

Guidance on the Knowledge Test

To provide a safe and efficient service to members of the public, the council must be satisfied that licensed drivers have:

- A basic understanding of the English language;
- A working knowledge of North Yorkshire Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy; and
- An understanding of relevant legislation, including the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

All new driver applicants are required to pass a Knowledge Test before a licence can be granted. Applicants who are unsuccessful on their first attempt may retake the test.

What the Knowledge Test Involves

The Knowledge Test is a multiple-choice test.

For a combined licence, the test:

- has 60 questions
- must be completed within 60 minutes
- requires 48 correct answers to pass

Restricted Licence Knowledge Test

If you are applying for a restricted licence and will only be driving private hire vehicles for school and social care work arranged by North Yorkshire Council, a shorter test applies.

This test:

- has 30 questions
- must be completed within 30 minutes
- requires 24 correct answers to pass

If you later decide to apply for a combined licence, you will need to take and pass the combined licence Knowledge Test, even if you have already passed the restricted licence test.

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What You Should Study

Applicants are strongly advised to study the following before sitting the Knowledge Test:

- The Highway Code;
- North Yorkshire Council's Taxi Licensing Policy; and
- Hackney carriage tables of fares.

Applicants are also encouraged to familiarise themselves with the local area in which they intend to work.

Taking the Test

Applicants must bring photographic identification (such as a driving licence or passport) to the test.

During the test, applicants must not use:

- Mobile phones or smart devices;
- Notes, books, or study materials; or
- Any other items deemed unacceptable by the invigilator.

Any attempt to use unauthorised materials will result in the test being cancelled. Applicants will not normally be permitted to leave the room during the test.

Results

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of the Knowledge Test within 10 working days. The Council will confirm whether the applicant has passed or failed and provide their overall score.

The Council is unable to provide copies of test papers, confirm which questions were answered incorrectly, or discuss individual answers. The Council's decision is final.

Example Knowledge Test Questions

The following sample questions are provided to give applicants an indication of the format and style of the Knowledge Test and to act as a mock test. Please note that applicants sitting the Knowledge Test as part of a restricted licence application will only be asked questions relevant to the work they will be authorised to undertake. As such, questions relating to general hackney carriage and private hire work, including matters such as fares, will not be included in that test;

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1. Can a driver leave a hackney carriage vehicle unattended on a taxi rank?

- a) Yes
- b) No
- c) Yes, but only if the rank is empty

2. How long must an applicant have held a full DVLA driving licence before applying for a driver badge?

- a) 6 months
- b) 1 year
- c) 3 years

3. What does this traffic sign mean?



- a) Minimum speed 30 mph
- b) Maximum speed 30 mph
- c) Advisory speed 30 mph
- d) Speed limit ends

4) You collect one passenger in a private hire vehicle for an agreed fare of £4.80. En route the passenger ask you to collect a friend and you agree an additional cost of £1.50. What is the total cost of the fare?

- a) £6.50
- b) £6.70
- c) £5.90
- d) £6.30

Answer_____

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5) **When driving a Hackney Carriage, what is the maximum extra charge per head which can be charged for all passengers when carrying 5 or more passengers?**

- a) £2.00
- b) £1.00
- c) £1.50
- d) £3.00

Answer_____

6) **When driving a Hackney Carriage on Christmas day what is the maximum flag drop?**

- a) £4.50
- b) £8.00
- c) £6.00
- d) £5.00

Answer_____

7) **Can you use the words Taxi, Cab or 'for hire' on a private hire vehicle or private hire operators licence?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

Answer_____

8) **On being requested by an authorised officer of the Council or Police, how soon must you present a certificate of insurance?**

- a) Within one month
- b) Within a fortnight
- c) At the next renewal
- d) Within one week

Answer_____

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9) **What does this traffic sign mean?**

- a) No stopping at any time
- b) One-way traffic only
- c) No entry for vehicular traffic
- d) Access permitted for authorised vehicles only

10) **Can Vehicles subject to a Category A, B or S insurance write-off be licensed?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. If you have obtained an appropriate engineers report
- d. Yes, if the vehicle is under 3 years of age

Answer_____

End of example questions. Please turn over to check the answers.

Answers:

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Question	Answer
1	b
2	b
3	b
4	d
5	a
6	b
7	b
8	d
9	c
10	b