

Adoption by Stroud District Council of Gloucestershire Taxi and Private Hire Common Standards 1st October 2021

WHAT IT MEANS FOR DRIVERS

Mandatory sign up to DBS Update Service	<p>It is now mandatory for all drivers to sign up to the DBS update service by 31 December 2023.</p> <p>This will enable Officers to make 6 monthly on-line checks to see if there has been any change to driver criminal records. This process will start now for drivers already registered. By 31st December 2023 all driver records will be checked every 6 months. Any driver who has not signed up by this date will have to make a new DBS enhanced criminal check every 6 months.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The fee for a new DBS enhanced application is £54.40• The annual update subscription fee is £13 <p>If you are already signed up, make sure you remember to keep your registration up to date.</p> <p>If you are not yet signed up, you should do so next time you apply for a new DBS Enhanced Criminal Conviction Certificate</p>
Criteria on Enhanced DBS Enhanced Checks	<p>We can only accept DBS Certificates and registrations which have the correct level of check for taxi and private hire drivers. The Certificate must show the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workforce must state 'Other Workforce'• Child and Adult Barring lists must be included <p>If you have an Enhanced DBS check through County Council, for a school contract, the criteria may be different. If it is, we will not be able to accept it and you will need a separate Enhanced Certificate with the correct criteria. You can be registered with the update service for two certificates, but you will need to make sure you give us the right certificate number for the certificate relating to your taxi or private hire licence.</p>

<p>Mandatory safeguarding and equality awareness training</p>	<p>It is now mandatory for all drivers to undertake refresher safeguarding and equality training every three years. You must complete your first refresher training by 1st October 2024.</p> <p>We are working with our Gloucestershire licensing colleagues to get the refresher training set up and will contact you once it is available.</p>
<p>Penalty points on DVLA licence</p>	<p>The rules on DVLA penalty points have changed.</p> <p>If you get up to 6 points on your DVLA licence you will have to complete a driving assessment.</p> <p>If you get more than 6 points you will be referred to a Licensing Hearing Panel who can consider revocation of your hackney or private hire licence.</p> <p>It is important that you notify us straight away if you get points on your DVLA licence. Failure to do this could lead to a more severe penalty if we don't know about it until we check your DVLA record on renewal.</p>
<p>How to complain Signage in vehicles</p>	<p>Improved signage will have to be displayed in vehicles giving guidance for passengers about how to complain. We are working with our Gloucestershire licensing colleagues to agree the wording and design and will provide you with the signs when they are ready.</p>