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## Taxi Licence Changes

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### Information Request

*Please could somebody advise me of any changes in the last 12 months on the following?*

- *The costs of licensing a Private hire/Hackney carriage vehicle.*
  - *Vehicle specification/requirements for Private/Hackney carriage vehicles.*
  - *Hackney tariff changes*
  - *Licensing Timescales*
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### Response by Lewes District Council

The greater part of the information which you require can be found on our new website at –

<http://www.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/licensing-and-registrations/taxi-licensing/taxis-private-hire-vehicles-and-taxi-ranks/>

Further to this we can offer the following responses -

- *The costs of licensing a Private hire/Hackney carriage vehicle.*  
**Fees can change annually – the fees set for 2016/17 were reduced on many applications except transfers.**
- *Vehicle specification/requirements for Private/Hackney carriage vehicles.*  
**The Licensing Policy hasn't been amended and therefore the specifications have not changed.**
- *Hackney tariff changes*  
**The HC Tariff was last amended in 2015 to meet the national and county average, no changes since.**
- *Licensing Timescales*

**There are no statutory timescales set out under either Act; the LA will process an application within a 'reasonable' timeframe. The Licensing Section does not currently have a service standard but this could change in April 2018 when we fully align with Eastbourne.**