

Section 1: London PHV Driver Licensing

Summary:

- TfL is responsible for providing a licence to those who want to work as a London PHV driver. There are some requirements to get a driving licence from TfL, such as:
- The minimum age of an applicant must be 21 and have DVLA with 3 years of working experience in Northern Ireland, the European Economic Area (EEA) or the European Union (EU).
- Applicants will be examined by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) to check criminal records and physical fitness with an extra medical check-up. TfL will hold examinations for the ability to select and plan a route, read a map and identify locations and ability to English language speaking and listening skills separately.
- After the approval of the application, a licence will be provided, any contradiction may revoke the licence. It is for 3 years which needs to be kept safe during that time and give a copy of the licence to the licensed private hire operator(s) applicants are working with.
- Drivers must show the licence to a police officer or TfL authorised person if they ask, then or within seven days.
- In the case of a driving badge, while working as a PHV driver, it must be carried at all-time and contain all personal information of drivers like name, photograph and licence number. In this way, passengers can cross-check the information with the driver which is given by the operator.
- This badge includes Braille text for vision-impaired persons and is forbidden to allow any other person to use it.
- In case of loss or theft of badge and licence, the driver must report it to TfL and get a crime reference number. It is a property of TfL and must return when it expires.
- To be a PHV driver, a medical examination is a must. After 45 years an examination will be required every time, a licence renews and every year for 65 years old people.
- Any new medical conditions must be notified to TfL. Any change in personal information needs to tell such as a change of address, any legal issues (suspension, sexual offence, abuse, charges or penalty points) and mental health issues, in any case, TfL can revoke the license.
- TfL also can revoke the PHV driver's licence if they receive any complaints which are not acceptable, and the licence must return within 7 days, or the authorised person will take it.