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## **HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE**

# **MEDICAL EXAMINATION FORM**

### ***N.B***

***The Group 2 medical standards for fitness to drive are higher than for car licence holders. Therefore you may wish to discuss the content with your Doctor.***

## **Notes for the Applicant**

**The medical examination should be carried out by a Doctor who has access to your medical history.** This will normally mean your own Doctor or a Doctor who is a member of the Group Practice where you are registered.

If you chose to use a Doctor who is not your own Doctor or a member of his/her Group Practice, you must ensure that Part C is completed by your Doctor or a member of the Group Practice.

The Doctor can charge you a fee for issuing this medical report, unless you have made other arrangements with the Doctor. Worcester City Council as the Licensing Authority accepts no liability to pay for the medical examination or medical report.

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**PART A – To be completed by the Applicant**

Full Name

Address &  
Post Code

Date of Birth

Telephone No.

Name and address of your present general practitioner or the group practice with which you have been registered for the last 12 months.

Name of GP or  
Group Practice

Address &  
Post Code

I authorise my Doctor(s) and Specialist(s) to give the Licensing Authority reports about my medical condition if any matter affecting my fitness to drive arises: -

- a) In connection with my application for a licence to drive Hackney Carriages / Private Hire Vehicles and/or
- b) During the period that the licence (if granted) is in force

Applicants  
Signature

Date

**PLEASE SIGN IN THE PRESENCE OF THE MEDICAL PRACTITIONER WHO SIGNS THE REPORT OVERLEAF**

**PART B – To be completed by the Doctor**

*Please read the guidance notes on pages 7-9 before completing this report.*

I have examined the person named in this report and in my opinion, I consider the person named on page 2:-

<b>IS*</b>
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<b>IS NOT*</b>
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(\*Delete as applicable)

medically fit to drive Hackney Carriages or Private Hire Vehicles.

*If the person is **not fit** to drive hackney carriages or private hire vehicles, the reasons for this must be detailed on page 5 of this form.*

**I also confirm that I have checked the full medical records of this patient.**

Signature of Medical Practitioner	<input type="text"/>
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Date	<input type="text"/>
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Name (please print)	<input type="text"/>
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Surgery Stamp	<input type="text"/>
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Telephone No.	<input type="text"/>
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Any other comments the Medical Practitioner wishes to make, should be made on page 5 of this form.

Reason (s) why the applicant is not fit to drive hackney carriages or private hire vehicles or any other relevant comments...

**PART C – To be completed by the applicant’s Doctor or a member of your Doctor’s Group Practice.**

**This part to be completed only in the case where the medical examination is undertaken by a medical practitioner who is not the applicant’s GP.**

I confirm that I have forwarded the medical records of the patient as referred to on Page 3 of this report.

Name of GP or Group Practice

Signature

Date

Capacity

Surgery Stamp



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## **GUIDANCE NOTES FOR MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS**

**Please read these notes before undertaking the examination.**

The medical examination should only be undertaken by a Doctor who has access to the person's medical history.

You are asked to examine the applicant and state that in your opinion the applicant meets the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's Group 2 medical standards and is fit to drive Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicles.

The Group 2 standard applies to drivers of large goods vehicles (LGV) and passenger carrying vehicles (PCV), but is currently not mandatory for hackney carriage and private hire drivers. However in accordance with the recommendations on best practise published by the Medical Commission for Accident Prevention in 1995, this standard is being required of such drivers who wish to be licensed by Worcester City Council.

The Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's Group 2 medical standards are set out in the "At a Glance" booklet of national medical guidelines of fitness to drive. The booklet describes the law relating to medical aspects of driver licensing and in particular, it advises members of the medical profession on the standards which need to be met by individuals to hold licences to drive various categories of vehicle.

The "At a Glance" booklet can be downloaded from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency's web pages at:

[http://www.dvla.gov.uk/at\\_a\\_glance/content.htm](http://www.dvla.gov.uk/at_a_glance/content.htm)

or obtained from:

Synavant Interactive Marking, 42-48 Somers Road, Rugby, Warwickshire, CV22 7XB.

Doctors may also get advice from:

The Medical Advisor, Drivers Medical Unit, DVLA, Swansea, tel. 01792 761119 or e-mail [dmu.dvla@gtnet.gov.uk](mailto:dmu.dvla@gtnet.gov.uk).

An abridged version of the notes follows.

## GROUP 2 MEDICAL STANDARDS

(Abridged version of DVLA “At a Glance” guidance booklet)

***The following conditions are a bar to the holding of any hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver licences.***

(The Licensing Committee may determine the application where this standard is not met)

### 1. Epilepsy or liability to epileptic attacks

A diagnosis of epilepsy or spontaneous epileptic attack(s) requires 10 years free from further epileptic attack without taking anti-epilepsy medication during that 10 year period. For conditions that cause an increased liability to epileptic attacks, the risk of attacks must fall to that of the general population. We must refuse or revoke the licence if these conditions cannot be met.

### 2. Diabetes

Applicants with insulin treated diabetes may NOT obtain a new licence. Existing licensed drivers with insulin treated diabetes will need specialist assessment and must meet strict criteria for diabetic control and meet the other higher medical standards (Group 2)

### 3. Eyesight

All applicants must be able to read in good light with glasses or corrective lenses if necessary, a number plate at 20.5 metres (67 feet) or 20 metres (65 feet), where narrower characters are displayed (50mm wide). *The characters displayed on all new and replacement number plates manufactured from September 2001 are 50mm in width instead of 57mm.*

In addition, applicants must by law have:

- A visual acuity of at least 6/9 in the better eye; and
- A visual acuity of at least 6/12 in the worse eye; and
- If these are achieved by correction, the uncorrected visual acuity in each eye must be no less than 3/60.

#### Normal binocular field

The 2<sup>nd</sup> E.C Directive requires a normal binocular field of vision for Group 2 drivers. Drivers whose best vision in one eye has deteriorated since the previous application to less than 3/60 will be considered functionally monocular and a Group 2 licence will be refused.

#### Uncontrolled symptoms of double vision

Uncontrolled symptoms of double vision precludes licensing. As monocular vision is a bar, the treatment of double vision with a patch is not acceptable for Group 2 driving.

**An applicant (or existing licence holder) failing to meet epilepsy, diabetes or eyesight regulations must be refused by law.**



#### 4. Other medical conditions

In addition to those medical conditions covered by law, applicants (or licence holders) are likely to be refused if they are unable to meet the recommended medical guidelines in the following situations:

- Within 6 weeks of: myocardial infarction, an episode of unstable angina, CABG or coronary angioplasty.
- Angina, heart failure or cardiac arrhythmia which remains uncontrolled.
- Implanted cardiac defibrillator
- Hypertension where the blood pressure is persistently 180 systolic or more and/or 100 diastolic or more.
- A stroke of TIA within the last 12 months.
- Unexplained loss of consciousness with liability to recurrence.
- Meniere's, or other sudden and disabling vertigo within the past year, with a liability to recurrence. Insuperable difficulty communicating by telephone in an emergency.
- Major brain surgery and/or recent severe head injury with serious continuing after effects.
- Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other chronic neurological disorders with symptoms likely to affect safe driving.
- Psychotic illness, within the past 3 years.
- Serious psychiatric illness.
- If major psychotropic or neuroleptic medication is being taken.
- Alcohol and/or drug misuse within the last 2 years, with a significant liability to metastasise to the brain.
- Any other serious medical condition likely to affect the safe driving of a passenger carrying vehicle.