

TAXI NEWS

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Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Driver and Vehicles -Coronavirus Covid-19-

Due to recent events, the team have received many questions from drivers and with new guidance from the Government; we wanted to keep you updated.

APPLICATIONS

We are now accepting the following applications - new vehicle grants, change of vehicle and temporary vehicle applications.

We are still not accepting new driver applications at the present time.

For drivers who want to post their application/documents please ensure that these are sent via **Royal Mail and not through the post box located at Pier Avenue**. Post received through Royal Mail is being scanned to the team by TDC in order to reduce delay.

If you are sending your documents via e-mail can you please ensure that the file is no larger than 25mb as these are unable to pass the Council's e-mail security system.

Please note cheques are taking about 4 weeks to be processed due to banking systems, so will not immediately clear your account.

MECHANICAL TESTS

It has been agreed that ATS Euromaster will temporarily carry out mechanical Tests. Drivers who are waiting for a test will be advised accordingly when to book a test by the team. Please do not book a test until advised.

When you are advised to book a test, please book directly with ATS on:
01255 420659.

**65 High Street
Clacton on Sea, CO15 6PW**

PROTECTIVE SCREENS IN VEHICLES

To receive advice on protective screens in vehicles, please contact the Licensing office on 01255 686565.

Once fitted, please arrange with the team for a check to be carried out by one of the officers.

MOTs

Any vehicle MOT expiring as of 1st August 2020 will **NOT** be granted the 6-month Government extension and must have a valid MOT before the original expiry date.

Also a reminder to those vehicles granted the 6 months extension will need to book an MOT prior to the expiry date.

MEDICALS

We appreciate that medical appointments are still in short supply, however these are becoming more readily available. Please inform us if you are experiencing difficulty booking an appointment.

FINANCE

HMRC have set up a help line specifically for those who are self-employed. They will be able to give advice on your tax and any benefits you can claim.

The coronavirus helpline is:
0300 4563565.

You may also be entitled to the Coronavirus (COVID-19): business support grant funding. To find out more you can use the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-business-support-grant-funding>

STAY SAFE

With the services you are providing with transport, deliveries etc it is important to stay safe. Here are some steps you can take to reduce contact and transmissions:

- Leave-at-the-door drop offs
- Regular disinfecting of the vehicle
- Hand sanitation for every person entering the vehicle
- Regular handwashing
- Discourage cash payments
- Passengers sitting in back seats
- If you show any symptoms do not work and self-isolate

As your Licensing Authority, we would like to thank you for your cooperation during this trying time, and we wish you, your families and businesses all the very best.

Any questions please contact us by any of the following methods.

E-mail: taxi@tendingdc.gov.uk

Telephone: 01255 686565

