

APPENDIX A to Taxi Licensing Vehicle Standards Policy Report – Recommended standards

Standard 1 – Vehicle Emissions

All vehicles are to be compliant with the current emission standards, and to note the strong ambition to move existing fleets to ZEC as soon as possible.

Current emissions standards are:

Petrol – Euro 4

Diesel – Euro 6

Any retrofit emissions technology which is installed must be approved as part of the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme (CVRAS).

Standard 2 - Vehicle Age

A vehicle age limit will apply to vehicles with approved retrofitted engines only.

	Retrofitted engines	<i>GM MLS recommended upper age limits provided for context</i>
WAV Purpose built Hackney vehicle	20 years	15 years
WAV Private hire vehicle	15 years	15 years
Private hire vehicles (saloons)	10 years	10 years

Standard 3 – Vehicle Testing

All vehicles to be tested at 6 monthly intervals against the DVSA MOT standard as a minimum, alongside the supplementary items set out by Stockport Council.

This is with the exception of newly registered vehicles, that following an initial test, they will be exempt from further 6 month tests, but must be tested annually on renewal, up to the age of 3 years since first registration, in line with standard MOT guidelines for testing. This does not preclude any direction by Taxi Licensing for the vehicle to be tested before that time.

Standard 4 – Vehicle Design (Re-affirming current standards in place)

All vehicles must meet the following design standards:

- M1 standard (any modified vehicle at M2 standard must have an appropriate test to ensure conformity with single vehicle type approval)
- Where retrofit emissions technology is installed, it must be approved as part of the Clean Vehicle Retrofit Accreditation Scheme.
- Specification for window tints, currently manufacturers tint but subject to review.

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- Proposals in respect of the licensing of previously written-off vehicles, confirmation of current position which is:
 - Application will be considered for a Cat N (formally cat D)
 - Vehicle should have sustained no structural damage. The issue may be cosmetic or a problem with the electrics that isn't economical to repair.
 - The application must be supported by an engineers report from an authorised mechanic approved by the Council and suitably competent to assess the damage.
 - The following categories will not be accepted:
 - Category A, B or S (formerly Cat C).
- No roof signs on private hire vehicles
- No advertising other than Council approved signage on private hire vehicles.
- The vehicle must appear on the list of approved vehicles and private hire vehicles must not be of such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a hackney carriage.

Standard 5 – Vehicle Licence Conditions

A set of revised conditions of licence are available to view for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles. These are already approved for new licensees and so are available on our website to view via the link below.

[Hackney carriage vehicle conditions - Stockport Council](#)

[Private hire vehicle conditions - Stockport Council](#)