

## **CURRENT CONDITIONS RELATING TO VEHICLE AGE AND CONDITION**

Condition 1 (b) of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions state that:

### **1. VEHICLE AGE, DESIGN, TYPE, COLOUR, SEATING AND APPEARANCE**

Hackney carriage vehicles must not be over 8 years old on the date of the first application, with the following exceptions:

Purpose-built London-style cabs (eg Austin FX4, TX1).

Other vehicles which are in an exceptionally well maintained condition, subject to their being inspected with regard to mechanical fitness and appearance at 6 monthly intervals.

Condition 1 (b) of the Private Hire Vehicle Licence Conditions state that:

### **1. VEHICLE AGE, DESIGN, TYPE, COLOUR, SEATING AND APPEARANCE**

Private hire vehicles must not be over 8 years old on the date of the first application, with the exception of vehicles in an exceptionally well maintained condition, subject to their being inspected with regard to mechanical fitness and appearance at 6 monthly intervals.

An exceptionally well maintained vehicle is one that:-

- 1) Is expected to pass its Council depot examination on the first occasion. However, if the vehicle fails it will be allowed one retest. Failure of the retest will preclude the vehicle from being licensed.
- 2) The bodywork should have no signs of panel deterioration due to age. It should not have unrepaired damage, dents, scratches or chipped paintwork. Any paint resprays should be of good quality and match the remainder of the paintwork.
- 3) The exterior trim should be as per the manufacturer's original specification. No trim will be missing and all 4 hub caps (if part of original specification) will be present, matching and scuff free.
- 4) The interior trim, panels, seating and carpets should be clean, free from damage and discolouration. Fabric must not be frayed, torn or threadbare. Seat covers will be permitted but the underlying seat will not have any of the previously mentioned faults.
- 5) The boot or luggage compartment must have no loose padding or plastic trim. It must be clean and undamaged and fit for the purpose of carrying luggage.
- 6) Passenger areas should be free from damp and odours that may cause passenger discomfort.

Maxim: A vehicle of 'Exceptional Condition' must give the impression that it is being cared for by its owner. If an 8 year old vehicle looks like an 8 year old vehicle it will not be of an 'Exceptional Condi

