



**Private Hire Vehicle Drivers
Amendment to the physical fitness requirement**

The Private Hire Vehicles (London PHV Drivers Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 came into force on 1 May 2009.

The Regulations have amended regulation 3 (The physical fitness requirement) of the Private Hire Vehicles (London PHV Drivers Licences) Regulations 2003.

The physical fitness requirement for PHV drivers is now that an applicant:

- (a) is the holder of a Group 2 licence; or
- (b) satisfies Transport for London (TfL) that he is medically fit to hold a PHV driver's licence.

The requirement that drivers must meet DVLA Group 2 medical standards has been removed, however the regulations additionally state that in assessing whether an applicant is medically fit, TfL will have regard to the medical standard that would apply in relation to a Group 2 licence.

This amendment brings the physical fitness requirement for PHV drivers into line with that for licensed London taxi drivers, where the Licensing Authority is guided by Group 2 standards, and will allow the Licensing Authority some discretion in making decisions in respect of an applicant's physical fitness.

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