

Appendix K

DRAFT EXCEPTIONAL CONDITION POLICY

Vehicle proprietor's licences will normally be granted in accordance with the Council's vehicle age limit policy. The Council is aware that each application must be considered on its merit. The exceptional condition criteria provides the framework against which applications for a vehicle proprietor's licence, will be considered where the vehicle is none compliant with the age limit requirements

A vehicle will be considered to be in "exceptional condition" if all of the following apply

1. A complete service record must be submitted with the vehicle application showing the vehicle has been properly serviced and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's service specification for the previous 3 year period.
2. It is not normally expected that vehicles that have accrued significantly higher mileage than the average annual mileage for that type of vehicle (saloon vehicles 12,000 miles per annum) would be able to meet the required standard for "exceptional condition"
3. Where the vehicle has been subject to MOT testing, the historical MOT testing records will be reviewed on the DVSA website. A vehicle in exceptional condition will be expected to have passed all MOTs on first submission during the previous 3 year period without any fail results
4. Where an application is being made under this policy to licence a vehicle that is over 5 years of age and the vehicle has been licensed as a private hire/hackney carriage vehicle by another licensing authority and subject to compliance checks as opposed to MOTs, the applicant will be required to submit records of the last 3 years of vehicle compliance test records. These records may be subject to verification with the issuing Licensing Authority/Council. Where a vehicle has been subject to vehicle compliance tests as opposed to MOTs the Vehicle compliance test results must be submitted as part of the vehicle licence application (exceptional condition). The compliance certificates are required to show test history and it is expected that vehicles will have passed all compliance tests during the previous 3 year period on first submission without any fail results
5. The application must include an MOT test certificate and a Rossendale vehicle test certificate issued within a calendar month of the date of application

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6. The bodywork should be in near perfect condition with no signs of panel age determination, dents, scratches, stone chips or rust or any other abrasions that may detract from the overall appearance of the vehicle *(as per Manchester/ Salford and Rotherham Policy)*
7. The general paint condition should not show signs of fading, discolouration or mismatching that may detract from the overall appearance of the vehicle *(as per Manchester/ Salford and Rotherham Policy)*
8. The interior trim, panels, seating, carpets and any other upholstery should be in excellent condition , clean and free from damage and discolouration *(as per Manchester/ Salford and Rotherham Policy)*
9. The boot/ luggage compartment must be in good condition, clean and undamaged *(as per Manchester/ Salford and Rotherham Policy)*
10. Passenger areas must be free from damp or any other odours that may cause passenger discomfort *(as per Manchester/ Salford and Rotherham Policy)*
11. The vehicle must be in excellent mechanical condition and in all respects safe and roadworthy with no signs of corrosion to the mechanical parts, chassis,

Following submission of a complete application (including service history records) and assessment of MOT historical test results/ compliance test results, the vehicle may be asked to attend the Councils Operations depot at Henrietta Street for inspection to assess compliance with requirements 6 to 11 above

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