

SECTION 8

**LANDAU AND SECOND CLASS HACKNEY CARRIAGE
SPECIFICATION**

CONSTRUCTION OR TYPE OF CARRIAGE PERMITTED

Only vehicles meeting the following specification will be considered for licensing:

1. A landau of traditional construction and appearance having spoked wheels and solid rubber tyres with a door on each side of the carriage. A drop down hood in two sections, meeting in the middle when closed and having rigid glass or plastic windows.
2. A carriage with one door only at the rear, having spoked wheels and solid rubber tyres. The hood being in one piece, closing from front to rear, with no rigid windows.

LICENSING CONDITIONS

1. The vehicle shall be produced for examination and inspection by an Authorised Officer of the Council at such times and at such places as may be required.
2. The Council shall be notified if any alteration is proposed to be made to any part of the vehicle, before such alteration is carried out.
3. The vehicle shall be fitted with a sufficient drag-chain and slipper or other sufficient brake.
4. The vehicle shall be kept in good order, the inside and outside clean and braking machinery efficient.
5. The floor of the vehicle shall be covered with mats of a suitable material.
6. The vehicle shall have a watertight roof and a means of opening and closing the windows.
7. The seats of the vehicle shall be properly cushioned or covered, fittings and furniture shall be kept clean and adequate for the convenience of persons travelling in the vehicle.
8. The vehicle shall at all times display the plate showing the Hackney Carriage licence number.
9. The number of passengers carried in the vehicle shall not exceed the number on the Hackney Carriage licence and no passenger under ten years of age shall be allowed to travel at the front beside the driver.
10. The licensee is to indemnify the Council from and against all claims by third parties arising from or in connection with the exercise of these rights hereby granted.
11. The Council will require the licensee to obtain road and public liability insurance policies, which include the Council's name. The amount of cover provided in respect of public liability should be a minimum of five million pounds (£5,000,000). The Council shall inspect and approve the policies before the licence is operated.
12. The licensee shall observe and comply with such bylaws and safety regulations recommended or imposed by law, and the bylaws and conditions from time to time in force within the District, which relate to the operating of horse-drawn vehicles.

13. The licensee shall not permit any person to mount, ride, drive, otherwise use, or treat any horse or the animal in their charge in such a manner as to cause suffering to the animal.
14. The licensee shall not cause or permit any horse or other animal in their charge to be kicked or ill treated in any manner.
15. The maximum hours of working for any horse shall be six (6) hours per day and all horses shall be rested after three (3) hours for at least half an hour, during which time harnesses, shackles, bridles and other such items must be removed from the horse except for a head collar. A sufficient quantity of palatable and fresh food and water shall always be available to all animals. Food and water being contained in a proper bag or receptacle.
16. Only horses shall be used to pull landaus. No horse, which in the opinion of any Authorised Officer, is incapable of pulling the vehicle or is in poor physical condition or which is suffering from any injury, disability or illness, shall be allowed to be harnessed to a landau or other vehicle.
17. Every part of the harness of animals drawing a Hackney Carriage shall be kept in order so that the animal is properly and securely attached to the carriage and under due control.
18. In the event of an Authorised Officer of the Council having reason to suspect that an animal being used in the operation of a Hackney Carriage is unfit to fulfil its function, that animal shall be subjected to immediate inspection by a qualified veterinary surgeon is produced to the Council's Authorised Officer.
19. All horses engaged in pulling second class Hackney Carriage must be at least fifteen (15) hands high.
20. The licensee shall ensure that excreta from the horses, etc., is removed from the street immediately.
21. The current Council Fare Table shall be exhibited on the exterior of both sides of the carriage so as to be in full view of the public at all times.
22. No person shall be charged more than the fares set out in the current Council Fare Table and the choice of single or return journeys shall be at the discretion of the hirer.
23. The licence shall be revocable in case of the Council being reasonably satisfied that a breach of the foregoing conditions or any Act or Bylaw relating to Hackney Carriage has occurred.
24. Excessive use of the whip is strictly prohibited and its use shall be restricted to controlling the horse.
25. No horse under three years of age, mare in foal or within three months of foaling shall be used to pull a landau.
26. A veterinary certificate, on the Council's official form, indicating the suitability of any horse to be used to pull a landau, must be supplied prior to initial licensing and a new certificate will be required for each subsequent licence renewal.
27. A veterinary certificate relating to the horse in use shall be carried on the carriage at all times and shall be produced to a Police Officer or other Authorised Officer on demand.
28. All horses used to pull landaus must be ear tagged and from January 2005 have a horse passport.
29. A second class Hackney Carriage shall not be used unless a dung catcher is fitted to the vehicle, which has the effect of preventing at least 50 % of the horse dung from being deposited on the highway.

NB An Authorised Officer of the Council will be the Licensing and Enforcement Officer or his/her representative.