

**North Tyneside Council**  
**Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy**

**Executive Hire Private Hire Vehicles**

Private hire vehicles (not hackney carriages) used solely and exclusively for executive hire can be exempted under Section 75(3) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 from the requirement to display a licence plate and the driver from wearing a driver's badge.

Any proprietor of a licensed private hire vehicle wishing to apply for this exemption should be engaged solely in the provision of an executive service.

The applicant must satisfy the Director of Public Health that the specification of the vehicle and the overall level of service provision constitutes an executive hire service. This is initially done by way of submission of a business plan, inspection of the vehicle and the proprietor of the vehicle in question being interviewed by a Licensing Officer of the Authority. Guidance notes are available from the Licensing Section.

Applications for an exemption can be made in writing, in person at a prescribed time or by post or e-mail.

If granted, an Exemption Notice will be issued to the proprietor. The Exemption Notice shall not be granted for a period of more than one year and shall expire upon the expiry of the private hire vehicle licence.

The Exemption Notice is granted subject to the licensed private hire vehicle being operated in accordance with standard conditions and any additional conditions. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in the withdrawal of the Exemption Notice. The conditions are attached.

The private hire operator, proprietor and driver operating under the provisions of an executive Exemption Notice, remain subject to the requirements of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 with regard to the respective licences and the conditions attached in each case.

Any vehicle operating under this exemption may also request in writing to be exempt from the condition limiting the tint on the rear passenger windows (two rear passenger windows, back window and any rear side windows if present).

Any vehicle granted an exemption, and which has tinted windows, must not be engaged at all in any contract or provision of vehicle for the carriage of school children or based around the carriage of unaccompanied children/young persons (under age 18 years). The driver must not act as the accompanying adult. Further, the Operator must, unless such a vehicle has been specifically requested, inform a hirer that such a vehicle with tinted windows will be supplied.

## **Standard 'Exemption Notice' Conditions Executive Hire Vehicles**

1. The Proprietor shall notify the Authority immediately in writing if there is any material change in the nature of the use of the vehicle.
2. The Proprietor shall ensure that the private hire vehicle licence identification disc issued by the Authority is displayed within the nearside of the front windscreen at all times.
3. The 'Exemption Notice' issued by the Director of Public Health in respect of the licensed private hire vehicle shall be carried within the vehicle at all times, and presented for inspection at the request of an Authorised Officer of the Authority, a Police Constable or the hirer.
4. Other than the Authority's Licence Identification Disc; the proprietor shall not display in, on or from the vehicle any advertisement, sign, logo or insignia advertising the operating company or promoting the vehicles' status as a licensed private hire vehicle, without the prior written approval of the Director of Public Health.
5. The Private Hire Vehicle proprietors licence identification plate and decals issued by the Authority shall not be affixed to the vehicle, and shall not be displayed in, on or from the vehicle at any time.
6. The Private Hire Vehicle proprietors licence identification plate issued by the Authority shall be carried in the luggage compartment of the vehicle at all times and produced for inspection at the request of an Authorised Officer of the Authority, a Police Constable or the hirer.
7. No taximeter shall be displayed within the vehicle at any time.
8. No table of fares/tariff card shall be displayed in the vehicle at any time.
9. A tariff of charges shall be deposited with the Authority and shall be carried within the vehicle at all times.
10. The Proprietor shall not change the body colour(s) which were present when the vehicle was first licensed without the prior written consent of the Director of Public Health.
11. The Proprietor shall ensure that the driver of the vehicle does not wear the private hire drivers licence identification badge issued by the Authority or display that badge in, on or from the vehicle at any time.
12. The Proprietor shall ensure that the private hire drivers identification badge issued by the Authority shall be carried within the vehicle at all times and produced for inspection at the request of an Authorised Officer of the Authority, a Police Constable or the hirer.
13. The Proprietor shall ensure that the driver of the vehicle shall be appropriately dressed in a chauffeur's uniform or business suit when the vehicle is hired.
14. The Proprietor shall ensure that the hirer shall be afforded the facility to settle accounts and/or tender direct payment by credit card, debit card, cheque or cash.

### **Additional Conditions**

Any executive hire vehicle wishing to take advantage of the exemption limiting the window tint (less than 34% light transmittance) should not be engaged in any contract or provision of vehicle for the carriage of school children or based around the carriage of unaccompanied children/young persons (under age 18 years). The driver must not act as the accompanying adult. Further, the Operator must, unless such a vehicle has been specifically requested, inform a hirer that such a vehicle with tinted windows will be supplied.