tyneside Council

**Hackney Carriage & Private Hire
Licensing
Information Leaflet**

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**Guidance on Licensing Insulin Treated Diabetics as
Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Drivers**

All applications involving individuals with insulin treated diabetes will be dealt with in accordance with the following:-

New applicants for a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence will be required to satisfy the Licensing Authority that he/she meets the following qualifying conditions which would allow a private hire/hackney carriage driver's licence to be issued.

In this regard the applicant will need to provide a medical report from a **hospital consultant** specialising in diabetes **or your own GP** confirming the following qualifying conditions can be met:

- No episode of hypoglycaemia requiring the assistance of another person has occurred in the preceding 12 months;
- Must have full hypoglycaemic awareness;
- Must demonstrate an understanding of the risks of hypoglycaemia;
- Will not be able to apply until their condition has been stable for a period of at least one month;
- Must regularly monitor their condition by checking their blood glucose levels at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving. A glucose meter with a memory function to measure and record blood glucose levels must be used.
- Must have no other condition which would render them a danger when driving a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle;

The applicant will also be required to submit a signed declaration that:

- He/she will comply with the directions for treatment given to him/her by the Doctor supervising that treatment;
- Immediately report to the Licensing Authority, in writing, any significant change in diabetic condition; and,
- Provide to the Licensing Authority, as and when necessary, evidence that blood glucose monitoring is being undertaken at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving a taxi or private hire vehicle during employment.

On application for renewal of the hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence the applicant will be required to:

- Provide a medical report from a hospital consultant specialising in diabetes or your own GP confirming:
- That during the preceding 12 months the licensee has not suffered a Hypoglycaemic episode requiring the assistance of another whilst driving; and
- The licensee has a history of responsible diabetic control and is at minimal risk of a hypoglycaemic attack resulting in incapacity.

Existing licence holders who become insulin treated must notify the Licensing Authority immediately and will be considered for re-licensing after complying with the guidance for new applicants. Licensees are reminded that the requirements of the declaration signed on the issue of licence remain an obligation.