

Change in Suitability Guidance - Institute of Licensing 2024

The Suitability Guidance Institute of Licensing 2024 has been revised and published. Click the link to view the revised guidance [Suitability Guidance Institute of Licensing 2024](#)

Section 4.54 has changed

4.54 By attaining 7 penalty points on their DVLA licence a driver is demonstrating they may not be fit and proper and the authority should assess their suitability. It is suggested part of the assessment is to undertake a driver awareness course and or pass a driver assessment (DVSA)

As a result, we propose removing section 2.8 in Appendix K Enforcement Procedures of the Proposed Taxi and Private Hire Policy

2.8 If you accrue 9 penalty points on your DVLA driving licence you will be referred to the Licensing and Registration Panel for a review of your driver's licence.

Any driver who gets 7 DVLA points will be asked to pass the driving assessment test to continue to drive or be issued a driver's licence. Otherwise they will be referred to Panel.

Appendix K Enforcement Procedures of the Proposed Taxi and Private Hire Policy 1.3 stipulates that Officers will making decisions in line with the IOL guidance.

1.3 Officers will take appropriate and proportionate action against breaches of this policy and charges, cautions, questioning and convictions will be considered in line with the Institute of Licensing Guidance on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the Hackney and Private hire trades.

This will apply to all new drivers and existing drivers who notify us after the new policy is adopted.

It is proposed that new drivers will no longer have to complete a driving assessment as part of their application process, references to that have been removed from the proposed policy.

We will extend the consultation period on the Proposed Taxi and Private Hire Policy to 26 January 2025 and we have arranged another drop-in session Wednesday 11 December 2024 10:30 at Bentilee Neighbourhood Centre.