



Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998

1998 CHAPTER 34

Regulation of private hire vehicle operators in London

3 London operator's licences.

- (1) Any person may apply to the [^{F1}licensing authority] for a London PHV operator's licence.
- (2) An application under this section shall state the address of any premises in London which the applicant proposes to use as an operating centre.
- (3) The [^{F1}licensing authority] shall grant a London PHV operator's licence to the applicant if [^{F2}the authority] is satisfied that—
 - (a) the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a London PHV operator's licence;
 - [^{F3}(aa) if the applicant is an individual, the applicant is not disqualified by reason of the applicant's immigration status from operating a private hire vehicle; and]
 - (b) any further requirements that may be prescribed (which may include requirements relating to operating centres) are met.

[^{F4}(3A) In determining for the purposes of subsection (3) whether an applicant is disqualified by reason of the applicant's immigration status from operating a private hire vehicle, the licensing authority must have regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State.]

- (4) A London PHV operator's licence shall be granted subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and such other conditions as the [^{F1}licensing authority] may think fit.
- (5) [^{F5}Subject to section 3A, a] London PHV operator's licence shall be granted for five years or such shorter period as the [^{F1}licensing authority] may consider appropriate in the circumstances of the case.
- (6) A London PHV operator's licence shall—
 - (a) specify the address of any premises in London which the holder of the licence may use as an operating centre;

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- (b) be in such form and contain such particulars as the [^{F1}licensing authority] may think fit.
- (7) An applicant for a London PHV operator's licence may appeal to a magistrates' court against—
- (a) a decision not to grant such a licence;
 - (b) a decision not to specify an address proposed in the application as an operating centre; or
 - (c) any condition (other than a prescribed condition) to which the licence is subject.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 3 substituted (22.1.2001) by 1999 c. 29, s. 254(3), **Sch. 21 para. 2** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/3145, **art. 2**
- F2** Word in s. 3(3) substituted (22.1.2001) by 1999 c. 29, s. 254(3), **Sch. 21 para. 3** (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/3145, **art. 2**
- F3** S. 3(3)(aa) substituted for word (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 5 para. 36(2)** (with Sch. 5 para. 54); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(i) (with reg. 6)
- F4** S. 3(3A) inserted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 5 para. 36(3)** (with Sch. 5 para. 54); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(i) (with reg. 6)
- F5** Words in s. 3(5) substituted (1.12.2016) by Immigration Act 2016 (c. 19), s. 94(1), **Sch. 5 para. 36(4)** (with Sch. 5 para. 54); S.I. 2016/1037, reg. 5(i) (with reg. 6)

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