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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 20/21-432 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

1) For hackney carriages / black cabs / taxis what vehicles do you currently approve for these licenses?
Any vehicle make and model capable of meeting our policy standards – see website pages for policy

2) Do you have an age limit for the vehicle with respect to it being able to be registered as a hackney carriage / black cab / taxi? If so, what is the age limit?

We do not currently have a mandatory age limit, but we do have standards of appearance and mechanical soundness requirements – see website pages for policy

3) Do you have an age limit for the vehicle for when it is first licensed with you as a hackney carriage / black cab / taxi e.g. when it moves say from one licensing authority to yours? If so, what is that age limit?

We do not currently have a mandatory age limit, but we do have standards of appearance and mechanical soundness requirements – see website pages for policy

4) Do you also apply (in addition to the age limit) a minimum emissions standard level for when a vehicle is licensed for the first time or for it on an ongoing basis when re-licensed as a hackney carriage / black cab / taxi? E.g. does it need to be at least the Euro 5 emission standard say for its first registration or re-registration of a vehicle previously licensed by you?

We do not currently have emissions standards, but we do have standards of appearance and mechanical soundness requirements – see website pages for policy

5) How many hackney carriage / black cab / taxi vehicles are currently licensed by you?

117

6) How many hackney carriage / black cab / taxi drivers are currently licensed by you?

163

7) Do you place any cap on the number of hackney carriage / black cab / taxi vehicle licenses you issue? i.e. is the vehicle fleet capped at all? If so, what is this cap?

No

8) Do you place any cap on the number of hackney carriage / black cab / taxi driver licenses you issue? i.e. are driver numbers capped at all? If so, what is this cap?

No

9) For PHV, do you apply an age limit for the vehicle which can be licensed? If so, what is this?

We do not currently have a mandatory age limit, but we do have standards of appearance and mechanical soundness requirements – see website pages for policy

10) For PHV, do you apply an age limit for the vehicle at the time of its first registration/licensing with you? If so, what is this?

We do not currently have a mandatory age limit, but we do have standards of appearance and mechanical soundness requirements – see website pages for policy

11) Do you also apply in addition to the age limit a minimum emissions standard level for when a vehicle is licensed for the first time or on an ongoing basis as a PHV? E.g. does it need to be at least the Euro 5 emission standard for its first registration or re-registration of an vehicle previously licensed by you?

We do not currently have emissions standards, but we do have standards of appearance and mechanical soundness requirements – see website pages for policy

12) How many PHV vehicles are currently licensed by you?

30

13) How many PHV drivers are currently licensed by you?

163

14) Do you place any cap on the number of PHV licenses you issue? i.e. is the vehicle fleet capped at all? If so, what is this cap?

No

15) Do you place any cap on the number of PHV driver licenses you issue? i.e. are driver numbers capped at all? If so, what is this cap?

No

16) Are any of the vehicles you license and approve as hackney carriages / black cabs / taxis also permitted to be licensed/registered as PHVs as well?

No

17) How do you distinguish between hackney carriage / black cab / taxis and PHV? E.g. only hackney carriages / black cabs / taxis can ply for hire? Use ranks? etc.

Different identifying stickers, PHV's not allowed roof lights, different coloured licence plates

18) Is there a specific livery or colour scheme to distinguish hackney carriages / black cabs / taxis in your area?

No

Response:

See above answers in red.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 20/21-432

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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