



GROUP 2 MEDICAL EXAMINATION FOR AN APPLICANT TO DRIVE HACKNEY CARRIAGE/PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

SECTION 57(2) LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976

For the Applicant:

This certificate is the method by which the Licensing Authority is advised that the applicant is medically fit to drive hackney carriage/private hire vehicles.

Applicants must be examined and certified as being medically fit (to a Group 2 Standard) by their registered GP or another GP in the practice with which they are registered, who must have taken into account previous medical history. The Council may require a further examination or referral following this initial certification.

This certificate is not one which must be issued free of charge as part of the National Health Service. The Council accepts no liability to pay for it.

If this is your first application for a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence, please note that further medical certificates will be required every five years. Drivers aged 65 and over must provide a medical certificate annually.

Holders of current PSV and/or HGV Licences, where the holder is able to produce proof of current medical examination shall not be required to undergo a further medical examination.

Vision Assessment

A Group 2 Medical now includes vision assessment. Some doctors will be able to assess both the vision and medical assessment sections of the report. If your doctor is unable to fully answer all the questions on the vision assessment you must also gain a report from an optician or optometrist.

If you do not wear glasses to meet the eyesight standard or if you have a minus (-) eyesight prescription, your doctor may be able to fill in the whole report.

It is suggested that before arranging an appointment that you check that your doctor is able to measure the visual acuity to the 6/7.5 line of a Snellen chart and can confirm the strength of your glasses (dioptries) from your prescription. If you wear glasses (not contact lenses) to meet the eyesight standard required for driving, you must take a copy of your current prescription clearly showing your diopetre measurements with you to the assessment.

If your doctor is unable to fully and accurately complete the vision assessment required as part of the Group 2 Medical you must arrange for an optician or optometrist to complete an assessment.

For the Applicant's Doctor:

This certificate and any supplementary information is for the confidential use of the Council.

Torrige District Council has adopted the Group 2 Medical Standards for Fitness to Drive Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles in accordance with the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) and Department for Transport Best Practice Guidance.

The Appendix D criteria for insulin treated diabetes is adopted in relation to hackney carriage and private hire drivers.

Group 2 Medical reports are only accepted from the applicant's own doctor, or another doctor in the same practice, taking into account an applicant's medical records.

In completing this certificate, GPs are asked to have regard to the document "Assessing Fitness to Drive" (current edition) published by the Department for Transport and available at www.gov.uk/dvla/fitnesstodrive

Vision Assessment

Only complete the vision assessment question if you are able to do so fully and accurately.

In order to undertake the vision assessment you must be able to confirm the strength of glasses (dioptries) from a prescription

You must be able to measure the applicant's visual acuity to at least 6/7.5 (decimal 0.8) of a Snellen chart.

We have advised the applicant that if they wear glasses to meet the required eyesight standard for driving they must bring their current prescription to the assessment.

If you are unable to undertake the vision assessment you must advise the applicant of this and the need for them to arrange to gain a DVLA D4 Vision Assessment form to attach to this certificate from their optician or optometrist.

Where applicants are required to go to an optician or optometrist, there is still a need for the applicant's doctor to undertake the final sign off of the medical certificate and indicate whether based on the information the driver concerned is fit or unfit to drive a hackney carriage/private hire vehicle.



GROUP 2 MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

FOR APPLICANTS FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE A HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

Full name of applicant	
Address inc. postcode	
Date of Birth	
Date of Examination	

TO BE COMPLETED BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

PLEASE REFER TO THE DOCUMENT: DVLA ASSESSING FITNESS TO DRIVE AND COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GROUP 2 STANDARDS

(*delete as appropriate)

1.	Did you have full access to the applicant's medical records and were they taken into account when completing this examination?	YES / NO*
2.	Do you consider that any further medical examination is necessary? If YES please give details on a separate sheet.	YES / NO*
3.	Does the applicant have a medical condition, which is aggravated by exposure to dogs?	YES / NO*
4.	If YES to Question 3, is the condition so severe that the Council should grant an exemption for carrying assistance dogs in their vehicle? (The Council has a separate procedure for issuing exemption certificates)	YES / NO*
5.	Does the applicant have any disorders or illnesses listed in any of the chapters of the DVLA 'Assessing Fitness to Drive' document referred to above?	YES / NO*
6.	If YES to question 5, please provide relevant detail on a separate sheet and confirm whether or not the applicant has satisfied all the qualifying conditions and tests set out in the Group 2 standard. Please include details of any consultant reports/tests or other monitoring, which you used to undertake the assessment. I have provided relevant details on a separate sheet.	YES / NO*
7.	Are you able to assess the applicant's vision to a Group 2 standard?	YES / NO*
8.	If NO to question 7 is there attached to this certificate a DVLA D4 vision assessment from the applicants optician/optometrist?	YES / NO*
9.	Does the applicant satisfy the vision requirements of the Group 2 standard?	YES / NO*

DECLARATION BY MEDICAL PRACTITIONER

I certify that I have today examined the applicant who has signed this form in my presence. I am a registered Medical Practitioner who has examined the applicant with due regard to the advice and guidance appertaining to Group 2 drivers set out in the 'Assessing Fitness to Drive' issued by the DVLA and I consider that the applicant is:

FIT / UNFIT*

(*delete as appropriate)

to drive a Hackney Carriage and/or Private Hire Vehicle in accordance with the Group 2 standard.

Applicants Signature (to be signed in presence of the Medical Practitioner)	
Name of Medical Practitioner (Block Capitals)	
Medical Practitioner's Signature	
Date	
Surgery Stamp:	

Please return form to:

Licensing Team, Torridge District Council, Riverbank House, Bideford, EX39 2QG

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Our lawful basis has been determined as:

Public Task – in relation to personal data

Substantial Public Interest – in relation to 'special category' personal data

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Website: <http://www.torridge.gov.uk/privacypolicy/>

Alternatively, a full copy of our privacy policy can be viewed at our main office or a copy can be requested by writing to the Data Protection Officer at Riverbank House, Bideford, Devon, EX39 2QG.