

Annex A

Current Taxi policy 2013 - 2016	Proposed changes (shown in bold text)
<p>5 Drivers</p> <p>5.1 Licences</p> <p>5.1.1 This Council issues hackney carriage and private hire licences as well as an optional six months probationary badge for new drivers, which allows people new to the taxi working environment to experience working as a taxi driver at a lower fee entry and assess if this is the right career choice for them.</p> <p>5.1.2 The probationary badge requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A person from the taxi trade known as a “Mentor” to sign the application form and oversee the new driver as they work through their first six months. A “Mentor” needs to have been licensed by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for at least a period of one year.• All applicants will still be required to complete all statutory checks prior to being issued with a probationary badge.• After six months the Mentor and Licensing Officer will review the probationary badge holder performance and conduct prior to renewing the probationary badge to a full three year driver’s licence.• Hackney Carriage probationary badge holders will be required to complete the knowledge test after six months. <p>5.1.3 The statutory and practical criteria and qualifications for a private hire driver are broadly identical to those for a hackney carriage driver. The sections below, therefore, apply equally to private hire and hackney carriage drivers.</p>	<p>5 Drivers</p> <p>5.1 Licences</p> <p>5.1.1 This Council issues hackney carriage and private hire licences as well as an optional six months probationary badge for new drivers, which allows people new to the taxi working environment to experience working as a taxi driver at a lower fee entry and assess if this is the right career choice for them.</p> <p>5.1.2 The probationary badge requires:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A person from the taxi trade known as a “Mentor” to sign the application form and Mentor Form and oversee the new driver as they work through their first six months.• A “Mentor” needs to have been licensed by Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council for at least a period of three years.• All applicants will still be required to complete all statutory checks prior to being issued with a probationary badge.• After three and six months the Mentor and Licensing Officer will review the probationary badge holder performance and conduct prior to renewing the probationary badge to a full three year driver’s licence.• Hackney Carriage probationary badge holders will be required to complete the knowledge test before they start the six month probationary period. <p>5.1.3 The General declaration for a candidate agreeing to a six months probationary badge is:</p> <p>1. The Licence conditions relating to the licences, for which this application is being made, have been read as well as Guidance Notes.</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">2. All answers given to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council are true.3. I authorise the Council to make enquiries of any person's etc named on this form.4. The probationary badge for a Hackney/Private Hire driver's licence - I, the sole/principal applicant, will not permit any badge issued to me to be worn by any other person and will surrender the same upon demand.5. As a Probationary Badge holder I will work only for the Company which is named on this form for the duration of my probationary badge (six months).6. If I leave employment from the Mentors Company my badge is invalid and must be returned to TMBC Licensing team immediately.7. If I leave employment from the Mentors Company and find another Mentor the six month probationary period will start again.8. No refund on withdrawn applications. <p>5.1.4 The statutory and practical criteria and qualifications for a private hire driver are broadly identical to those for a hackney carriage driver. The sections below, therefore, apply equally to private hire and hackney carriage drivers</p>
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