

Table 2

Comparison of Hackney and Private Hire testing requirements

Licensing Authority	Tests per Annum	Cost (£)	Notes
Maidstone Borough Council	1 (tested in house)	46.00	Age restrictions apply. No new licensed vehicle to be over 3 years old. Hackney vehicles not licensed beyond 10 years of age. Private hire not beyond 6 years.
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	2 (tested at contracted garages)	60.00	Age restrictions apply. Newly licensed vehicles must be under 6 years old. Vehicles not licensed beyond 10 years old.
Medway Unitary Council	1 (tested at contracted garages)	65.00	Additionally vehicle aged between 3 and 5 years require an annual compliance check at a cost of £29.38. Vehicles aged over 5 years require 2 compliance checks a year.
Sevenoaks District Council	2 (tested in house)	53.10	Age restriction applies. No vehicle licensed beyond 10 years of age unless in exceptional condition and authorised by licensing officer.