

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY ACT 1999
PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES (LONDON) ACT 1998

The Private Hire Vehicles (London PHV Driver's Licences)
(Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2016

Made

13 October 2016

Coming into force

14 October 2016

Transport for London, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 13(2) and 32 of the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998¹ and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations: —

1. Citation and commencement

These Regulations which may be cited as the Private Hire Vehicles (London PHV Driver's Licences) (Amendment) (No.2) Regulations 2016 come into force on 14 October 2016.

2. Preliminary

The Private Hire Vehicles (London PHV Driver's Licences) Regulations 2003² are amended in accordance with the following provisions of these Regulations.

3. English language requirement

For regulation 3A substitute:

“The English language requirement

3A. – (1) The English language requirement is hereby prescribed as a section 13(2)(b) requirement.

(2) The English language requirement is that the applicant must be able to communicate in English at or above level B1 on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (“CEFR”)³.

(3) The ability to communicate in English for the purposes of this requirement includes speaking, listening, reading and writing.

¹ 1998 c. 34; the Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 was extensively amended by Schedule 21 to the Greater London Authority Act 1999 (c. 29).

² Made by Transport for London on 6 March 2003 and in force on 1 April 2003; as amended.

³ The Common European Framework of Reference for Languages: Learning, Teaching, Assessment is published in English by Cambridge University Press (ISBN: 9780521005319).

(4) Applicants may satisfy Transport for London of their ability to meet the requirement in regulation 3A(2) by providing:

(i) a certificate from a test provider appointed by Transport for London confirming that the applicant's level of proficiency in the English language is at level B1 on the CEFR or above; or

(ii) documentary evidence of a qualification (whether or not the qualification was obtained in the United Kingdom) on the basis of which Transport for London is satisfied that the applicant's level of proficiency in the English language is equivalent to level B1 on the CEFR or above.

Transitional provisions

3B. The English language requirement will apply to all applications received by Transport for London on or after 14 October 2016, but in respect of applications received on or before 31 March 2017, the applicant must satisfy Transport for London that they have met the requirement in regulation 3(A)(2) on any date on or before 31 March 2017."

Signed by authority of Transport for London



Mike Brown MVO
Commissioner

13 October 2016