

Annex 1

Local Authorities using Euro emissions as criteria for licensing a vehicle

Different Local Authorities have started to introduce Euro emission levels for their licensed Hackney Carriage & private hire fleets, to improve air quality within their areas.

Transport for London

Date	Hackney Carriage Vehicles	Private Hire Vehicles
1 Jan 18	All new vehicles, or vehicles new to licensing must as a minimum meet Euro 6 standards for emissions.	Private Hire vehicles being licensed for the first time, must have a Euro 6 petrol or diesel engine, or a Euro 4 petrol-hybrid engine
8 Apr 19	Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) launched	
1 Nov 19	Maximum operating age 15 years Euro 2, 3, 4 and 5 diesel taxis	
1 Nov 19	Maximum operating age 15 years No Euro 6 diesel will be relicensed once it is 14 years or older	
1 Nov 19	Zero emission capable (ZEC) taxis Maximum operating age 15 years No ZEC will be relicensed once it is 14 years or older	
1 Nov 19	Taxis converted to liquid petroleum gas (LPG) before to 1 November 2019 LPG taxis - Maximum operating will be 20 years Will not be relicensed once it is 19 years or older	
1 Nov 19	Taxis converted to liquid petroleum gas (LPG) from the 1 November 2019 LPG taxis - Maximum operating will be 14 years Will not be relicensed once it is 14 years or older	
1 Nov 20	Age limit reduced to 14 years Euro 2, 3, 4 and 5 diesel taxis	
1 Nov 20		All new (less than 18 months old will need to have to be zero emission capable). All PHV's over 18 months old will need a Euro 6 engine when licensed for the first time
1 Nov 21	Age limit reduced to 13 years Euro 2, 3, 4 and 5 diesel taxis	
1 Nov 22	Age limit reduced to 12 years Euro 2, 3, 4 and 5 diesel taxis	
1 Jan 23		All PHV's (of any age) will need to be zero emission capable when licensed for the first time.

Northampton

Date	Hackney Carriage Vehicles	Private Hire Vehicles
3 May 18	All new registrations (i.e. vehicles which have not previously been licensed by the Council) ULEV Petrol Hybrid Euro 5 + Petrol Euro 5 + (Any vehicle registered from 1st Sept 2009 onwards) Diesel Euro 6 + (Any vehicle registered from 1st Sept 2014 onwards) (will not apply to existing proprietors whose vehicle is taken off the road due to unforeseen circumstances. Existing licensed vehicles that need to be replaced must be either an equivalent, or an improved euro standard)	
31 Dec 20	All licence renewals (i.e. renewal of a licence for a vehicle which was previously granted by the Council)	

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	ULEV Petrol Hybrid Euro 5+ Petrol Euro 5 + Diesel Euro 6 + (including vehicles adapted with a retrofit to an agreed approved standard & hackneys only may apply for departure from policy)	
31 Dec 25	All licence renewals (i.e. renewal of a licence for a vehicle which was previously granted by the Council) ULEV Petrol Hybrid Euro 5+ Petrol Euro 6 + Diesel Euro 6 +	
31 Dec 28	All licence renewals (i.e. renewal of a licence for a vehicle which was previously granted by the Council) ULEV Petrol Hybrid Euro 5+	

Bristol

Date	Hackney Carriage Vehicles	Private Hire Vehicles
19 Dec 17	Vehicles presented for licensing on the first occasion shall be EURO 6 or higher standard and less than three and a half years old from the date of registration	
19 Dec 17	Any licence granted shall be renewed annually until the vehicle has reached eight years provided that the vehicle remains continuously licensed	
19 Dec 17	Any Electric LEVC (London Electric Vehicle Company) produced purpose built Hackney Carriage vehicle can be licensed until 15 years from the date of first registration.	

Cornwall Council

Date	Hackney Carriage Vehicles	Private Hire Vehicles
1 Apr 20	From 01 April 2020 all applications for the grant of a vehicle licence must have at least a Euro 6 diesel engine, a Euro 4 petrol engine (or a newer Euro standard) and be no older than 10 years of age at the time of licensing.	
1 Jan 21	From 01 January 2021 Vehicle proprietor(s), partnerships or companies who collectively have 5 or more vehicles licensed with the Council will be required to have at least one vehicle licensed at all times that is an electric or zero emission capable (ZEC) Hybrid vehicle.	
1 Jul 24	The Council will continue to renew existing vehicle licences until 01 July 2024. After this date all vehicles must have at least a Euro 6 diesel engine, a Euro 4 petrol engine (or a newer Euro standard) and be no older than 10 years of age at the time of licensing.	

Derby Council

Date	Hackney Carriage Vehicles	Private Hire Vehicles
1 Jan 20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Hackney Carriage vehicles will be required to be a minimum of Euro 6* Diesel or ZEC ULEV**. 2. No Euro 6 Diesel vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it is over the age of TEN (10) years. 3. No ZEC ULEV vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it is over the age of TWELVE (12) years. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Only Private Hire vehicles FOUR (4) years of age and under from the date of first DVLA registration will be considered for first licensing or as a replacement vehicle. 2. Private Hire vehicles over the age of TEN (10) years from the date of first DVLA registration will ordinarily be REFUSED a licence UNLESS the vehicle is in exceptionally good road-worthy condition and approved for use following an Exceptional Condition Vehicle Check carried out by an authorised officer. 3. All Private Hire Vehicles will be subject to SIX (6) monthly inspections carried out by an approved Derby City Council testing station.
1 Jan 25	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No ZEC ULEV vehicle will ordinarily be licensed as a hackney carriage if it is over the age of TEN (10) years. 2. Euro 6 diesel relates to the engine AND vehicle both being manufactured after September 2015. 3. ZEC ULEV definition – emit up to 50g/km CO2 with a minimum of 30 mile emission range. A ZEC Hackney Carriage MUST be petrol if an internal combustion engine is used. 	
1 Jan 25	From 01/01/2025, any vehicle being licensed for the first time as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle will be required to be a Zero Emission Capable Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ZEC ULEV).	
1 Jan 30	From 01/01/2030, no vehicle shall be licensed as a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire vehicle unless it is a ZEC ULEV	

Birmingham City Council

Date	Hackney Carriage Vehicles	Private Hire Vehicles
1 Jan 20	From 1 January 2020 we will apply a maximum age limit to taxi and private hire vehicles. Taxis will not be relicensed after they are 15 years old and private hire vehicles will not be licensed after they are 12 years old.	
	If your vehicle is older than its age limit on 1 January 2020 you will be able to use it until the date that its licence expires in 2020, but if your vehicle does not meet the Clean Air Zone (CAZ) emission standard you will not be exempt from paying the daily CAZ charge (£8) if you enter the CAZ area.	
	If you own a TX model taxi, you will be eligible to apply for it to be retrofitted with an LPG engine, depending on its condition. If your vehicle is suitable you will receive £5,000 towards the cost. The cost of the conversion depends on the particular model but is likely to be up to £12,500 in total.	
	Once converted, your vehicle can be licensed until 31 December 2025 even if it means that it will be more than 15 years old by then. A vehicle that is converted to LPG under this scheme will comply with the CAZ emission standard and will not pay the CAZ daily charge.	