

### Current Policy

#### 5.56 Relevant Medical Standards

5.57 As recommended best practice by the Department for Transport (DfT), the licensing authority will only normally consider and determine medical and physical fitness standards to drive a hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicle by reference to the extant Group 2 standards of medical fitness applied by the DVLA.

5.58 General frequency of medical checks

5.59 To ensure currency and relevance the licensing authority will normally require applicants to submit a suitable medical report which is dated no more than three months prior to the initial application and then every five years from the date the licence was initially granted.

5.60 However, in order to protect the safety of those using licensed vehicles and/or those who may otherwise be put at risk by unfit drivers (e.g. other road users etc.), the licensing authority considers it legitimate and proportionate to require more frequent and/or additional medical assessments in the following circumstances. Where appropriate, the costs of any additional requirements shall be met by the applicant.

5.61 Age-related frequency of medical checks

In recognition that physical deterioration and medical conditions generally become more prevalent with age, following the 60th birthday of any applicant the licensing authority will normally require an annual medical examination every year from the date the licence was initially granted.

### Proposed Policy

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- 5.57 As recommended as best practice by the Department for Transport (DfT), the licensing authority will only normally consider and determine medical and physical fitness standards to drive a hackney carriage and/or private hire vehicle by reference to the extant Group 2 standards of medical fitness applied by the DVLA.
- 5.58 However, in order to protect the safety of those using licensed vehicles and/or those who may otherwise be put at risk by unfit drivers (e.g. other road users etc.), the licensing authority considers it legitimate and proportionate to require more frequent and/or additional medical assessments where there is a change in a drivers medical condition. The costs of any additional requirements shall be met by the applicant.
- 5.59 Frequency of medical checks. A group 2 medical assessment will be required at the following frequencies:
- (i) On submission of a new HC or PHV driver licence application. This medical report must be dated no more than three months prior to the licence initial application.
  - (ii) At age 45 and thereafter every five years until the age of 65.
  - (iii) At age 65 and thereafter on an annual basis.
  - (iv) As required, in the event of a disability or medical condition which may affect an applicant's ability to drive being disclosed to the Council's licensing section.