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10 Taxis and private hire vehicles: duration of licences

- (1) The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 is amended as follows.
- (2) In section 53 (drivers' licences for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles)—
 - (a) in subsection (1)(a), for "for such lesser period as the district council may specify in such licence" substitute "for such lesser period, specified in the licence, as the district council think appropriate in the circumstances of the case";
 - (b) in subsection (1)(b), for "for such lesser period as they may specify in such licence" substitute "for such lesser period, specified in the licence, as the district council think appropriate in the circumstances of the case".
- (3) In section 55 (licensing of operators of private hire vehicles), for subsection (2) substitute—
 - (2) Every licence granted under this section shall remain in force for five years or for such lesser period, specified in the licence, as the district council think appropriate in the circumstances of the case."

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Drivers' licences for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles.

- (1) (a) Every licence granted by a district council under the provisions of this Part of this Act to any person to drive a private hire vehicle shall remain in force for three years from the date of such licence or for such lesser period as the district council may specify in such licence.
- (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of the **M1** Public Health Act 1875 and the **M2** Town Police Clauses Act 1889, every licence granted by a district council under the provisions of the Act of 1847 to any person to drive a hackney carriage shall remain in force for three years from the date of such licence or for such lesser period as they may specify in such licence.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Act of 1847, a district council may demand and recover for the grant to any person of a licence to drive a hackney carriage, or a private hire vehicle, as the case may be, such a fee as they consider reasonable with a view to recovering the costs of issue and administration and may remit the whole or part of the fee in respect of a private hire vehicle in any case in which they think it appropriate to do so.
- (3) The driver of any hackney carriage or of any private hire vehicle licensed by a district council shall at the request of any authorised officer of the council or of any constable produce for inspection his driver's licence either forthwith or—
- (a) in the case of a request by an authorised officer, at the principal offices of the council before the expiration of the period of five days beginning with the day following that on which the request is made;
- (b) in the case of a request by a constable, before the expiration of the period aforesaid at any police station which is within the area of the council and is nominated by the driver when the request is made.
- (4) If any person without reasonable excuse contravenes the provisions of this section, he shall be guilty of an offence.

Annotations:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 [S. 53](#): functions of local authority not to be responsibility of an executive of the authority (E.) (16.11.2000) by virtue of [S.I. 2000/2853](#), [reg. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1](#) Table B4

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55 Licensing of operators of private hire vehicles.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Part of this Act, a district council shall, on receipt of an application from any person for the grant to that person of a licence to operate private hire vehicles grant to that person an operator's licence:
- Provided that a district council shall not grant a licence unless they are satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold an operator's licence.
- (2) Every licence granted under this section shall remain in force for such period, not being longer than five years, as a district council may specify in the licence.
- (3) A district council may attach to the grant of a licence under this section such conditions as they may consider reasonably necessary.
- (4) Any applicant aggrieved by the refusal of a district council to grant an operator's licence under this section, or by any conditions attached to the grant of such a licence, may appeal to a magistrates' court.

Annotations:

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1 [S. 55: functions of local authority not to be responsibility of an executive of the authority \(E.\) \(16.11.2000\)](#) by virtue of [S.I. 2000/2853, reg. 2\(1\)](#), [Sch. 1 Table B5](#)
- [S. 55 extended \(13.3.2000\)](#) by [S.I. 2000/412, art. 4\(4\)](#)

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