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Taxi Licensing

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Information Request and Response by Lewes District Council

1. *When someone applies for private hire or hackney carriage driver licence, do you ask if they have been licensed by another council?*

Yes, we do ask if they have been licensed by another authority

2. *If yes to question one, do you contact the other council for information and what information do you ask?*

Yes

1. **Type of licence issued**
 2. **Period of time for which the licence was held**
 3. **Has the licensee been subject to any warnings / complaints during the currency of the licence**
 4. **If yes (3) – provide details**
 5. **Has the licence ever been suspended or revoked**
 6. **If yes (5) duration of suspension and reason for suspension / revocation**
 7. **Any further information that may assist us reaching a licensing decision**
3. *Do you do a yearly DVLA driving licence check for all of your licensed private hire and hackney carriage drivers, whether their licence is due for renewal or not? This is an annual inspection including mid-term licences, not a three yearly inspection or inspections on renewal.*

We undertake DVLA driving licence checks upon application and renewal of a licence. Any licensed driver shall within seven days report to the council in writing details of any conviction imposed on him or her during the period of the licence which will also include motoring offences

4. *If yes to question three, is the check done by the council or does a third-party do the check?*

The authority undertakes its own checks

5. *Do you do a mechanical testing of vehicles wishing to be licensed as private hire or hackney carriage vehicles at a council owned testing garage?*

No

6. *If yes to question five, what is DVSA (VOSA) rating of your garage?*

7. *If no to question five, who conducts a mechanical testing of the vehicles?*

Any VOSA registered garage