

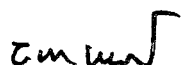
## SCHEDULE

### Conditions Attached to Taxi Driver's Licence

- (1) The driver of a taxi shall, while he is in charge of a taxi, wear the badge (or other such form of identification) issued to him by the Council displayed conspicuously on his outer garment, with the lettered side outermost, so that the whole lettering and any photograph shall be distinctly visible, and he must, when required, permit any passenger, Police Officer or authorised officer of the Council to inspect the same.
- (2) The driver of a taxi shall not wilfully damage the badge (or other such form of identification) issued to him by the Council, or wear any such badge on which the lettering is not distinctly legible, nor lend or permit any other person to use his badge, or wear any other badge than such badge as has been issued to him by the Council.
- (3)
  - (a) The driver may operate the taxi either as an exclusive taxi or a shared taxi or a taxi-bus.
  - (b) A hirer or passenger may require the taxi to operate as a taxi-bus only if the taxi is displaying a notice indicating that it is operating as a taxi-bus.
  - (c) A hirer or passenger may require the taxi to operate as a shared hire only if the taxi is displaying a notice indicating that it is operating as a shared hire taxi.
  - (d) A hirer or passenger may require the taxi to operate as an exclusive taxi only if the taxi is displaying a notice indicating that it is operating as an exclusive taxi.
  - (e) If the hirer or passenger is the first hirer or passenger, then that hirer or passenger may require the taxi to operate as an exclusive taxi even if the taxi is displaying a notice that is operating as a shared hire taxi.
  - (f) The sole remaining passenger or hirer in a taxi (which was operating as a shared hire when the passenger or hirer's journey began) may require the taxi to operate as an exclusive taxi.
- (4) The driver of a taxi which has been hired on exclusive hire shall drive to the destination by the shortest practicable route unless otherwise instructed by the hirer. The driver of a taxi which has been hired on shared hire shall take the shortest practicable route which will serve the destinations of all the passengers whom he is carrying at any one time.
- (5) The driver of a taxi not being used as a taxi-bus shall, if the cost of the journey is not regulated by a licensing authority fares structure, inform the hirer(s) or passenger(s) before the journey commences (a) that the fare is not so regulated, and (b) the cost or the method of calculating the cost of the proposed journey.
- (6) The driver of a taxi shall ensure that a taxi-meter fitted in the taxi in his charge shall be operated at all times, within the licensed areas, in accordance with the detailed requirements imposed by the Council.
- (7) Subject to conditions (8) and (9)(a),(b) and (c) below, the driver of a taxi shall not refuse to drive a passenger to any place within the Licensing area.

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- (8) The driver of a taxi need not convey any hirer or passenger who is drunk or otherwise not in a fit and proper state to be carried, or whose condition or clothing is offensive or likely to cause damage to the interior of the taxi, or who refuses to cease smoking in the taxi when requested to do so by the driver, or is accompanied by any animal which is likely to cause damage or soil the interior of the taxi or for any other reasonable cause.
- (9)
- (a) The driver of a taxi shall, unless prevented by sufficient cause, be bound to fulfil, or cause to be fulfilled, at the time and location specified, an engagement to hire his taxi which he has accepted, or which has been accepted on his behalf by a representative (being any person, company, firm or association whose services as principal are engaged or used by the holder of the licence or his driver) and that by any means whatsoever including telephone and radio communications for the purpose of obtaining or assisting in obtaining engagements for the hire of a taxi.
- (b) Where an engagement of a taxi or shared hire has been accepted by the holder of the licence or his driver or any representative on his behalf, such holder or driver shall fulfil such engagement punctually and shall announce the arrival of such taxi immediately to the person on whose behalf the engagement was made at the place to which it has been summoned. If that person does not commence his journey within five minutes of arrival of the taxi, or such additional period as may be agreed between the driver and that person, the driver may refuse to fulfil further the engagement to hire the taxi, but, where the taxi has been called by telephone or other advance arrangements, he shall be entitled to receive payment of any engagement fee and any fare or charges which may be payable.
- (c) The driver of a taxi on shared hire may decline to accept a further passenger on the grounds that his intended destination could not be served without an excessive or unreasonable addition to the journey distance of the existing passenger or passengers, or that the further passenger's luggage cannot be accommodated safely within the luggage compartment of the taxi.
- (10) The driver of a taxi, while he is in charge of the taxi, shall not actively canvass or importune in any public place, street or car park for employment, except, where the taxi is being operated on shared hire, to such extent as is reasonably required to ascertain whether there are any prospective further passengers (in addition to an existing passenger or existing passengers who wish to participate in the shared hire of the taxi). In the event of a breach of this condition the Council shall be entitled to consider suspension of the licence in terms of Schedule I of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- (11) The driver of a taxi shall not refuse to carry luggage in his taxi provided that the said luggage can be accommodated safely within the luggage compartment of the taxi. It is nevertheless understood that the driver of a taxi shall not permit any shopping trolley of the type supplied by self-service stores etc. for the convenience of their customers to be carried in a taxi.
- (12) The driver of a taxi shall give such assistance as he is able to give with loading and unloading luggage when required to do so but he shall not be required to leave the immediate proximity of the taxi in doing so.
- (13) The driver of a taxi, at the end of his shift, shall search the taxi of which he is in charge for any property which may have been left therein. Any property found by the driver shall, within twenty four hours, be returned to the owner of the property, if known, or such property shall be handed in by the driver to any Police Station.
- (14) The driver of a taxi, while carrying a passenger, shall be clean and tidy in his person and clothing, shall conduct himself in a proper and civil manner and shall not smoke.



- (15) The driver of a taxi shall not knowingly allow the taxi in his charge to be used for illegal or immoral purposes, permit to be carried in the taxi in his charge any article of a dirty, filthy or noxious nature or an explosive or dangerous nature, or permit to be carried in the taxi in his charge any person who has vermin on his person, or has in his possession an open bottle or vessel containing alcohol.
- (16) The driver of a taxi shall ensure that the taxi, including all bodywork, upholstery and fittings, is in a safe and serviceable condition and, subject to prevailing road conditions, is in a clean condition.
- (17) Unless the Council make specific arrangements for particular stances, when a taxi is driven off a stance, the driver of the taxi immediately behind shall draw up his vehicle to take the place vacated, and the taxi drivers on the stance behind shall draw up their vehicles in a like manner.
- (18) The driver of a taxi, when the taxi is hired or standing for hire, shall either sit in the driving seat of the taxi or stand in the immediate proximity thereto except during any period he may be absent to announce the arrival of his taxi to the hirer or when assisting the hirer with luggage to or from the taxi or for any other necessary purpose.
- (19) Any holder of a taxi driver's licence who changes his place of business or abode shall, within seven days thereafter, give notice to the Council in writing and shall produce his licence to the Council who shall endorse thereon the particulars of the change.
- (20) Any holder of a taxi driver's licence who ceases to act as a taxi driver shall forthwith deliver to the Council his licence and badge (or other form of identification which may have been issued), which shall thereupon cease to have effect.
- (21) The driver of a taxi shall not at any time convey in the taxi more than the number of passengers the taxi is licensed to carry.
- (22) The driver of a taxi which is being operated on shared hire may wait at a stance only for such time as is reasonably required to ascertain whether there are any prospective further passengers (in addition to an existing passenger or existing passengers) in the immediate vicinity of the stance at that time who wish to participate in the shared hire of the taxi; but if no such further passengers are around there and then, the driver shall immediately drive his taxi off the stance.
- (23) If the holder of a taxi driver's licence is at any time driving or in charge of a private hire car he shall not canvass or importune for employment or stand for hire or ply for hire in any public place, street or car park or use his vehicle as a taxi. In the event of a breach of this condition the Council shall be entitled to consider suspension of the licence in terms of Schedule 1 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982.
- (24) The driver of a taxi shall, within twenty eight days of a criminal conviction or offence being recorded against him/her, intimate in writing to the Head of Legal Services, North Lanarkshire Council, Civic Centre, Motherwell, the details of any such conviction, or offence.
- (25) In these conditions:-

"The Council" means - North Lanarkshire Council.

"The Driver" means the person specified in the said taxi driver's licence.

"Exclusive" as applied to the hire of a taxi, means that a single fare is payable by any one passenger for the whole hire of the taxi whether or not more than one passenger is carried; and "Exclusive Hire" shall be construed accordingly.

"Shared", as applied to the hire of a taxi, means that each passenger is carried at a separate fare, payable to the driver; and "shared hire" shall be construed accordingly, and

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"Taxi-bus", means a taxi which is being used, under a special licence granted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985, to provide a local service which is or requires to be registered under Part 1 of the Act, has been previously advertised and which has a destination and route which are not entirely at the discretion of the passengers.

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