



Woking Borough Council's Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle Specification policy
Adopted by Full Council on [date]

Licences to which the Specification shall apply

All vehicles presented and applying for **new** Woking Borough Council hackney carriage vehicle licences after the stated date.

All vehicles presented as replacements for currently (or future) licensed, Woking Borough Council hackney carriage vehicle licenses (including replacements for vehicles involved in accidents or deemed un-roadworthy for any reason).

All new and replacement vehicles as stated above, superseding any circumstance or reason under which or when, the new/original renewal/replacement licence was issued; for example, but not exclusive to, licenses issued pre and post derestriction, via ballot, appeal, demonstrating a need, area/event restricted or other.

Any hackney carriage saloon vehicle licence which was due to be replaced with a wheelchair accessible vehicle under Woking Borough Council's Hackney Carriage Vehicle Specification for DDA/Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

Any hackney carriage saloon vehicle licence which was due to be replaced with a wheelchair accessible vehicle under licence originally issued to a DDA/wheelchair accessibility vehicle on 31 March 2021.

Specification

The Vehicle must be an Ultra-Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV¹) or Electric Vehicle.

If the vehicle is a saloon/estate type it has four side opening doors. If the vehicle is a minibus, transit or people carrier type it has at least three doors, not including any tailgate or rear door

The vehicle must be capable of carrying not less than 4 passengers but no more than 8.

The vehicle must have sufficient boot/luggage space to carry a folded standard size wheelchair.

The vehicle must have a calibrated Taxi Meter that complies with the Licensing Authority Guidance on Taximeters.

¹ At the time of writing, the Vehicle Certification Agency defines a ULEV vehicle as having less than 75 grams of CO₂ per kilometre (g/km) from the tail pipe, however the VCA anticipates that in 2021 the definition of a ULEV will be a car or van that emits less than 50g/km CO₂

The vehicle must have a minimum engine capacity of 1400cc (Any hybrid/LPG, electric or other alternatively powered vehicle must have an equal power output to a 1400cc engine)

The vehicle's windscreen and front side windows comply with national legal tint specifications. All other windows let enough light through for a person 20 meters away to be able to see the number of passengers in the vehicle in daylight.

All hackney carriages must be equipped with a card payment terminal which can accept payment by credit/debit card, including contactless and issue a receipt. The device must be connected, maintained and working at all times to ensure customers are able to pay by card.

Age limits of vehicles

When a vehicle is first presented for licensing, the vehicle shall be not more than five (5) years old. A saloon type vehicle (saloon/estate/MPV) will remain available for licensing, subject to passing the inspection process, until it is ten (10) years old. A purpose built hackney carriage will remain available for licensing, subject to passing the inspection process, until it is fifteen (15) years old.