

“Taxis” - An Introduction

A One Day Course

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Taxi (Hackney Carriage and Private Hire) Licensing is an important area of Local Authority Licensing. This course provides an outline of the role and functions of the committee; the procedure and criteria for granting licences; and provides an overview of the different types of vehicles and licences, their use, and enforcement.

It is ideal for Members and less experienced or newly appointed Officers, and will provide delegates with a clear understanding of the system and the problems that can arise.

Course Outline

Session 1 – Taxi Licensing within a Local Authority

- The role of the Licensing Committee.
- Status as a quasi judicial body.
- Natural Justice.
- Procedures.
- Implications of the Human Rights Act 1998.
- Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. - Implications for Licensing and Taxis in particular;
- Appeals against Committee Decisions



Session 3 – Hackney Carriages and private hire

- Hackney Carriage Drivers
 - * Criteria for Grant
 - * Conditions & Byelaws
 - * Suspension & Revocation
- Private Hire Operators
 - * Provision For Booking's
 - * Vehicles and Drivers
 - * Conditions
 - * Exempted Hiring's
 - * Courtesy cars
 - * Suspension & Revocation



Session 2 – Hackney Carriages

- Hackney Carriage basics
- Private Hire basics
- Fees
- Hackney Carriage Vehicles
 - * Conditions
 - * Numbers Of Hackney Carriage
 - * Plying for Hire
 - * Ranks
 - * Fares
 - * Disability Discrimination Act 1995
 - * Suspension & Revocation



Session 4 – Private Hire

- Private Hire Vehicles
 - * Conditions
 - * Stretched Limousines
 - * Meters
 - * Roof Signs
 - * Suspension & Revocation
- Private Hire Drivers
 - * Criteria for Grant
 - * Conditions & Byelaws
 - * Suspension & Revocation