

Sheffield laws and conditions: questions and answers

63 practice questions for the Sheffield City Council taxi and private hire knowledge test, with answers and explanations at the end.

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Questions

Private hire signs and plates

1. **Where must the outside licence plate of a Sheffield private hire vehicle be fixed?**
 - ☐ A. On the rear, not covering the number plate
 - ☐ B. To the front bumper, just below the number plate
 - ☐ C. On the roof, inside a sign approved by the Council
 - ☐ D. Inside the back window, facing out to the road
2. **Which words must the door signs on a Sheffield private hire vehicle show, as a minimum?**
 - ☐ A. 'Taxi' and the name of your operator
 - ☐ B. 'Pre-Booked Only' and 'Private Hire Vehicle'
 - ☐ C. 'For Hire' and the vehicle's fleet number
 - ☐ D. 'Licensed Taxi Cab' and your own driver badge number
3. **Which doors must carry the private hire door signs?**
 - ☐ A. Both rear doors
 - ☐ B. Only the driver's door
 - ☐ C. Both front doors
 - ☐ D. Only the nearside rear door
4. **Can a Sheffield private hire vehicle have a roof sign?**
 - ☐ A. Yes, as long as it does not light up
 - ☐ B. Yes, if it only shows the operator's number
 - ☐ C. Yes, but only between dusk and dawn
 - ☐ D. No, roof signs are not allowed
5. **Where must the interior licence plate be fixed so passengers can read it?**
 - ☐ A. On the window of the nearside rear door
 - ☐ B. On the back of the driver's head rest
 - ☐ C. On the dashboard, next to the radio
 - ☐ D. On the inside of the passenger sun visor

6. Where must the driver's identification be shown in the vehicle?

- ☐ A. On the right-hand side of the rear window
- ☐ B. On the left-hand side of the front windscreen
- ☐ C. On the glovebox door, facing the passenger
- ☐ D. On the back of the front passenger seat

7. A private hire driver wants a sign that tells people in the street the car is free now. Is this allowed?

- ☐ A. Yes, if the sign is small and does not light up
- ☐ B. Yes, but only late at night when the city is busy
- ☐ C. No. It must not look free to hire without booking
- ☐ D. Yes, if the operator has said it is acceptable

8. What does 'executive hire' mean in Sheffield's policy?

- ☐ A. Any booking for a business customer during office hours
- ☐ B. Airport work in a car that is less than three years old
- ☐ C. Any booking that is paid in advance by card on the phone or online app
- ☐ D. Contract work for clients who do not want the car to be recognised

9. A vehicle has an executive hire exemption. When can it run without its plate and signs?

- ☐ A. Only on executive hire bookings through the named operator
- ☐ B. On any private hire booking after 10pm
- ☐ C. Whenever the driver has no passengers on board the vehicle at all
- ☐ D. On any booking that starts outside Sheffield

10. You want to put another sign or notice on your private hire vehicle. What do you need first?

- ☐ A. The operator's verbal agreement
- ☐ B. The Council's written consent
- ☐ C. A receipt from the sign maker
- ☐ D. Nothing, if it is inside the car

Accidents, changes and records

11. Your licensed vehicle is damaged in an accident and it affects how it looks. When must you tell the Council?

- ☐ A. Within 7 days, by letter or by email
- ☐ B. Within 14 days, or at the next vehicle test
- ☐ C. As soon as possible, and within 72 hours
- ☐ D. Only if the police came to the accident

12. A damaged private hire vehicle has been repaired. What must happen before it goes back to work?

- ☐ A. The garage must send the repair bill to the Council
- ☐ B. The driver must email photos of the finished repair to the operator
- ☐ C. Nothing more, if the insurer approved the garage
- ☐ D. It must pass a compliance test at the Council's testing station

13. Your vehicle is too badly damaged to be driven to the Council for inspection. What must you do?

- ☐ A. Tell the Council and send photos of the damage
- ☐ B. Wait until the repair is done, then tell the Council
- ☐ C. Hand back the vehicle licence plate by post
- ☐ D. Take it to the testing station on a trailer

14. A vehicle licence holder receives a police caution. How long do they have to tell the Council?

- ☐ A. 72 hours
- ☐ B. 48 hours
- ☐ C. 7 days
- ☐ D. 14 days

15. A proprietor sells their licensed private hire vehicle to someone else. When must they tell the Council?

- ☐ A. Within 48 hours
- ☐ B. Within 28 days
- ☐ C. Within 14 days
- ☐ D. At the next vehicle test

16. The proprietor of a private hire vehicle moves house. When must they tell the Council in writing?

- ☐ A. Within 48 hours
- ☐ B. Within 7 days
- ☐ C. Within one month
- ☐ D. Within 14 days

17. How long must a proprietor keep the record of each person who drove the vehicle?

- ☐ A. 12 months from the day that driver last used it
- ☐ B. 6 months from the day that driver started
- ☐ C. 3 years from the date the licence was issued
- ☐ D. Until the vehicle licence is next renewed

18. Which safety checks must the licensee make often, as a minimum?

- ☐ A. Tyres and fuel, before the first job only
- ☐ B. Lights, oil, water, tyres, mirrors and seatbelts
- ☐ C. Brakes and lights, once every week
- ☐ D. Only the checks done at the vehicle test

19. You find a fault during your vehicle checks. What should you do?

- ☐ A. Keep working and fix it at the next service
- ☐ B. Tell each passenger about it before they get in
- ☐ C. Get it fixed before you do any more licensed work
- ☐ D. Report it to the Council when you renew

20. A proprietor starts taking bookings from a second operator. What must they do?

- ☐ A. Nothing, as long as both of the operators are based in Sheffield
- ☐ B. Get written permission from the first operator
- ☐ C. Take all door signs off while working for both
- ☐ D. Tell the Council and show the right door signs for each booking

21. The Council asks to see the insurance certificate for your private hire vehicle. How long do you have?

- ☐ A. Five days
- ☐ B. Two days
- ☐ C. 14 days
- ☐ D. 28 days

Passengers and bookings

22. How many passengers may you carry in a licensed private hire vehicle?

- ☐ A. One more than the number of seatbelts, if it is a child
- ☐ B. No more than the number shown on the vehicle licence
- ☐ C. Up to seven in any car, if they all agree
- ☐ D. As many as the person booking asks for

23. What door access must every passenger have in a Sheffield private hire vehicle?

- ☐ A. A separate door beside every passenger seat
- ☐ B. One sliding door on the offside of the vehicle
- ☐ C. At least two side doors, with one on the nearside
- ☐ D. Access through the boot or rear tailgate

24. A private hire vehicle is used to carry passengers in wheelchairs. What extra cover is needed?

- ☐ A. Breakdown cover that includes the wheelchair
- ☐ B. Wheelchair damage cover of at least £5,000
- ☐ C. No extra cover is needed; the normal policy is enough for this
- ☐ D. Public liability insurance of at least £2 million

25. A disabled passenger has booked and has an assistance dog with them. When can the driver refuse the booking?

- ☐ A. Only with a medical exemption certificate from the Council
- ☐ B. If the dog is not wearing a coat or a harness
- ☐ C. If the vehicle has cloth seats that the dog could mark or damage
- ☐ D. If the driver has not driven with a dog before

26. A customer phones to book a car without a meter and asks how much it will cost. What must the operator do?

- ☐ A. Tell them the price only when the journey ends
- ☐ B. Explain how the fare is worked out, in writing if asked
- ☐ C. Say the driver will choose the price on the day of the journey
- ☐ D. Give only the price for the motorway route

27. Which law makes it illegal to smoke in a licensed vehicle used for work?

- ☐ A. Road Safety Act 2006
- ☐ B. Equality Act 2010
- ☐ C. Health Act 2006
- ☐ D. Town Police Clauses Act 1847

28. What must operators remind drivers about seatbelts?

- ☐ A. That adults can choose not to wear one in towns
- ☐ B. That seatbelts are needed only on faster roads
- ☐ C. That only the front passenger must wear one
- ☐ D. The legal rules for adults and for children under 14

29. Who may drive a Sheffield-licensed private hire vehicle for private hire work?

- ☐ A. Only a driver licensed by Sheffield City Council
- ☐ B. Anyone named on the vehicle's insurance certificate
- ☐ C. Any driver licensed by any council in England
- ☐ D. The vehicle owner and their close family

30. Which passengers do the conditions say drivers must be especially ready to help?

- ☐ A. Passengers going to the airport
- ☐ B. Passengers with a disability
- ☐ C. Passengers who pay by card
- ☐ D. Passengers who booked online

Vehicle standards and CCTV

31. Can you fit extra speakers or a sub-woofer in a licensed private hire vehicle?

- ☐ A. Yes, if passengers can turn them off
- ☐ B. Yes, if a main dealer fits them
- ☐ C. No. Audio equipment must be factory fitted
- ☐ D. Yes, if they fit under the seats

32. Can you add tinted film to the windows of a Sheffield private hire vehicle?

- ☐ A. Yes, on the rear side windows only
- ☐ B. Yes, if light can still pass through
- ☐ C. Yes, if the operator agrees in writing
- ☐ D. No. Tinted films are not allowed on any window

33. What is the upper age limit for a petrol or diesel private hire vehicle in Sheffield?

- ☐ A. 9 years
- ☐ B. 6 years
- ☐ C. 12 years
- ☐ D. 14 years

34. What is the upper age limit for a fully electric or hydrogen private hire vehicle?

- ☐ A. 9 years
- ☐ B. 14 years
- ☐ C. 10 years
- ☐ D. 12 years

35. How does the Council work out the age of a vehicle?

- ☐ A. From the date you bought it
- ☐ B. From the date it was first licensed
- ☐ C. From the date it was first registered
- ☐ D. From the date of its last MOT

36. Your vehicle has an approved CCTV system. When must video recording be on?

- ☐ A. Only when a passenger asks for it
- ☐ B. Only between 10pm and 6am
- ☐ C. Only on journeys with a child
- ☐ D. Whenever the vehicle is used for licensed work

37. Your CCTV system records sound. When must audio recording be switched on?

- ☐ A. With an unaccompanied child or vulnerable adult, or in a dispute
- ☐ B. On every journey, from start to finish
- ☐ C. Only when the passenger agrees to it in writing before the journey
- ☐ D. Only on journeys that leave Sheffield

38. What notices are needed in a vehicle with CCTV?

- ☐ A. One notice on the outside of the back window
- ☐ B. Notices front and rear saying video and audio may be recorded
- ☐ C. No notice is needed as long as the cameras can be seen clearly
- ☐ D. A notice in the operator's office only

39. When must the luggage area of a private hire vehicle be kept clear?

- ☐ A. Only on airport and railway station jobs
- ☐ B. Only when a passenger tells you they are bringing large bags
- ☐ C. At all times, so passenger luggage can be stored safely
- ☐ D. Only for the annual compliance test

Driver licence conditions

40. You are a licensed driver and the police arrest you for an assault. When must you tell the Licensing Service?

- ☐ A. Within 7 days
- ☐ B. Only if you are convicted
- ☐ C. At your next licence renewal
- ☐ D. Within 48 hours

41. You move to a new house. How soon must you tell the Licensing Service in writing?

- ☐ A. Within 7 days
- ☐ B. Within 48 hours
- ☐ C. Within 28 days
- ☐ D. Within 3 months

42. Your licence is suspended. When must you give back your driver's badge and licence?

- ☐ A. Within 7 days
- ☐ B. Within 1 working day
- ☐ C. Within 14 days
- ☐ D. When the suspension ends

43. A parent asks if their 8-year-old child can sit in the front seat. What do the conditions say?

- ☐ A. Yes, if the child wears a seatbelt
- ☐ B. Yes, if the parent agrees in writing
- ☐ C. No, unless an impairment makes the front safer
- ☐ D. Yes, but only on journeys of under 5 miles

44. You have no passengers and are waiting for your next job. Can you vape in your licensed vehicle?

- ☐ A. Yes, if the windows are open
- ☐ B. Yes, between bookings only
- ☐ C. Yes, if your operator allows it
- ☐ D. No, not at any time

45. You are carrying a passenger for hire. Can you eat a snack while you drive?

- ☐ A. No, not while carrying passengers for hire
- ☐ B. Yes, as long as the passenger says it is fine
- ☐ C. Yes, on a short journey of under 10 minutes
- ☐ D. Only when you are stopped at traffic lights

46. How many private hire operators can you take bookings from at the same time?

- ☐ A. Up to two
- ☐ B. Only one
- ☐ C. Up to three
- ☐ D. As many as you like

47. You stop working for one private hire operator and start with another. When must you tell the Licensing Service?

- ☐ A. Within 7 days
- ☐ B. Within 14 days
- ☐ C. Within 48 hours
- ☐ D. At your next renewal

48. After a journey you find a passenger's phone and you cannot return it to them. What do the driver conditions say?

- ☐ A. Keep it for 28 days, then it belongs to you
- ☐ B. Hand it to your operator and do nothing more
- ☐ C. Leave it on the back seat in case they ring
- ☐ D. Try to trace the owner; police stations take phones

49. A passenger has hired you. On the way, can you pick up a friend who needs a lift?

- ☐ A. Only if the hirer clearly agrees
- ☐ B. Yes, if your friend sits in the front
- ☐ C. Yes, if your friend pays half the fare
- ☐ D. Yes, if it adds less than a mile

50. Your Sheffield licence ran out 18 months ago and you apply again. What does the policy say?

- ☐ A. You can renew it as normal, with no tests
- ☐ B. You must take the new-driver tests again
- ☐ C. You only need to pass a new medical
- ☐ D. You must wait two years before applying

51. A private hire driver is convicted of plying for hire. How long does the policy say must normally pass before a new licence is granted?

- ☐ A. At least 3 months
- ☐ B. At least 5 years
- ☐ C. At least 12 months
- ☐ D. There is no waiting time

Hackney carriage byelaws

52. You drive onto a hackney carriage rank that has a free space. Where do you put your taxi?

- ☐ A. At the front, if you have been waiting longest
- ☐ B. In any free space on the rank
- ☐ C. Across the end, so no other taxi can join
- ☐ D. Behind the last taxi, facing the same way

53. While you wait on a rank, can you call out to people walking past to get a fare?

- ☐ A. No, you must not call out for a hire
- ☐ B. Yes, if you are first on the rank
- ☐ C. Yes, but only late at night
- ☐ D. Yes, if a friend does it for you

54. Under the byelaws, what must you do with property left in your hackney carriage if nobody claims it?

- ☐ A. Within 7 days, take it to the Licensing Service
- ☐ B. Within 24 hours, take it to police lost property
- ☐ C. Within 48 hours, give it to a rank marshal
- ☐ D. Keep it a month, and then it belongs to you

55. During a hiring, when must the taximeter display be lit up?

- ☐ A. Only between midnight and 6am
- ☐ B. Only when the passenger asks
- ☐ C. In darkness, and at other times if asked
- ☐ D. Only when the taxi is on a rank

56. When must the 'TAXI' or 'FOR HIRE' sign on your hackney carriage be lit?

- ☐ A. Only at night, from dusk
- ☐ B. When a passenger is on board
- ☐ C. Only while parked on a rank
- ☐ D. When it is for hire and not hired

57. On a hiring charged by distance, can you take more than the fare shown on the taximeter?

- ☐ A. Only an extra the Council allows, shown on a notice
- ☐ B. Yes, if you were held up for a long time in heavy traffic
- ☐ C. Yes, if the passenger agrees at the end of the trip
- ☐ D. Yes, you may round the fare up to the next pound

58. A hirer asks you to carry their suitcases. Up to what total weight of personal luggage must you carry?

- ☐ A. 20 kg
- ☐ B. 50 kg
- ☐ C. 35 kg
- ☐ D. 100 kg

59. A passenger has a folded pushchair. Does it count as personal luggage under the byelaws?

- ☐ A. No, you can refuse to carry it
- ☐ B. Only if it fits under a seat
- ☐ C. Yes, prams and pushchairs count
- ☐ D. Only if they pay an extra charge

60. Which of these must a Sheffield hackney carriage carry, ready to use?

- ☐ A. A printed street map of Sheffield
- ☐ B. A child car seat for every seat
- ☐ C. A spare umbrella for passengers
- ☐ D. A Council-approved fire extinguisher

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

- ☐ A. Show them a clean copy of the byelaws
- ☐ B. Tell them to look on the Council website
- ☐ C. Refuse, as only the police can ask
- ☐ D. Give them the Licensing Service number

62. What is the highest fine a court can give for one offence against the hackney carriage byelaws?

- ☐ A. £50
- ☐ B. £100
- ☐ C. £500
- ☐ D. £1,000

63. Up to what age can a petrol or diesel hackney carriage stay licensed in Sheffield?

- ☐ A. 9 years
- ☐ B. 12 years
- ☐ C. 15 years
- ☐ D. 20 years

Answers

1. **A. On the rear, not covering the number plate.** The exterior plate must be securely fixed to the rear, must not cover the registration mark and must be kept clean.
2. **B. 'Pre-Booked Only' and 'Private Hire Vehicle'.** Door signs must include the Council crest, the vehicle licence number and the words 'Pre-Booked Only' and 'Private Hire Vehicle'.
3. **C. Both front doors.** The policy says door signs must be fixed to both front doors whenever the vehicle is used for private hire.
4. **D. No, roof signs are not allowed.** Sheffield's policy says roof signage is not permitted on private hire vehicles. Any other extra sign needs approval first.
5. **A. On the window of the nearside rear door.** The interior plate goes on the inside of the quarter light glass on the nearside rear door, so all passengers can see it.
6. **B. On the left-hand side of the front windscreen.** Driver information must be shown on the left-hand side of the front windscreen glass.
7. **C. No. It must not look free to hire without booking.** The conditions ban any sign, mark or light that suggests a private hire vehicle is available without pre-booking.
8. **D. Contract work for clients who do not want the car to be recognised.** Executive hire is transport under a written contract, or for clients who for security or safety reasons do not want the vehicle to be identifiable.
9. **A. Only on executive hire bookings through the named operator.** The exemption only applies when the vehicle is booked through the named operator for executive hire. The licence must be carried and shown on request.
10. **B. The Council's written consent.** The proprietor must not display any other sign or notice without the Council's prior written consent.
11. **C. As soon as possible, and within 72 hours.** Section 50(3) of the 1976 Act and Sheffield's conditions say an accident affecting safety, performance or appearance must be reported within 72 hours.
12. **D. It must pass a compliance test at the Council's testing station.** After repair the vehicle is subject to a compliance test at Sheffield City Council's testing station.
13. **A. Tell the Council and send photos of the damage.** If the vehicle cannot be presented, the proprietor must tell the Council and send photos showing the worst damage.
14. **B. 48 hours.** The vehicle conditions say the licensee must tell the Council within 48 hours of any conviction, caution, warning or reprimand.
15. **C. Within 14 days.** A proprietor who transfers the vehicle must tell the Council within 14 days and give the new owner's details.
16. **D. Within 14 days.** The vehicle conditions say a change of address must be given in writing within 14 days.

17. **A. 12 months from the day that driver last used it.** The proprietor must keep driver records for 12 months from the date the driver last used the vehicle and show them to police or Council officers on request.
18. **B. Lights, oil, water, tyres, mirrors and seatbelts.** The conditions list lights, oil, water, tyres, mirrors and seatbelts as the minimum frequent checks.
19. **C. Get it fixed before you do any more licensed work.** Faults must be put right at once, and the vehicle should not be used for licensed work until the repair is done.
20. **D. Tell the Council and show the right door signs for each booking.** The proprietor must tell the Council of every company the vehicle works for and display the right door signs for each booking.
21. **A. Five days.** The licensee must produce a certificate of insurance within five days of the Council asking for it.
22. **B. No more than the number shown on the vehicle licence.** You must not carry more people, not counting the driver, than the number on the licence.
23. **C. At least two side doors, with one on the nearside.** All passengers must have access to at least two side doors, one of which must be on the nearside.
24. **D. Public liability insurance of at least £2 million.** Where a private hire vehicle carries wheelchair users, the conditions require public liability insurance with at least £2m cover.
25. **A. Only with a medical exemption certificate from the Council.** Drivers must not refuse a disabled person with an assistance dog unless they hold a medical exemption certificate issued by the Council.
26. **B. Explain how the fare is worked out, in writing if asked.** If asked, the operator must tell the person booking the basis of the hire charge, and put it in writing if requested.
27. **C. Health Act 2006.** Operators must remind drivers of their duty under the Health Act 2006: no smoking in the vehicle.
28. **D. The legal rules for adults and for children under 14.** Operators must bring drivers' legal duties on seatbelts for adults and children under 14 to their attention.
29. **A. Only a driver licensed by Sheffield City Council.** Anyone who drives a Sheffield private hire vehicle must hold a hackney carriage and private hire driver's licence issued by Sheffield City Council.
30. **B. Passengers with a disability.** All drivers must be fully aware of the need to help passengers, especially those with a disability.
31. **C. No. Audio equipment must be factory fitted.** The conditions say all audio equipment must be factory fitted, with no extra amplifiers, speakers or sub-woofers.
32. **D. No. Tinted films are not allowed on any window.** The specification says tinted films on any window, and other aftermarket changes to the glass, are not permitted.
33. **A. 9 years.** Petrol and diesel vehicles have an upper age limit of 9 years, counted from first registration.
34. **B. 14 years.** Battery electric and hydrogen vehicles can be licensed up to 14 years old. Hybrids have a 12-year limit.

35. **C. From the date it was first registered.** The policy uses the date of first registration to decide the vehicle's age.
36. **D. Whenever the vehicle is used for licensed work.** Video recording must be active when the vehicle is used for licensable purposes. It does not need to run during private, domestic use.
37. **A. With an unaccompanied child or vulnerable adult, or in a dispute.** Audio must be active when carrying an unaccompanied child or vulnerable adult, or when there is a dispute or the driver feels threatened.
38. **B. Notices front and rear saying video and audio may be recorded.** Notices must be placed in both the front and rear, telling passengers that visual and audio recording takes place.
39. **C. At all times, so passenger luggage can be stored safely.** Storage areas must be kept free from obstruction so passenger luggage can be stored safely.
40. **D. Within 48 hours.** Drivers must tell the Council within 48 hours of any arrest, charge or conviction for a sexual offence, dishonesty, violence or any motoring offence.
41. **A. Within 7 days.** A change of address must be reported in writing within 7 days, and you must show that you have told the DVLA too.
42. **B. Within 1 working day.** The badge belongs to the Council. If the licence is suspended, revoked or no longer valid, the badge and licence must be returned within 1 working day.
43. **C. No, unless an impairment makes the front safer.** You must not carry a passenger under 10 in the front, unless an impairment means the front seat is safer for them.
44. **D. No, not at any time.** The conditions say you must not smoke, vape or take any similar substance in the vehicle at any time, with or without passengers.
45. **A. No, not while carrying passengers for hire.** While carrying passengers for hire and reward you must not eat or drink in the vehicle.
46. **B. Only one.** You may take bookings from only one private hire operator at a time. Using several booking systems at once is not allowed.
47. **C. Within 48 hours.** You must tell the Licensing Service which operator you take bookings from, and report a change of operator within 48 hours.
48. **D. Try to trace the owner; police stations take phones.** You must check for property after each journey and return it at once. If you cannot, take reasonable steps to trace the owner. Police stations accept some items, including phones that may hold personal data.
49. **A. Only if the hirer clearly agrees.** You must not carry any other person in the vehicle without the express consent of the hirer.
50. **B. You must take the new-driver tests again.** If your last licence expired more than 12 months ago you are treated as a new applicant and must take the tests and training for new drivers again, including the knowledge test.
51. **C. At least 12 months.** A driver convicted of plying for hire will normally not be granted a licence for at least 12 months from the conviction or revocation, and must then retake all the tests.
52. **D. Behind the last taxi, facing the same way.** On a rank that is not full you must park immediately behind the taxis already there, facing the same direction, and move up as the ones in front leave.

53. **A. No, you must not call out for a hire.** A driver standing or plying for hire must not call out, or use anyone else, to persuade a person to hire the taxi.
54. **B. Within 24 hours, take it to police lost property.** You must search the taxi after each hiring. Property that is not claimed must go to the South Yorkshire Police lost property office in Sheffield within 24 hours.
55. **C. In darkness, and at other times if asked.** The meter display must be lit during any part of a hiring in the hours of darkness (half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise), and at any other time if the hirer asks.
56. **D. When it is for hire and not hired.** The sign must be lit, day and night, whenever the taxi is standing or plying for hire in the city and is not hired.
57. **A. Only an extra the Council allows, shown on a notice.** You must not charge more than the meter shows unless the Council has authorised the extra and it is shown on a Council notice inside the taxi.
58. **B. 50 kg.** If the taxi is built or adapted to carry luggage, you must carry personal luggage up to 50 kg in total when asked, and help to load and unload it.
59. **C. Yes, prams and pushchairs count.** The byelaws say 'personal luggage' includes a pram and a child's pushchair.
60. **D. A Council-approved fire extinguisher.** The proprietor must carry a fire extinguisher of a type approved by the Council, where it is easy to reach, and keep it in good working order.
61. **A. Show them a clean copy of the byelaws.** A driver standing, plying or driving for hire must show a clean copy of the byelaws when a hirer, a police officer or an authorised officer asks.
62. **B. £100.** Breaking a byelaw can lead to a fine of up to £100, plus up to £5 a day if the offence continues after conviction.
63. **C. 15 years.** Petrol and diesel hackney carriages can be licensed up to 15 years old. Zero emission capable ones can be licensed up to 20 years old.

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