

Bradford licensing compliance: questions and answers

36 practice questions for the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council taxi and private hire knowledge test, with answers and explanations at the end.

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Questions

Telling the council

1. **You are convicted of a motoring offence while licensed in Bradford. When must you tell the council?**
 - ☐ A. At your next licence renewal
 - ☐ B. In writing, within 7 days
 - ☐ C. Within 72 hours, by phone
 - ☐ D. Only if you get 6 or more points
2. **You are a private hire driver and you move house. When must you tell the council in writing?**
 - ☐ A. Within 72 hours of moving
 - ☐ B. At your next licence renewal
 - ☐ C. Within 7 calendar days
 - ☐ D. Within 28 days of moving
3. **You change to a different private hire operator. What else do you need, apart from telling the council within 7 days?**
 - ☐ A. A new medical report from your GP
 - ☐ B. A new DBS certificate
 - ☐ C. A new driving assessment
 - ☐ D. A new driver badge
4. **You find out you have a medical condition you did not declare before. What must you do?**
 - ☐ A. Tell the council within 7 days and give a medical certificate if asked
 - ☐ B. Wait until your next licence medical is due, then mention it to the doctor
 - ☐ C. Tell your operator only, as it is their job to inform the council
 - ☐ D. Tell the DVLA only, as the council will hear from them directly

5. Your licensed vehicle is damaged in a collision and the damage affects its safety. When must it be reported?

- ☐ A. Within 7 days, in writing, on the council's accident form
- ☐ B. Only at the next vehicle test
- ☐ C. Within 72 hours, or as soon as reasonably practicable
- ☐ D. Only if a passenger was in the vehicle when it was damaged

6. You send the council an email copy of your insurance. What else must you do?

- ☐ A. Present the paper copy at Shearbridge within 7 days
- ☐ B. Nothing else, an email copy is enough for the whole licence period
- ☐ C. Post the paper copy to the DVLA in Swansea within 14 days
- ☐ D. Give a copy to every passenger

7. A hackney carriage proprietor lets a new licensed driver use the vehicle. When must the proprietor tell the council?

- ☐ A. At the end of the licence year
- ☐ B. Within 7 days, in writing
- ☐ C. Within 72 hours, by phone
- ☐ D. Only if the driver has convictions

8. The police give your hackney carriage a vehicle defect rectification notice. Within how long must you present the vehicle at Shearbridge Depot?

- ☐ A. Within 28 days
- ☐ B. Within 72 hours
- ☐ C. At the next annual test
- ☐ D. Within 7 days

9. When should you apply to renew your enhanced DBS check?

- ☐ A. At least 6 weeks before your licence application or expiry
- ☐ B. On the day your licence runs out, so the dates match exactly
- ☐ C. Only when the council writes to you to say a new check is due
- ☐ D. Every 10 years, when your photocard driving licence is renewed

Private hire rules

10. Which passengers may a Bradford private hire driver carry?

- ☐ A. Anyone who waves the car down in the street and agrees a fare
- ☐ B. People waiting at a taxi rank when there are no taxis on it
- ☐ C. Passengers who booked through the operator the driver works for
- ☐ D. Anyone who agrees a price with the driver before the journey starts

11. You are a private hire driver waiting in the city centre with no booking. Which of these is allowed?

- ☐ A. Waving at people to come over
- ☐ B. Calling out to people leaving a bar
- ☐ C. Stopping when someone flags you
- ☐ D. Waiting at your operator's base for your next job

12. When must a Bradford private hire driver wear the driver badge?

- ☐ A. Only when carrying passengers, not between jobs
- ☐ B. At all times, worn conspicuously
- ☐ C. Only when asked to show it by an officer
- ☐ D. Only at night, when it is harder to see the plates

13. Your private hire licence is suspended. What must you do with your badge?

- ☐ A. Return it to the council as instructed
- ☐ B. Keep it until the suspension ends, then wear it again
- ☐ C. Give it to your operator to keep in the office
- ☐ D. Keep it in your vehicle

14. Which colour rule applies to Bradford private hire vehicles?

- ☐ A. They must be black
- ☐ B. They must have a green stripe
- ☐ C. They must be silver or grey
- ☐ D. They must not be white and all one colour

15. A passenger leaves a phone in your private hire vehicle. Nobody claims it within 24 hours. What must you do?

- ☐ A. Keep it safe at home for 28 days in case the owner calls
- ☐ B. Hand it in at your operator's office at the end of your shift
- ☐ C. Take it to the nearest police station drop-off point
- ☐ D. Give it to the next passenger who asks

16. A passenger is sick in your private hire vehicle and you cannot carry on working until it is cleaned. What may you do?

- ☐ A. Ask the passenger for a reasonable amount to clean it
- ☐ B. Charge any amount you choose, as it is your vehicle
- ☐ C. Keep the passenger's property until they pay you to clean it
- ☐ D. Nothing, as the driver must always pay for all cleaning

17. Your private hire vehicle breaks down on a main road. What does the condition say?

- ☐ A. Leave it where it is and call the operator to send another car
- ☐ B. Remove it from the road as soon as reasonably practicable
- ☐ C. Keep working if it still drives, and book a repair at the weekend
- ☐ D. Wait inside it for a council officer to come and inspect it

18. What must a private hire driver do about receipts and fares?

- ☐ A. Give receipts only for journeys over £20
- ☐ B. Give a receipt when asked, and keep records of fares
- ☐ C. Never give receipts, the operator does it
- ☐ D. Charge extra for a receipt

Conduct and passengers

19. It is 2pm and you arrive to collect a passenger. When may you sound your horn outside the address?
- ☐ A. Once, if it is daytime
 - ☐ B. Only in an emergency
 - ☐ C. If the passenger is late
 - ☐ D. Twice, then drive away
20. A passenger asks if they can smoke in your licensed vehicle with the window open. What do you say?
- ☐ A. Yes, as long as the window is fully open
 - ☐ B. Yes, if you are parked and not driving
 - ☐ C. No, nobody may smoke in the vehicle
 - ☐ D. Yes, if they pay the extra cleaning charge
21. A blind passenger with a guide dog books your vehicle. You have no exemption certificate. What must you do?
- ☐ A. Refuse if you do not like dogs
 - ☐ B. Charge a cleaning fee for the dog
 - ☐ C. Ask the passenger to leave the dog at home
 - ☐ D. Carry the passenger and the dog safely
22. Can you bring your own dog with you in your licensed vehicle while you are working?
- ☐ A. No, you must not carry your own animal
 - ☐ B. Yes, as long as it stays in a cage in the boot
 - ☐ C. Yes, if every passenger agrees before the journey
 - ☐ D. Yes, if it is small
23. A passenger has more bags than the boot holds. What is the rule?
- ☐ A. Put the extra bags on the seats next to the passengers so they all fit in
 - ☐ B. Carry luggage only up to what the vehicle allows, kept out of seating space
 - ☐ C. Refuse all luggage on busy nights so you can take more fares quickly
 - ☐ D. Charge an extra fee for every bag, as set by the driver on the day
24. When may a Bradford private hire driver use a hand-held mobile phone?
- ☐ A. Never while driving
 - ☐ B. At traffic lights
 - ☐ C. For short calls to the operator
 - ☐ D. On quiet roads
25. You have a booking for 7am but you are running late with no good reason. Which condition are you breaking?
- ☐ A. The rule on vehicle cleanliness
 - ☐ B. The rule on punctual attendance
 - ☐ C. The rule on obligatory signs
 - ☐ D. The rule on luggage

26. How does Bradford expect its private hire drivers to behave and dress?

- ☐ A. Any way they like, as long as they drive safely
- ☐ B. In a full uniform supplied by the council's licensing team
- ☐ C. Polite, considerate and orderly, clean and respectable
- ☐ D. In a formal suit and tie only, whatever the weather

27. Which of these is a protected characteristic under the Equality Act 2010, as listed in the Bradford conditions?

- ☐ A. Religion or belief
- ☐ B. Postcode
- ☐ C. Football team
- ☐ D. Job title

Hackney carriages in Bradford

28. What livery must a Bradford hackney carriage have?

- ☐ A. White, with a black bonnet and boot lid like other cities
- ☐ B. Black, with a white roof and the council crest on the doors
- ☐ C. Any colour, as long as it has a lit TAXI sign on the roof
- ☐ D. Solid white, with a diagonal green stripe on the front doors

29. When should you switch on the meter in a Bradford hackney carriage?

- ☐ A. When you start driving to the pick-up
- ☐ B. At the start of the journey
- ☐ C. Only when the passenger asks
- ☐ D. When you reach the destination

30. Which route must you take when hired to a destination?

- ☐ A. The route with the most main roads, even if it is much longer
- ☐ B. The shortest and most reasonable available route, unless the hirer says otherwise
- ☐ C. Any route you like, as long as the meter is running from the start
- ☐ D. The first route the sat-nav shows, even if the hirer asks for another

31. Your plate says 4 passengers. How are young children counted under the Bradford byelaws?

- ☐ A. Every child counts as one person, whatever their age
- ☐ B. Children are never counted on the plate, only adults
- ☐ C. Two children under 10 count as one, and under-3s with an adult are not counted
- ☐ D. Only children over 12 are counted, so younger ones go free

32. Where must a Bradford hackney carriage driver wear the badge?

- ☐ A. On the left breast, outside the outer garment
- ☐ B. Around the neck on a long cord, tucked inside the coat
- ☐ C. On the right sleeve of the jacket, below the shoulder
- ☐ D. In a trouser pocket

33. You are standing on a rank. Can you call out to people to get them to hire your taxi?

- ☐ A. Yes, if business is quiet
- ☐ B. Yes, if you ask politely
- ☐ C. Only after midnight
- ☐ D. No, canvassing is not allowed

34. A passenger in your hackney carriage asks to see a copy of the byelaws. What must you do?

- ☐ A. Tell them to look online
- ☐ B. Show them a copy
- ☐ C. Refuse, as they are for drivers only
- ☐ D. Ask them to contact the council

35. Your hackney carriage breaks down on a rank and cannot be fixed at once. What must you do?

- ☐ A. Leave it on the rank until the next day and come back for it
- ☐ B. Keep taking fares from the rank, as long as the meter still works
- ☐ C. Arrange its removal and put a notice on it saying it cannot be used
- ☐ D. Ask the other drivers on the rank to push it to the back

36. Which signs must a Bradford wheelchair accessible hackney carriage show?

- ☐ A. Only a roof light with the word TAXI and the council's crest
- ☐ B. Two side TAXI stickers and one rear, a wheelchair logo, and the green stripe, crest and plate number
- ☐ C. A sign saying that wheelchairs are only carried by advance booking
- ☐ D. The operator's name and phone number on both rear doors, and nothing else

Answers

1. **B. In writing, within 7 days.** Drivers must declare any conviction and tell the council in writing within seven days.
2. **C. Within 7 calendar days.** During a licence period the driver must tell the council in writing within 7 calendar days of any change of home address or operator.
3. **D. A new driver badge.** For a change of operator, or an additional operator, a new driver badge must be obtained. The council charges £5 for a change of operator badge.
4. **A. Tell the council within 7 days and give a medical certificate if asked.** Drivers who become aware of a medical condition not disclosed before must tell the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Service within 7 days, and give a medical certificate if required.
5. **C. Within 72 hours, or as soon as reasonably practicable.** Proprietors or drivers involved in incidents that cause material damage affecting safety, performance or appearance, or passengers' comfort, must report it to the council within 72 hours, or as soon as reasonably practicable.
6. **A. Present the paper copy at Shearbridge within 7 days.** An emailed copy of the insurance is accepted, but the hard copy must be presented at Shearbridge within 7 days.
7. **B. Within 7 days, in writing.** Proprietors must tell the council in writing the name and address of every licensed driver driving their vehicle, and of any driver who stops, within seven days.
8. **D. Within 7 days.** A proprietor given a Vehicle Defect Rectification Notice by the police must present the vehicle for test and inspection at Shearbridge Depot within seven days, and pay the fee.
9. **A. At least 6 weeks before your licence application or expiry.** It is the driver's responsibility to apply for or refresh their DBS at least 6 weeks before the licence application or expiry. A licence is not granted without a valid enhanced DBS.
10. **C. Passengers who booked through the operator the driver works for.** Private hire drivers must only accept passengers for pre-booked journeys made through the licensed private hire operator they work for.
11. **D. Waiting at your operator's base for your next job.** Private hire drivers must not call out or gesture to attract passengers, must not wait in a position to attract passengers, and must not take a "flag" from a member of the public.
12. **B. At all times, worn conspicuously.** Drivers of private hire vehicles must at all times conspicuously wear their driver's licence badge.
13. **A. Return it to the council as instructed.** On the expiry, revocation or suspension of a private hire driver licence, the driver must return the badge to the council as instructed.
14. **D. They must not be white and all one colour.** Private hire vehicles must not be white and all one colour. All-white is the hackney carriage colour in Bradford.
15. **C. Take it to the nearest police station drop-off point.** Search the vehicle after each hiring. Property not claimed by the passenger within 24 hours must be deposited at the nearest police station drop-off point.

16. **A. Ask the passenger for a reasonable amount to clean it.** Where a passenger fouls the interior so that the driver cannot continue working with the vehicle, the driver may demand a reasonable amount of money to clean it.
17. **B. Remove it from the road as soon as reasonably practicable.** In a breakdown the vehicle must be removed from the public highway as soon as reasonably practicable, and must never cause an obstruction.
18. **B. Give a receipt when asked, and keep records of fares.** Where requested, drivers must provide receipts for fares paid, and in any case keep records of fares.
19. **B. Only in an emergency.** Whatever the time of day, drivers must not sound the horn outside any premises where they are picking up passengers, except in emergencies.
20. **C. No, nobody may smoke in the vehicle.** Drivers or proprietors must not smoke, or allow a passenger to smoke, in the vehicle.
21. **D. Carry the passenger and the dog safely.** Drivers must safely carry a guide dog or other assistance animal, unless the council has issued them an exemption certificate. An exemption certificate must be displayed where the public can see it.
22. **A. No, you must not carry your own animal.** Drivers must not carry any animal that belongs to them or the proprietor. A passenger's animal may be carried safely at the driver's discretion.
23. **B. Carry luggage only up to what the vehicle allows, kept out of seating space.** Drivers must carry luggage up to the quantity allowed for the vehicle, make sure it does not intrude into a passenger's seating area, and help with loading and unloading.
24. **A. Never while driving.** Drivers must not use a hand-held mobile phone or other device while driving.
25. **B. The rule on punctual attendance.** Drivers must attend punctually at the agreed time and place of hire, unless delayed or prevented by some justifiable cause.
26. **C. Polite, considerate and orderly, clean and respectable.** Drivers must always be polite, considerate and orderly, and present themselves in a clean and respectable state of appearance and dress.
27. **A. Religion or belief.** The conditions list the protected characteristics: age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.
28. **D. Solid white, with a diagonal green stripe on the front doors.** A Bradford hackney carriage must be solid white, with a single diagonal green stripe on both front doors, together with the council crest and the vehicle plate number.
29. **B. At the start of the journey.** The meter must be put on only at the start of the journey, and it may only show the two tariffs in the council's table of fares.
30. **B. The shortest and most reasonable available route, unless the hirer says otherwise.** The driver must go to the destination by the shortest and most reasonable available route, subject to any directions from the hirer.
31. **C. Two children under 10 count as one, and under-3s with an adult are not counted.** Under the Bradford byelaw, two children under ten count as one person, and children under three are not counted if an adult is with them.

32. **A. On the left breast, outside the outer garment.** The byelaw says the badge must be worn on the left breast, outside the outer garment, so it is plainly and distinctly visible at all times when standing, plying or driving for hire.
33. **D. No, canvassing is not allowed.** When standing or plying for hire, the proprietor or driver must not call out or otherwise importune anyone to hire the taxi, and must not use anyone else to do it.
34. **B. Show them a copy.** At all times when standing, plying or driving for hire, the driver must produce a copy of the byelaws when asked by an authorised officer, a constable or any person in the taxi.
35. **C. Arrange its removal and put a notice on it saying it cannot be used.** A disabled taxi must not stay on a stand longer than needed to arrange its removal. If it cannot be fixed at once, the driver must put a notice on it saying it cannot be used and will be removed for repair.
36. **B. Two side TAXI stickers and one rear, a wheelchair logo, and the green stripe, crest and plate number.** Wheelchair accessible hackney carriages must display two side and one rear TAXI sticker, a wheelchair logo sticker, and the green stripe, crest and plate number.

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