

## 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 <a href="mailto:tfl.gov.uk/tph">tfl.gov.uk/tph</a> or by calling 0845 602 7000.

## **London Taxi and Private Hire**



## MHC/301

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

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## **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	Complete sections A, B, E, and G
•	Classic/niche vehicles	Complete sections A, C, and G
•	Disabled Driver	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 <u>2 years</u> 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 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Palestra 197 Blackfriars Rd London SE1 8NJ

Α	Р	ersonal Details
<b>A1</b>	Surname/family name	
<b>A2</b>	Forename(s)	
А3	Address	
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A4	Telephone number	
A5	Email	
A6	Relationship to vehicle/s	
В	Alte	ernative Fuel Types
	and installed before the implement details of the vehicle in Section E.  Where an alternative fuel system h	daptation has already been approved by TfL ation date of 1 January 2012 please provide as yet to be approved, you are required to se read the guidelines for this exemption which
	provides details on the process to t	follow. These are available at tfl.gov.uk/tph
B1	Fuel type for approved vehicle/s	LPG Other
B2	Please confirm vehicle/s UKLPG R	egistered Yes No
	•	to be UKLPG registered for an exemption to be .co.uk to see whether vehicle/s are registered
В3	Please confirm original fuel type wa	as diesel Yes No
	Please note - Only vehicles conveconversions will not be eligible.	rted from diesel will be eligible. Petrol
B4	Proceed to section E	
C	Cla	ssic/Niche Vehicles
<b>C</b> 1	Exemptions will only be accepted uprior to 1 January 2012.	under this category for Asquith taxis licensed
	All other models will be rejected	
C2	Proceed to section E	

D			Disabled Drive	rs
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 provided details			
	Where y		s yet to be approved, (TPH/210). This is av	you are required to complete a ailable from our website at
E			Vehicle detail	s
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	Further	vehicle details car	be added in table on	page 4 of application form.
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## Vehicle details Cont'd

VRM	Make	Model	Exemption Type

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## PHV/301

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

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## 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	Complete sections A, B, H, and J
•	Historic/Classic/niche vehicles	Complete sections A, C, H, and J
•	Disabled Driver	Complete sections A, D, H, and J
•	Vehicles subject to the Low Emission Zone	Complete sections A, E, H, and J
•	Vehicles used for specialist needs transport	Complete sections A, F, H, and J
•	Wheelchair accessible vehicles	Complete sections A, G, H, and J

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Any vehicle which has been previously licensed by Transport for London (TfL) but has not been licensed for more than <u>2 years</u> 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 <u>tfl.gov.uk/tph</u>

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**MAYOR OF LONDON** 

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<b>A</b> 1	Surname/family name	
<b>A2</b>	Forename(s)	
А3	Address	
<b>A4</b>	Telephone number	
A5	Email	
A6	Relationship to vehicle/s	
В	Altern	native Fuel Types
		ptation has already been approved by TfL ion date of 1 January 2012 please provide
	make a separate application. Please	s yet to be approved, you are required to read the guidelines for this exemption which low. These are available at <a href="mailto:tfl.gov.uk/tph">tfl.gov.uk/tph</a>
B1	Fuel type for approved vehicle/s LP	G CNG Bio methane other
B2	Please confirm vehicle/s UKLPG Reg	gistered Yes No
	•	be UKLPG registered for an exemption to be ouk to see whether vehicle/s are registered
В3	Please confirm original fuel type was	diesel Yes No
	Please note - Only vehicles converte conversions will not be eligible.	ed from diesel will be eligible. Petrol
B4	Proceed to section H	
С	Historic/C	Classic/Niche Vehicles
<b>C</b> 1	<b>Historic:</b> Only vehicles registered wi for historic exemption.	th DVLA before 1 January 1973 are eligible
	All vehicles registered after this date	will be rejected

For applications for exemption on grounds that your vehicle meets the 'historic' criteria, please complete **Section C3** confirming the date the vehicle/s was first registered and provide a business reason as to why you need to continue to licence this particular vehicle as a private hire vehicle.

- C2 Classic/Niche: For applications on the grounds that an exemption is required due to the vehicles status as a classic or niche status, please complete Section C3 confirming the following details as a minimum:
  - Details of the vehicle and why it should be deemed a classic or niche vehicle

Please state your business reasons below (attach additional evidence as

Details of your business and the service offered.

C3

- Why other vehicles could not be used to provide the same service
- Details of any modification that have been carried out to your vehicle (*if applicable*)

appropriate e.g. photographs of vehicle, conversion certification confirming any

modification of vehicle, etc) (Please continue on separate sheet if required)

**D4** Proceed to section H

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 provided details of the vehicle in section H.
	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 <a href="ttl.gov.uk/tph">ttl.gov.uk/tph</a> or by ringing 0845 602 7000
E	Vehicles subject to Low Emission Zone
	Where it has been identified that a vehicle is subject to the Low Emission Zone (LEZ) TfL will consider granting an exemption. Visit <a href="www.tfl.gov.uk/lez">www.tfl.gov.uk/lez</a> to see whether your vehicle is/will be affected.
<b>E</b> 1	Please tick here if your vehicle is/will be subject to LEZ
<b>E2</b>	Please confirm why this particular type of vehicle is required to be licensed as a private hire vehicle. Confirming as a minimum the following details:
•	State what service the vehicles are used for Include details of all adaptations or modifications to the vehicles which enable them to fulfil the service and any additional vehicle certifications regarding the testing of the adaptations/modifications from Authorities such as VOSA or the VCA State why other vehicles could not be used to provide the same service Provide supporting information such as a copy of a contract to supply the type of services as described in the application.
	(Please continue on separate sheet if required)

E3 Proceed to section H

Before submitting your application, please consider whether any of the other exemption categories are applicable for this vehicle

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## PHVs used for specialist needs transport

Applications for an exemption can be made for licensed PHVs that are used to carry out a specialist needs transport service. Please complete **Section F1** confirming the following details as a minimum:

- Details of all adaptations or modifications to the vehicles which enable them to fulfil the service and any additional vehicle certifications regarding the testing of the adaptations/modifications from Authorities such as VOSA or the VCA
- Why other vehicles could not be used to provide the same service
- Supporting information such as a copy of a contract with a Local Authority, Educational Authority or Health Trust to supply the type of services as described in the application
- · Details of your business and the service offered.

F1	above and photographs of vehicle where appropriate.
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	(Please continue on separate sheet if required)

F2 Proceed to section H

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#### 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

Confirm date of modification

G2 Proceed to Section H

<u>H</u>	Vehicle details						
H1 Please identify the vehicles you are applying for below and indicate which exemption should be considered for each.							
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Signatur	е		Date	D D M M Y Y Y Y			

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