

What is it?

Taxi and Private Hire Driver Assessments are arranged in Gloucestershire as part of the licensing procedure for taxi and private hire drivers.

Who is it for?

The District Councils within Gloucestershire, with encouragement from us, have incorporated this assessment scheme into their licensing procedures for drivers.

Taxi and PHV drivers have a clear responsibility for the safety and comfort of their fee-paying passengers. Good, considerate drivers are noticeable by others - especially where business names and telephone numbers are displayed on the vehicle. Our assessors are looking for normal Driving Standards Agency (DSA) standards of driving.

How does it work?

Before taking the driver assessment you must contact your Licensing Authority as this is part of the Taxi/Private Hire licensing procedure.

Your assessment will cover all or some of the following: Moving off, correct use of signals, lane discipline and positioning, give way junctions, parallel parking, roundabouts, reversing left and right, hill starts - up, and down, left and right turns, angle starts, overtaking, braking, procedure at traffic lights, turning in the road, speed limits, clutch control, correct use of gear box, correct use of mirrors/ observation for passengers, car sympathy, road sense, knowledge of highway code. A written confidential report will be given following the assessment.

If you are not up to a satisfactory standard, you will be given a copy of the driver assessment report, along with guidance and advice necessary to bring you up to standard - the choice will be yours.

Licensing authority contact details:

Cheltenham Borough Council
Municipal Offices
The Promenade
CHELTENHAM Glos
GL50 1PP
Licensing Officer Nigel Denby
Tel: Cheltenham (01242) 262626
Fax: Cheltenham (01242) 264210

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Cotswold District Council

Trinity Road
CIRENCESTER Glos
GL7 1PX
Licensing Officer Andy Hughes
Tel: Cirencester (01285) 623416
Fax: Cirencester (01285) 623911

Forest of Dean District Council

High Street
COLEFORD Glos
GL16 8HG
Licensing Officer Frank Russell / Heather Lucas
Tel: Forest of Dean (01594) 812404 / 812410
email: licensing@fdean.gov.uk

Gloucester City Council

Herbert Warehouse
GLOUCESTER
Licensing Team
Tel: Gloucester (01452) 396307
email: enviro@gloucester.gov.uk

Stroud District Council

Ebley Mill
Westward Road
STROUD Glos
GL5 4UB
Licensing Officer Rachel Andrews
Tel: Stroud (01453) 754401
Fax: Stroud (01453) 754935

Tewkesbury Borough Council

Community Services Directorate
Gloucester Road
TEWKESBURY Glos
GL20 5TT
Licensing Officer Julia Balster
Tel: Tewkesbury (01684) 295010

When does it happen?

The drive will take place in your own vehicle and the assessor will need to see your drivers licence, but please note if you have a photo card licence you must also produce the counter part slip that was provided by the DVLA at the time of issue.

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How much does it cost?

The current cost of the Taxi/Private Hire driver assessment is £25.00 for a 1-hour assessment.

What's next?

The Driver Assessment Taxi/Private Hire application form should be given to you by your licensing officer, if a copy is not in your pack one can be obtained by printing your own form – see the booking forms section - or by contacting us on 01452 425662.

Please return your application to us with your cheque payment of £25.00. Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TH.

Please make your cheque payable to 'Gloucestershire County Council', or you can contact us to arrange and pay for the assessment by credit or debit card.

Please remember the Licensing office is your first point of contact to obtain a Taxi/PH drivers licence.