

**CHILTERN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
LICENSING AND REGULATION COMMITTEE - 2nd DECEMBER 2010**

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*Background Papers, if any, are specified at the end of the Report*

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISION) ACT 1976  
HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER LICENCE  
AMENDMENT TO MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS.**

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

**Note the amendments to the guidance for assessing DVLA Group 2 medical fitness in relation to diabetes, as a result of updated guidance published by the Department of Transport.**

**From the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2010 the Taxi & Private Hire Licensing Policy will be amended to reflect this new guidance.**

**Background**

- 1 Our current Taxi and Private Hire Licensing policy states that we will follow the DVLA 'Group 2' requirements when assessing if an applicant should be considered fit to drive a licensed vehicle.
- 2 In March 2010 the Department of Transport published updated guidance to assist Licensing Authorities in carrying out their Taxi and Private Hire functions which provides further guidance in relation to group 2 requirements.
- 3 This updated guidance advises that when considering whether to licence or continue to licence individuals diagnosed with insulin dependent diabetes, each case should be assessed on an individual basis **i.e. by their doctor** based on the DVLA 'C1' standards rather than refusing applications or revoking licences as a blanket policy.
- 4 The Department of Transport guidance still advocates the use of Group standards generally to assess the fitness of such applicants, but they take the view that 'C1 arrangements' should be used in respect of applicants who have insulin-dependent diabetes. The following text is taken from Annex C of the Guidance and explains what is involved in administering the C1 provisions.
- 5 **Assessing applicants for a taxi or PHV driver licence in accordance with C1 standard**

The arrangements mean that those with good diabetic control and who have no significant complications can be treated as "exceptional cases"

and may have their application for a licence for category C1 considered. The individual must fulfil all of the following criteria:

- To have been taking insulin for at least 4 weeks;
- Not to have suffered an episode of hypoglycaemia requiring the assistance of another person whilst driving in the last 12 months;
- To attend an examination by a hospital consultant specialising in the treatment of diabetes at intervals of not more than 12 months and to provide a report from such a consultant in support of the application which confirms a history of responsible diabetic control with a minimal risk of incapacity due to hypoglycaemia;
- To provide evidence of at least twice daily blood glucose monitoring at times when C1 vehicles are being driven (those that have not held C1 entitlement in the preceding 12 months may provide evidence of blood glucose monitoring while driving other vehicles);
- To have no other condition which would render the driver a danger when driving C1 vehicles; and
- To sign an undertaking to comply with the directions of the doctor(s) treating the diabetes and to report immediately to DVLA any significant change in condition.

6 In conclusion it is recommended that the Taxi & Private Hire Policy and associated medical checklist is updated in accordance with the C1 standards.

***Background Papers: None***

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