

COMBINED HIRE DRIVER LICENCES

A licence is required before any person can drive a Private Hire vehicle or Hackney Carriage. North Kesteven District Council (NKDC) issues a combined licence, which allows applicants to drive either type of vehicle.

- Combined licences last for 3 years, there are some limited exceptions.
- Every 3 year licence will require a fresh criminal record check before it is granted.
- We will check driving licences with the DVLA every year at a cost of £6 per check.

Before we grant a licence the applicant must satisfy the Council that:

- He/she is a fit and proper person to hold a licence;
- He/she has a legal right to work and hold a licence in the UK - we will check immigration status and identity documents;
- He/she has successfully completed Safeguarding Training and signed up to the Code of Conduct.
- Is medically fit;
- Has attained the age of 18 years;
- Has held a full UK car driver's licence (not provisional) for at least twelve months prior to the application.

Annual Licences – We will issue 12 month licences in the following circumstances:

1. Where an applicant for the renewal of a drivers licence is required to undergo an annual medical check. They will have the choice to opt for a 3 year licence.
2. an applicant with previous convictions is issued a licence for an initial 'probationary' period. (at the discretion of the Sub-Committee)
3. Where a renewing driver has failed to report convictions in line with the conditions of their licence. (at the discretion of the Sub-Committee)
4. To synchronise triennial renewal date with criminal record and medical checks.