

	Changes to section in policy	2015 policy	Draft policy
A	1. Introduction DVLA Mandates	“Drivers will be required to sign a mandate form to allow the Licensing Authority to carry out the check with the DVLA.”	<p>This sentence shall be deleted as the way in which DVLA checks are carried out is changing and may change again in the future.</p> <p>The policy will retain the statement, “DVLA checks of all drivers’ licences at first application and at renewal.”</p>
B	3. Hackney Carriage and/or Private Hire Driver Licence - New and Renewal applications	“DVLA mandate completed and signed by the applicant.”	“Authorisation from driver that DVLA check can be carried out by the Licensing Team.”
C	3.4 Medical Fitness	“All applicants will be required to obtain a Group 2 medical standards certificate signed by Sevenoaks District Council’s appointed surgery.”	“All applicants will be required to obtain a Group 2 medical standards certificate signed by a GP.”
D	3.6 Renewal of Licences	“At each renewal a current correct driving licence, DBS enhanced check, Medical and DVLA Mandate will be required.”	“At each renewal a current correct driving licence, DBS enhanced check, Medical and DVLA check will be required.”
E	5.8 Address from which an Operator may operate	Current Policy does not specify that an Operator must have an address in the district.	“The Council will not grant a licence to an operator whose premises are located outside the district of Sevenoaks. This is to ensure that proper regulation and enforcement measures may be

			<p>taken by the Council and is in no way intended to be a restraint of trade.</p> <p>“Operators based outside the district who have been granted a licence prior to the adoption of this amendment to policy (2018/19) will retain ‘grandfather rights’ providing the conditions of the licence are fully met.”</p>
F	11. Amendments to the Policy	“All changes to the Policy are made by the Licensing Committee only.”	“All changes to the Policy are currently approved by the Licensing Committee and then considered by Full Council.”
G	Appendix 2 - Vehicle Test Standards	“SDC will not licence any vehicle that is classed as a Category C insurance write off.”	“SDC will not licence any vehicle that is classed as a Category S insurance write off.”
H	Legislative Changes	Disability Discrimination Act 1995.	All references will be amended to the Equality Act 2010.
I	3.1 Fees	A holder of a Hackney Carriage Driver’s licence is able to drive a Private Hire vehicle. However, a holder of a Private Hire Driver’s licence may not drive a Hackney Carriage vehicle.	This paragraph shall be deleted to ensure consistency with legislative framework.

J	DSA - Driving Standards Agency	DSA centre or Council approved alternative.	All references will be amended to Driving Standards test or Council approved provider.
K	Wheelchair accessible vehicles	‘From 1 st September 2016 all additional Hackney Carriage vehicles requiring a new plate, must be wheelchair accessible. That is those that require the issue of a new HC plate number. (This does not apply to replacement vehicles, change of ownership of vehicles or vehicles that are replacing damaged vehicles).’	The amendment is to replace the statement in brackets with; ‘(This does not apply to replacement vehicles, change of ownership of vehicles, vehicles that are replacing damaged vehicles and ultra-low-emission vehicles [ULEV] that is vehicles that emit less than 75g/km of CO ₂)’ and include the following statement, ‘This exemption will be kept under regular review and may be time limited or removed in future reviews of the policy.’