



MOT TEST ARRANGEMENTS

HACKNEY CARRIAGES

All vehicle MOT tests must be carried out at an approved MOT testing station located within the Boston Borough area. The tests are carried out twice yearly.

Meter Tests

All meters must be correctly calibrated using the current vehicle tariffs and a Meter Calibration Certificate completed and signed by the meter installer must be provided to taxi licensing.

Condition of Vehicle

The vehicle must be presented at the garage in a thoroughly clean condition, inside and out.

All vehicles must be:-

- 1) Fitted with an approved fire extinguisher securely fixed in such a position as to be readily available for use. Once a plate number has been issued to the vehicle the fire extinguisher must be marked with the plate number.
- 2) No smoking signs which are clearly visible to the customer.
- 3) Be fitted with an approved taxi meter set to a fare not exceeding the maximum fare rate.
- 4) Fitted with an approved "FOR HIRE" sign or flag which meets the requirements set down in Boston Borough Council's Hackney Carriage Byelaws.
- 5) Fitted with a taxi roof sign which can be illuminated and meets the requirements set by the Council.

In the case of RENEWAL of a licence or a SIX MONTH TEST vehicles must also:-

- 1) Be fitted with the identification plate, issued by the Council, in the correct place (on the rear of the vehicle).
- 2) Display the Council's fare card.

The tester may refuse to test a vehicle, which in his opinion is unsafe, dirty or dangerous.

Vehicle Passes the Test

An MOT Certificate will be issued if the tester is satisfied as to the condition of the vehicle.

Vehicle Fails the Test

On completion of any works required, a re-test will have to be subsequently carried out on the vehicle.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE TEST - ITEMS TESTED IN ADDITION TO THE M.O.T. TEST FOR CLASS IV VEHICLES

All vehicles, which apply for Hackney Carriage Vehicle status in the Borough of Boston, must adhere strictly to the following specification, which is required in addition to the vehicle passing the twice-yearly inspection to Department of Transport (M.O.T. Test standards).

BODYWORK (Exterior)

General Condition

All bodywork must be in good condition and have no visual signs of surface rust showing. All bodywork panels must be free from dents and surface damage.

Paintwork Condition

All paint work must be in good condition and where there is a requirement to replace doors, boots, bonnets or any body panels these must be returned to the original colour of the vehicle before fitting prior to any inspection.

Registration Plates

Registration plates must be complete, clean and free from any damage.

Mirrors, Windows, Glass etc

All lights, windscreens, windows, direction indicator lenses, reflectors and mirrors must be complete, serviceable, clean and free from any damage.

All windscreens and windows must comply with regulations concerning visual transmission of light and freedom from obstruction to vision and are to be kept clean. Windscreen wipers and washers must be maintained in effective working order at all times.

BODYWORK (interior)

Seats and Upholstery

All vehicle interiors including seats and upholstery must be in good condition, free from damage, well sprung and be smart in appearance.

Floor Condition

The floor must be sound and covered by adequate carpets or mats.

The floor covering should not be so badly worn as would be likely to cause danger to passengers.

Seat Belts

All seat belts, anchorages, fastenings and adjusting devices must be maintained free from obvious defects and kept in good working order.

Panel and Interior Lights

The speedometer should be in working order and be correctly illuminated. All interior and passenger lights, where fitted, should be operative.

Doors and Locks

All doors should open and close easily both from the inside and outside. All doors when shut must be secure.

The boot should open easily from the outside.

Window Openings

All windows should open and close by the use of winders or otherwise where fitted.

Tyres

All tyres fitted to the vehicle must be suitable, properly inflated to manufacturers recommended pressures, have a legal tread depth and be free from cuts, bulges and any defects. The vehicle must carry a spare wheel the tyre on which must have a legal tread depth and be free from cuts, bulges and any defects. Space-saver type wheels are not permitted.

Exhaust System

The exhaust system must be complete, efficient and not produce any excess noise and smoke.

Fire Extinguisher

The vehicle must be fitted with a fire extinguisher (in proper working order) securely fixed in such a position as to be readily available for use.

Taximeter

The taximeter must be capable of being illuminated during hours of darkness and be firmly secured. It must be set to the correct fare rate.

“For Hire” Sign or Flag

The vehicle must be fitted with a “FOR HIRE” sign or flag which meets the requirements set down in the Council’s Hackney Carriage Byelaws.

Roof Sign

The vehicle must be fitted with a taxi roof sign, which can be illuminated. The roof sign must prominently display the word "TAXI" or “TAXIS” to the front of the vehicle and the lettering must be at least 4 cm in size and be of a neat and consistent standard. Such a sign together with the “For Hire” sign must not illuminate when the taximeter is in the HIRED mode.

SIX MONTH TEST AND RENEWAL OF LICENCE

Fare Card

The Council’s fare card must be displayed in such a position as to be easily seen by all passengers.

Exterior Council Plate

The vehicle must be fitted with the identification plate issued by the Council. The plate should be attached to the rear of the vehicle, below window level in a vertical plane (as near as possible) facing to the rear, with none of the plate concealed whatsoever. The size of the plate must not be altered

Council Plate Number in Interior

The plate number must be displayed inside the vehicle.

Fire Extinguisher

The fire extinguisher must be indelibly and clearly marked with the Council vehicle plate number (issued in respect of the vehicle).