



## **Private Hire Vehicles – Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles**

### **Background**

As part of the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy from 1 January 2012 a 10 year rolling age limit will be introduced for private hire vehicles

From 1 April 2012 all new or new to licensing private hire vehicles must, as a minimum, meet Euro 4 standards for emissions and be no older than 5 years.

A limited number of exemptions from the age-based limits have been consulted upon and approved. From 1 January 2012 all applications for an exemption must take place within the respective age limits (i.e. if the vehicle is older than the age limit it will not be possible to convert the vehicle and then make an application for exemption).

### **Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles Exemption**

From 1 January 2012 any application for an exemption must be submitted within the respective age limits (i.e. if the vehicle is older than the age limit it will not be possible to convert the vehicle and then make an application for exemption).

- PHVs in this category, and licensed before the implementation date of 1 January 2012, may be eligible for an exemption of an additional 5 years on the 10 year rolling limit
- PHVs in this category, and licensed on or after 1 January 2012 and before April 2012, may be eligible for an additional 5 years on the 5 year age limit and a subsequent 5 years on the 10 year age limit
- PHVs in this category, and licensed on or after April 2012, may be eligible for an additional 5 years on the 5 year age limit and a subsequent 5 years on the 10 year limit

The vehicle must meet Euro 4 emissions standards at the point of licensing; documentary evidence that the vehicle meets the emissions standard may be required.

PHVs that have been manufactured and type approved as Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) or vehicles which have been adapted or modified to carry passengers who use wheelchairs will be considered for exemptions.

Wheelchair accessible means a vehicle which has been permanently adapted/modified to enable a passenger using a wheelchair to enter, exit and travel safely and securely whilst always remaining in their wheelchair, for the entire journey.

Appropriate vehicle certification will be required verifying that the vehicle is type approved as a WAV or, as adapted or modified, has been inspected and certified by an appropriate Authority (e.g. such as VOSA or the VCA).

Previously licensed PHVs will have been inspected and their adaptations and modifications inspected and recorded on London Taxi and Private Hire (LTPH) licensing records.

**To Apply**

Please complete form PHV/301 available from our website at [tfl.gov.uk/tph](http://tfl.gov.uk/tph) or by calling 0845 602 7000.



## PHV/301

### Mayor's Air Quality Strategy Vehicle Age Related Exemption Form.(PHV)

For LTPH use:				

#### Mayor's Air Quality Strategy

The Mayor's Air Quality Strategy was published in December 2010. This confirmed:

- From 1 January 2012, a 10 year rolling age limit for PHV vehicles being relicensed from 2012 onwards
- From 1 April 2012, all new PHVs must meet as a minimum the Euro 4 standard and be no older than 5 years

#### Exemptions

A number of exemptions are available for PHVs that meet specific criteria. If one or more of your vehicles fall within a category listed below, and you therefore believe an exemption should be granted, please tick the appropriate box and provide the relevant information on the reverse of this form:

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|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • Alternative fuel conversions                 | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, B, H, and J |
| • Historic/Classic/niche vehicles              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, C, H, and J |
| • Disabled Driver                              | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, D, H, and J |
| • Vehicles subject to the Low Emission Zone    | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, E, H, and J |
| • Vehicles used for specialist needs transport | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, F, H, and J |
| • Wheelchair accessible vehicles               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Complete sections A, G, H, and J |

#### PLEASE NOTE:

- Any vehicle which has been previously licensed by Transport for London (TfL) but has not been licensed for more than 2 years will be considered "new" to licensing.
- Any application for exemption from 1 January 2012 must take place within the respective age limits (i.e. if the vehicle is older than the age limit it will not be possible to convert the vehicle and then make an application for exemption).

#### Guidance

- Guidelines for each of the above categories can be found at [tfl.gov.uk/tph](http://tfl.gov.uk/tph)

#### Please return completed form and supporting evidence to:

London Taxi and Private Hire  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Palestra  
197 Blackfriars Rd  
London  
SE1 8NJ

**A****Personal Details**

A1 Surname/family name

A2 Forename(s)

A3 Address

A4 Telephone number

A5 Email

A6 Relationship to vehicle/s

**B****Alternative Fuel Types**

When an alternative fuel system adaptation has already been approved by TfL and installed before the implementation date of 1 January 2012 please provide details of the vehicle in Section E.

Where an alternative fuel system has yet to be approved, you are required to make a separate application. Please read the guidelines for this exemption which provides details on the process to follow. These are available at [tfl.gov.uk/tph](http://tfl.gov.uk/tph)

B1 Fuel type for approved vehicle/s LPG  CNG  Bio methane  other B2 Please confirm vehicle/s UKLPG Registered Yes  No 

It is a requirement for the vehicle/s to be UKLPG registered for an exemption to be approved. Please visit [www.drivlpg.co.uk](http://www.drivlpg.co.uk) to see whether vehicle/s are registered

B3 Please confirm original fuel type was diesel Yes  No 

**Please note** - Only vehicles converted from diesel will be eligible. Petrol conversions will **not** be eligible.

B4 Proceed to section H

**C****Historic/Classic/Niche Vehicles**C1 **Historic:** Only vehicles registered with DVLA before 1 January 1973 are eligible for historic exemption.

All vehicles registered after this date will be rejected







**G****Wheelchair accessible vehicles**

Exemptions under this category will only be considered when a vehicle has been manufactured and type approved or permanently adapted/modified to enable a passenger using a wheelchair to enter, exit and travel safely and securely whilst always remaining in their wheelchair, for their entire journey.

Where your vehicle has been inspected and the wheelchair adaptation or modification approved please provide details of the vehicle in Section H and your application will be considered.

Where your adaptation/modification has yet to be approved, you will need to have your vehicle inspected. Appropriate vehicle certification will be required verifying that the vehicle is type approved as a WAV or, as adapted or modified, has been inspected and certified by an appropriate Authority (e.g. such as VOSA or the VCA).

**G1** Please confirm whether your vehicle has been previously inspected with the adaptation/modification approved:

Previously approved  Proceed to G3

Yet to be approved  Proceed to G2

**G2** Confirm date of modification

**G2** Proceed to Section H



**H** **Vehicle details**

**H1** Please identify the vehicles you are applying for below and indicate which exemption should be considered for each.

VRM	Make	Model	Exemption Type

Further vehicle details can be added in table on page 8 of application form.

**I** **Data Protection**

Transport for London (TfL) its subsidiaries and service providers will use your personal information (including any references to your health, ethnic origin, nationality, or previous criminal convictions), for the purpose of assessing your application, administering the licensing regime, and equal opportunities monitoring. Your personal information will be properly safeguarded and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Data Protection Act 1998. Further information, including a full copy of the Taxi & Private Hire Privacy notice, is available at [tfl.gov.uk/privacy](http://tfl.gov.uk/privacy).

**J** **Declaration**

I declare that all the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the grant of an exemption from the vehicle age limit requirement can be refused if any statements are subsequently found to be false. I undertake to keep TfL informed of any changes to any details provided on this form. I understand that a failure to do so will constitute a breach of the conditions under which exemption may be granted and, as such, may lead to the withdrawal of exemption, if granted.

Signature

Date

<b>Vehicle details Cont'd</b>
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