



Local Authority Criteria for Applicants

- Qualifying age from 21 years
- Hold a full UK or EEA driving licence for at least two years
- Pass a practical driving assessment through one of the council's approved test providers
- Pass the council's knowledge test
- Take a medical with their GP.
- DBS check
- A fee for the issue of the licence
- You must be able to read a number plate from 20 metres away (new style number plate) or 20.5 metres away (old style number plate). If you require the use of glasses or contact lenses to read the number plate, then you must also wear these during the driving assessment. Failure to do so would result in the test not going ahead resulting in you forfeiting your test fee payed.

Interpreters

Taxi assessment candidates are not permitted to use foreign language interpreters on their assessment.

The assessment (from start to finish) can only be conducted in English (or where applicable in Welsh).

An interpreter may accompany deaf and/or deaf without speech candidates for tests

conducted in English or Welsh only the interpreter must be at least 16 years of age.

Assessors must therefore only communicate in English when conducting assessments.

Vehicle Requirements

- You can use any suitable, roadworthy vehicle for the assessment. Either a manual or an automatic vehicle is acceptable.

- Insured and taxed for the purposes of a driving test/assessment.
- Current valid MOT (if over 3 years old)
- No tyre damage and all tread depths must be above the legal limit (you cannot use a space saver tyre on the assessment)
- No warning lights showing
- Be smoke free – you cannot smoke on the assessment or have been smoking in the vehicle prior to the assessment
- Can reach at least 62 mph and have a mph speedometer
- Have 4 wheels and a maximum authorised mass of no more than 3,500kg
- Hire Vehicles
If you are hiring a vehicle you will need to declare to the hire company that it is being used for the purpose of a driving assessment.

You will need to evidence to the Assessor that the vehicle has the appropriate insurance cover in place. Failure to do this will result in the assessment not going ahead.

If your vehicle does not meet the above requirements, your assessment will not go ahead, and you will lose your fee.

Some examples of vehicles not suitable for test include:

- Passenger seat belt and head restraint for the assessor.
- Vehicle with a gear which will not remain engaged.
- Seat from which the examiner does not have proper view.
- Vehicle running on a space saver tyre or any wheel/tyre of a different size on the same axle.
- Cabriolet cars with a vinyl or fabric roof.
- Vans including car-derived vans.
- Hackney carriage plates if fitted must be in driver name or covered