



Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles – Driver/Owner Disability Adaptations Exemption

Background

As part of the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy from 1 January 2012 a 10 year rolling age limit will be introduced for private hire vehicles.

From 1 April 2012 all new or new to licensing private hire vehicles must, as a minimum, meet Euro 4 standards for emissions and be no older than 5 years.

A limited number of exemptions from the age-based limits have been consulted upon and approved. From 1 January 2012 all applications for an exemption must take place within the respective age limits (i.e. if the vehicle is older than the age limit it will not be possible to convert the vehicle and then make an application for exemption).

Driver/Owner Disability Adaptations Exemption

Drivers or vehicles owners who need additional equipment fitted or adaptations made in order for a vehicle to be driven safely may be eligible for an exemption from the age based limits.

If you are a driver and wish to apply for this exemption then you should have:

- Been referred by your GP to the NHS or another appropriate professional assessor
- Had an assessor confirm what equipment you need to install in your vehicle in order to safely drive
- Had your DVLA licence endorsed with the appropriate codes to show what category you fall into

Drivers or vehicle owners should then contact the London Taxi and Private Hire (LTPH) Vehicle Policy Team regarding the installation of specialised equipment specific to the disability and to the person the vehicle is being adapted for.

The Vehicle Policy Team will review the information provided and contact the vehicle owner to confirm that the installation can take place and also confirm that the vehicle is within the specified age limits. Vehicles outside of the age limits cannot be adapted/modified and then seek exemption to be licensed.

The driver or vehicle owner will then need to:

- Have a Motability approved service provider install the required equipment
- Contact the LTPH Vehicle Policy Team and arrange for them to assess the adaptation and equipment installed in vehicle and consider this for approval

The Vehicle Policy Team will advise the driver or vehicle owner if the vehicle adaptation can be approved will update the LTPH records and inform the Licensing Team of the approval.

Please remember that the exemption is personal and valid solely for the particular driver and specific vehicle.

The adaptation is specific to the particular vehicle and is a significant modification requiring a Motability service provider technical service (i.e. exemption (from age limits) would not be appropriate if the adaptation could be easily removed from the driver's vehicle to another vehicle without utilising a technical service).

Exemption from the vehicle age limits in this category will only be granted following installation of the specific vehicle adaptation as recommended by the professional assessor and is valid solely for that specific vehicle which can only be operated exclusively by the specific disabled driver to whom the vehicle adaptation relates.

If another vehicle needs to be adapted or have equipment fitted then a new application must be submitted.

To Apply

Please complete form TPH/210, this is available from our website at tfl.gov.uk/tph or by calling 0845 602 7000.



MHC/301

Mayor's Air Quality Strategy Vehicle Age Related Exemption Form.(MHC)

For LTPH use:				

Mayor's Air Quality Strategy

The Mayor's Air Quality Strategy was published in December 2010. This confirmed that:

- From 1 January 2012, no taxi more than 15 years old will be licensed
- From 1 April 2012, all new taxis must meet as a minimum the Euro 5 standard

Exemptions

A number of exemptions are available for taxis that meet specific criteria. If one or more of your vehicles fall within a category listed below, and you therefore believe an exemption should be granted, please tick the appropriate box and provide the relevant information on the reverse of this form:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Alternative fuel conversions | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, B, E, and G |
| • Classic/niche vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, C, and G |
| • Disabled Driver | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, D, E, and G |

PLEASE NOTE:

- Any vehicle which has been previously licensed by Transport for London (TfL) but has not been licensed for more than 2 years will be considered "new" to licensing.
- Any application for exemption from 1 January 2012 must take place within the respective age limits (i.e. if the vehicle is older than the age limit it will not be possible to convert the vehicle and then make an application for exemption).

Guidance

- Guidelines for each of the above categories can be found at tfl.gov.uk/tph

Please return completed form and supporting evidence to:

London Taxi and Private Hire
4th Floor, Palestra
197 Blackfriars Rd
London
SE1 8NJ

A**Personal Details**

A1 Surname/family name

A2 Forename(s)

A3 Address

A4 Telephone number

A5 Email

A6 Relationship to vehicle/s

B**Alternative Fuel Types**

When an alternative fuel system adaptation has already been approved by TfL and installed before the implementation date of 1 January 2012 please provide details of the vehicle in Section E.

Where an alternative fuel system has yet to be approved, you are required to make a separate application. Please read the guidelines for this exemption which provides details on the process to follow. These are available at tfl.gov.uk/tph

B1 Fuel type for approved vehicle/s

LPG

Other

B2 Please confirm vehicle/s UKLPG Registered

Yes

No

It is a requirement for the vehicle/s to be UKLPG registered for an exemption to be approved. Please visit www.drivlpg.co.uk to see whether vehicle/s are registered

B3 Please confirm original fuel type was diesel

Yes

No

Please note - Only vehicles converted from diesel will be eligible. Petrol conversions will **not** be eligible.

B4 Proceed to section E

C**Classic/Niche Vehicles**

C1 Exemptions will only be accepted under this category for Asquith taxis licensed prior to 1 January 2012.

All other models will be rejected

C2 Proceed to section E

D Disabled Drivers

D1 Disabled drivers who have substantial adaptations made to their vehicle may be eligible for an exemption.

Where your adaptation has already been approved by TfL please provide details of the vehicle in Section E.

Where your adaptation has yet to be approved, you are required to complete a separate application form (TPH/210). This is available from our website at tfl.gov.uk/tph or by ringing 0845 602 7000

E Vehicle details

E1 Please identify the vehicles you are applying for below and indicate which exemption should be considered for each.

VRM	Make	Model	Exemption Type

Further vehicle details can be added in table on page 4 of application form.

F Data Protection

Transport for London (TfL) its subsidiaries and service providers will use your personal information (including any references to your health, ethnic origin, nationality, or previous criminal convictions), for the purpose of assessing your application, administering the licensing regime, and equal opportunities monitoring. Your personal information will be properly safeguarded and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. Further information, including a full copy of the Taxi & Private Hire Privacy notice, is available at tfl.gov.uk/privacy.

G Declaration

I declare that all the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the grant of an exemption from the vehicle age limit requirement can be refused if any statements are subsequently found to be false. I undertake to keep TfL informed of any changes to any details provided on this form. I understand that a failure to do so will constitute a breach of the conditions under which exemption may be granted and, as such, may lead to the withdrawal of exemption, if granted.

Signature

Date



PHV/301

Mayor's Air Quality Strategy Vehicle Age Related Exemption Form.(PHV)

For LTPH use:				

Mayor's Air Quality Strategy

The Mayor's Air Quality Strategy was published in December 2010. This confirmed:

- From 1 January 2012, a 10 year rolling age limit for PHV vehicles being relicensed from 2012 onwards
- From 1 April 2012, all new PHVs must meet as a minimum the Euro 4 standard and be no older than 5 years

Exemptions

A number of exemptions are available for PHVs that meet specific criteria. If one or more of your vehicles fall within a category listed below, and you therefore believe an exemption should be granted, please tick the appropriate box and provide the relevant information on the reverse of this form:

- | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Alternative fuel conversions | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, B, H, and J |
| • Historic/Classic/niche vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, C, H, and J |
| • Disabled Driver | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, D, H, and J |
| • Vehicles subject to the Low Emission Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, E, H, and J |
| • Vehicles used for specialist needs transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, F, H, and J |
| • Wheelchair accessible vehicles | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, G, H, and J |

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B1 Fuel type for approved vehicle/s LPG CNG Bio methane other B2 Please confirm vehicle/s UKLPG Registered Yes No

It is a requirement for the vehicle/s to be UKLPG registered for an exemption to be approved. Please visit www.drivlpg.co.uk to see whether vehicle/s are registered

B3 Please confirm original fuel type was diesel Yes No

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B4 Proceed to section H

C**Historic/Classic/Niche Vehicles**C1 **Historic:** Only vehicles registered with DVLA before 1 January 1973 are eligible for historic exemption.

All vehicles registered after this date will be rejected

G**Wheelchair accessible vehicles**

Exemptions under this category will only be considered when a vehicle has been manufactured and type approved or permanently adapted/modified to enable a passenger using a wheelchair to enter, exit and travel safely and securely whilst always remaining in their wheelchair, for their entire journey.

Where your vehicle has been inspected and the wheelchair adaptation or modification approved please provide details of the vehicle in Section H and your application will be considered.

Where your adaptation/modification has yet to be approved, you will need to have your vehicle inspected. Appropriate vehicle certification will be required verifying that the vehicle is type approved as a WAV or, as adapted or modified, has been inspected and certified by an appropriate Authority (e.g. such as VOSA or the VCA).

G1 Please confirm whether your vehicle has been previously inspected with the adaptation/modification approved:

Previously approved Proceed to G3

Yet to be approved Proceed to G2

G2 Confirm date of modification

G2 Proceed to Section H

H **Vehicle details**

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