



## The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) Hackney Carriage (Taxi) and Private Hire Driving Test Assessment

**The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) has developed a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driving Test Assessment.**

It is becoming common practice for Councils to insist that licence applicants must undergo a vocational driving assessment before they can grant an individual a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle driver's licence.

East Lindsey District Council has adopted the LRSP assessment as a requirement for all new applicants with this Authority for hackney carriage and private hire vehicle driver's licences. The pass certificate from the LRSP test must be presented to the Council's Licensing Team before we can grant a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence.

Drivers will be required to successfully undergo the hackney carriage and private hire saloon vehicles assessment and be judged as a 'low risk' driver.

At the time of drafting this leaflet the assessment cost was £120.00. The cost of the test will be at the applicant's own expense.

The quickest and easiest way to book the test is by telephone on 01522 805800 (there is an email address of: [bs\\_lrsp\\_lincoln@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:bs_lrsp_lincoln@lincolnshire.gov.uk)).

There will be two venues for the test – Lincoln or Boston.

Detailed joining instructions and information will be issued to you by the LRSP.

Before the assessment, you are strongly advised to:

- take lessons with a professional driving instructor.
- read the Highway Code.
- familiarise yourself with the content of the assessment.

When attending the assessment you should take one of the following with you:

- a full UK or Northern Ireland driving licence.
- a full British old style paper licence and current passport.
- a recognisable full European Union (EU) licence and UK paper counterpart with a current passport if your EU licence does not have a photograph.

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## The Assessment Day

The course starts at 9.00am and the day should be completed by 4.30pm.

The morning part of the course deals with theory issues such as recognising & dealing with hazards, defensive driving and managing risk. The afternoon section of the day will be a practical driving assessment of the individual driver's driving skills – as detailed earlier in this leaflet, this Authority will require new licence applicant's to be judged as a low risk driver on this practical part of the assessment.

If for any reason a driver comes out at medium or high risk then further training will be offered by the trainer who takes him/her out in the afternoon.

## Existing Licensed Drivers with this Authority

The Council will only require any existing hackney carriage or private hire vehicle drivers, licensed with this Authority, to undergo the assessment, where there are serious concerns as to the fitness of a driver to hold a licence due to driving problems.

## Wheelchair Assessment

At present there is no specific requirement for drivers to undergo a wheelchair passenger assessment prior to gaining a licence with this Authority. However, at a later date the Council will be looking at requiring all drivers (both new and existing) to successfully undergo a wheelchair-loading assessment before driving a wheelchair accessible taxi or private hire vehicle.

However, if you have access to a wheelchair accessible vehicle you may wish to undergo wheelchair loading training now rather than waiting until a later date.