

Taxi and Private Hire Driver Application English Proficiency Evidence

As part of the Taxi and Private Hire Driver application process you must provide an appropriate educational certificate for a qualification related to English. Acceptable qualifications may include a GCSE (or equivalent) in a subject such as English language or literature, a degree in a subject containing substantial English content, or an NVQ or BTEC in a subject that requires its students to communicate well in English.

Please send a photo of any documents that you think may be acceptable to licensing@stroud.gov.uk for the licensing team to check.

If you are unable to provide us with an appropriate education certificate you **must** pass an English Proficiency Test through our approved assessor. **Please make sure that you speak to a member of the licensing team before you book your test.**

Booking the English Proficiency Test

Do not book this test without speaking to a member of the Stroud District council Licensing Team licensing@stroud.gov.uk.

The test is booked through Gloucester City Council. The cost of the test is £45 and payment can be made over the phone on 01452 396396. You will need to confirm with Gloucester City Council that you are applying to Stroud District Council and would like to take the test with Stroud.

You will then need go to the play store on a mobile phone or tablet and download the Versant app.
<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/versant/id1140724927> - for apple
https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.pkt.versant&hl=en_GB&gl=US – for android

Gloucester City Council will send us a test identification number and we will then arrange an appointment with you to come in and do the test at the Council Offices, Ebley Mill.

To begin the test you will need to enter the i/d number and then follow the instructions on the screen. We can help you with this at the appointment.

There is an opportunity for you to do a short trial before commencing the full test.

The test takes about 20-25 minutes.

Gloucester City Council will send us the result of your test and we will then inform you of your result.