



DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

HIRE CAR DRIVERS' LICENCE CONDITIONS

Any requirements of legislation which effects the operations being carried out under the terms of the licence shall be regarded as if they are conditions of this licence.

1. Conduct of Driver

The driver shall:

- (a) At all times be clean and respectable in his/her dress and person and behave in a civil and orderly manner;
- (b) Take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of passengers conveyed in, entering or alighting from the vehicle;
- (c) Not without the express consent of the hirer, smoke, drink or eat in the vehicle;
- (d) Not without the express consent of the hirer, play any radio or sound reproducing instrument or equipment in the vehicle other than for the purpose of sending or receiving messages in connection with the operation of the vehicle;
- (e) At no time cause or permit the noise emitted by any radio or other previously mentioned equipment in the vehicle to be a source of nuisance or annoyance to any person, whether inside or outside the vehicle.

2. Passengers

The driver shall not:

- (a) Carry more passengers than the vehicle is licensed to carry;
NB: a one day old child is a passenger
- (b) Have more than one passenger in one seat belt;
- (c) Without consent of the hirer of the vehicle, convey or permit to be conveyed, any other person in that vehicle;

- (d) Place any passenger in danger regarding the use of seat belts or child restraints

3. Luggage

The driver shall:

- (a) Convey a reasonable quantity of luggage;
- (b) Afford reasonable assistance in loading and unloading;
- (c) Afford reasonable assistance in removing a reasonable amount of luggage to or from the entrance of any house, station or place.

4. Lost Property

- (a) The driver shall immediately after the termination of any hiring, or as soon as practicable thereafter, carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left.
- (b) If any property accidentally left in the hire car by any person who may have been conveyed therein is found by or handed to the driver, unless it be sooner claimed by or on behalf of its owner, shall be taken within 48 hours to the nearest police station and left in the custody of the officer in charge.

5. Receipt of Fare

The driver shall , if requested by the hirer, provide a written receipt for the fare paid.

6. Animals

- (a) The driver shall not convey in a hire car any animal belonging to or in the custody of himself/herself or the proprietor or operator of the vehicle;
- (b) Any animal in the custody of any passenger, which in the driver's discretion may be conveyed in the hire car shall only be conveyed in the rear of the vehicle.

7. Prompt Attendance

The driver of a hire car shall, when hired, punctually attend at that appointed time and place, unless delayed or prevented by sufficient cause.

8. Hire of Vehicle

The driver shall not, whilst in charge of a hire car:

- (a) Offer that vehicle for immediate hire whilst the driver of that vehicle is on a road or other place to which the public have access; or
- (b) Accept an offer for the immediate hire of that vehicle whilst the driver of that vehicle is on a road or other place to which the public have access, except where such an offer is first communicated to him/her by telephone or by radio from the operator's office to the vehicle. (In this condition "road" means any highway and any other road to which the public have access and includes bridges over which a road passes)

9. Touting and Soliciting

The driver **shall not**, whilst driving or in charge of the hire car;

- (a) Tout or solicit any person to hire or to be carried for hire in any hire car;
- (b) Cause or procure any other person to tout or solicit any person to hire or to be carried for hire in any hire car.

10. Deposit of Hire Car Driver Licence

The proprietor of the hire car shall retain the licence of any driver driving the proprietor's vehicle.

11. Taximeter

- (a) If a hire car is fitted with a taximeter, the driver shall not cause the fare recorded thereon to be cancelled or concealed until the hirer has had a reasonable opportunity of examining it and paid for the fare.
- (b) The driver of the hire car shall not tamper with or permit any person to tamper with any taximeter or with the seals affixed thereto.
- (c) Hire cars fitted with a taximeter may not operate unless the meter is in working condition and the position of the meter inside the vehicle has been approved by an Authorised Officer.

12. Fares to be Deemed

The driver shall not demand from the hirer a fare in excess of any previously agreed for the hiring between the hirer and the operator or, if the vehicle is fitted with a taximeter and there has been no previous agreement as to the fare, the fare shown on the face of the taximeter is to be charged. Journeys shall be by the shortest route unless requested otherwise by the hirer.

13. Change of Address

The driver shall immediately notify the Licensing Office in writing of any change of address during the period of the licence prior to such change taking place.

14. Change of Operator

The driver shall immediately notify the Council's Licensing Office in writing when he/she changes operators.

15. Convictions

The driver shall immediately disclose to the Council's Licensing Office in writing details of any conviction imposed on him/her during the period of the licence.

16. Expiry of Licence

The driver shall upon expiry (without immediate renewal), revocation or suspension of his/her licence forthwith return to the Council the driver's licence issued by the Council

17. Deceased Persons

A driver who has conveyed the dead body of any person in a hire car shall immediately notify the fact to the Council's Environmental Health Manager.

18. Tax and Insurance

The driver shall at all times when driving a hire car carry a copy of the licence and these conditions and shall make them available for inspection by an authorised officer or police officer.

19. Copy of Licence and Conditions

The driver shall at all times when driving a hire car carry a copy of the licence and these conditions and shall make them available for inspection by an authorised officer or police officer.

20. Badges

The driver must:

- (a)** Wear his badge in a prominent position where it can be seen at all times.

- (b) The driver shall, upon the expiry (without immediate renewal), revocation or suspension of his/her licence, forthwith return to the Council the driver's badge issued by the Council, the badge remains the property of the Council at all times.

21. Consent of Proprietor

The driver shall not act as the driver of any hire car without the consent of the proprietor thereof.

22. Operators Licence

The driver should ensure that the Operator has a current licence.

23. Conditions

The Council reserves the right to vary, delete or waive any of the foregoing Conditions.

If you are aggrieved by any of the Conditions attached to this licence, you may appeal to a Magistrates' Court within 21 days of the service of this licence upon you (see S.52 and S.77 of the 1976 act and S.300 to 302 of the Public Health Act 1936)