

Hackney carriage wheelchair accessible vehicle specification

Vehicles will not generally be accepted for hackney carriage licensing unless they comply with the following specification in addition to the other policy expectations on age and other criteria:

The vehicle shall be capable of conveying a passenger using a wheelchair and benefit from European Community Whole Vehicle Type Approval (ECWVTA) i.e. constructed as a purpose-built taxi. The applicant must produce the appropriate documentation to evidence ECWVTA at time of application.

The vehicle should be both accessible and comfortable.

In considering whether the vehicle meets this expectation the council will have regard to the design and quality standards defined in the [taxi and private hire licensing policy](#).

A list of vehicle types that meet the agreed technical specification for Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles (WAVs) will be published on the vehicle licensing webpage on the council website.

Applicants are strongly discouraged from committing to expenditure on vehicles which do not comply with policy.