



Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 34

Regulation of private hire vehicles in London

7 London PHV licences.

- (1) The owner of any vehicle constructed or adapted to seat fewer than nine passengers may apply to the [^{F1}licensing authority] for a private hire vehicle licence for London (in this Act referred to as a “London PHV licence”) for that vehicle.
- (2) The [^{F1}licensing authority] shall grant a London PHV licence for a vehicle if [^{F2}the authority] is satisfied—
 - (a) that the vehicle—
 - (i) is suitable in type, size and design for use as a private hire vehicle;
 - (ii) is safe, comfortable and in a suitable mechanical condition for that use; and
 - (iii) is not of such design and appearance as would lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a London cab;
 - (b) that there is in force in relation to the use of the vehicle a policy of insurance or such security as complies with the requirements of Part VI of the ^{M1}Road Traffic Act 1988; and
 - (c) that any further requirements that may be prescribed are met.
- (3) A London PHV licence may not be granted in respect of more than one vehicle.
- (4) A London PHV licence shall be granted subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and such other conditions as the [^{F1}licensing authority] may think fit.
- (5) A London PHV licence shall be in such form and shall contain such particulars as the [^{F1}licensing authority] may think fit.
- (6) A London PHV licence shall be granted for one year or for such shorter period as the [^{F1}licensing authority] may consider appropriate in the circumstances of the case.
- (7) An applicant for a London PHV licence may appeal to a magistrates’ court against a decision not to grant such a licence or against any condition (other than a prescribed condition) to which the licence is subject.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998, Section 7. (See end of Document for details)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 7 substituted (22.1.2001) by 1999 c. 29, s. 254(3), **Sch. 21 para. 2** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/3145, **art. 2**
- F2** Word in s. 7(2) substituted (22.1.2001) by 1999 c. 29, s. 254(3), **Sch. 21 para. 4** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/3145, **art. 2**
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- I1** S. 7 in force at 8.3.2004 for specified purposes and 8.4.2004 in so far as not already in force by S.I. 2004/241, **art. 2(1)**
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Marginal Citations

- M1** 1988 c. 52.

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