



Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver - Wheelchair Exemption Application

Application for exemption, on medical grounds, from the duties placed on licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers by the Equality Act 2010 (and Section 53 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 in relation to Hackney Carriage Drivers) insofar as they relate to wheelchair accessibility.

This form must be completed by the applicant and returned, under confidential cover, to: The Licensing Team, East Lindsey District Council, Tedder Hall, Manby Park, Louth, LN11 8UP.

Applicant Details

Full name of applicant:

Date of birth:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No.

Email Address:

Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Badge No.

If driving a single licensed vehicle, please enter HCV or PHV plate number:

Please state the medical reason why you are applying for an exemption*:

**This will need to be verified by either your GP / Specialist and/or the Licensing Authority's own medical advisor.*

Are you willing to undergo a medical in connection with this application? Tick box

YES [☐] NO [☐]

Do you consent to medical information relevant to this application being released to the Licensing Authority? Tick box

YES [☐] NO [☐]

Details of Applicant's Medical Practitioner

Doctors Name:

Surgery Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No.

Details of Medical Examiner or Specialist (if same as GP – leave blank)

Doctors Name:

Surgery Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No.

Period of Exemption (complete one box ONLY)

Are you applying for a Life Exemption? Tick box [☐]

Are you applying for a Temporary Exemption? Tick box [☐]

If you are applying for a Temporary Exemption, state the period it is required to last.

Applicants Declaration

I declare that the information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I also hereby permit East Lindsey District Council to make enquiries with my examining Doctor to verify my application to determine my exemption. I also accept that if my exemption is granted by East Lindsey District Council, any misuse of the exemption granted to me may result in the withdrawal of that exemption and / or prosecution.

Signature of applicant:

Date:

N.B. Your information will be processed in accordance with the law, in particular the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information that you provide will only be used for Council purposes unless there is a legal authority to do otherwise.



Wheelchair Exemption Application – Doctor’s Assessment

This certificate is not one which must be issued free of charge as part of the National Health Service. Please note that East Lindsey District Council is not liable for the payment of any medical examination fees (or any other associated costs with the completion of this form) – these are the sole responsibility of the applicant.

To: The Licensing Team, East Lindsey District Council, Tedder Hall, Manby Park, Louth, LN11 8UP

Obligations on Taxi & Private Hire Vehicle Drivers to Carry Disabled Persons Using Wheelchairs

East Lindsey District Council is committed to an accessible public transport system in which disabled people can enjoy the same opportunities to travel as other members of society. Taxis and private hire vehicles are a vital link in the accessible transport chain. It is important that disabled people who use wheelchairs can have confidence that the taxi they find on a rank, or hail on the street, will accept them and carry them in their wheelchair at no extra charge. The same is true in relation to a wheelchair accessible private hire vehicle that they may seek to book in advance.

Under the Equality Act 2010, it is now a lawful requirement for all drivers of wheelchair accessible taxis or private hire vehicles to carry wheelchair users, unless they are in possession of an exemption certificate issued by the Council in accordance with that Act.

Where appropriate the Council shall provide an exemption to these duties, to drivers who have medical conditions which are aggravated by assisting people in wheelchairs. The Council is responsible for issuing exemption certificates and needs to be satisfied that it is appropriate to do so on medical grounds.

This form must only be completed by a medical practitioner who has full knowledge of the applicant’s medical history.

For Completion by General Practitioner or Medical Specialist ONLY

Patient Details

Full name of patient:

Date of birth:

Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No.

Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Driver Badge No.

Details of Examining Doctor

Doctors Name:

Surgery Address:

Post Code:

Tel. No.

Surgery Stamp:

Details of Medical Condition

In your opinion, does this person have a medical condition which prevents him/her from assisting wheelchair users? Tick box

YES [☐] NO [☐]

If "YES" to question above, please give details of condition.

In your opinion does the patient still satisfy the DVLA Group II Driver Medical Standards?

YES [☐] NO [☐]

If "NO" please explain

Period of Exemption

In your opinion is this person's medical condition so severe that they should be exempt from carrying wheelchair users in their vehicle,

For Life?

YES [☐] NO [☐]

Or

Temporarily - For a period of

Further Information

Please give any relevant details or information in relation to the applicant's condition:

I certify that I have full knowledge of the applicant's past medical history.

Signature of Doctor:

Date:

Surgery Stamp:

When completed, please pass this form to the applicant who will submit it to the Licensing Team at East Lindsey District Council.

Further information is available in the notes section of this form overleaf.

NOTES:

1. The information you provide will be processed in accordance with the law, in particular the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The information that you provide will only be used for Council purposes unless there is a legal authority to do otherwise.
2. Under the terms of Section 166 of the 2010 Act the Council may provide an exemption to wheelchair duties, to licensed drivers who have genuine medical conditions which are aggravated by assisting people in wheelchairs.
3. The Council is responsible for issuing exemption certificates and needs to be satisfied that it is appropriate to do so on medical grounds.
4. In circumstances where a driver either has a temporary or permanent medical condition preventing the performance of their duty towards disabled passengers the driver may apply for a medical exemption certificate from the Council.
5. Drivers are reminded that the Authority reserves the right to review the status of a driver's licence if the medical condition detailed on the exemption application indicates that it may not be appropriate for the individual to continue to hold a driver's licence with the Authority.
6. The Council will not normally accept a Doctor's medical certificate that, at the time of the submission to the Licensing Authority, is more than two months old
7. A copy of this Authority's Wheelchair Exemption Policy can be found under the Licensing Section of the Council's website: www.e-lindsey.gov.uk
8. It is this Council's Policy that hackney carriage and private hire vehicle drivers must achieve the DVLA Group II medical standard.
9. Where appropriate the Council's Licensing Committee (consisting of Councillors) may initiate a driver referral to East Lindsey District Council's preferred, authorised Occupational Health provider, the cost of which must be borne by the applicant.
10. The Council recognises that the physical characteristics of some wheelchairs may prevent access to a hackney carriage vehicle or private hire vehicle.

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