

## **Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Knowledge Test Information**

Within the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, provision is made for a licensing authority to require applicants for Taxi/Private Hire Car Driver Licences to take a test of knowledge of the area to which the licence is to relate. Such tests are to relate to the layout of roads in the area and other matters regarding the operation of a taxi/private hire as the authority might consider desirable.

The licensing authority may refuse to grant a licence to any person who does not satisfy them that he/she has displayed adequate knowledge of any of these matters.

The Taxi/Private Hire Knowledge Test is multiple choice for Parts 1-4 and written for Parts 5 and 6. All questions must be answered. There is a knowledge test for Perth, Crieff, Pitlochry and Blairgowrie areas and depending on which area you live and work would therefore dictate which test you would sit.

**NO MOBILE TELEPHONES, CALCULATORS, LAP TOPS OR TABLETS ARE PERMITTED WHILST SITTING THE TEST. YOU WILL HAVE 1 HOUR TO COMPLETE THE TEST. THIS IS A WRITTEN TEST.**

**SEE APPENDIX 1 FOR EXAMPLES FOR EACH PART (PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN EXAMPLE FROM THE PERTH TEST ONLY).**

The test has 6 parts with a total of 60 questions:-

1. Ten questions relating to Public Buildings & Local Landmarks in the Perth and Kinross area (1 mark per question).
2. Ten questions relating to Street Names in the area which you have applied for (1 mark per question).
3. Ten questions relating to Routes in the area which you have applied for (1 mark per question).
4. Ten questions relating to the Highway Code (1 mark per question).
5. Ten questions relating to the conditions attached to the taxi/private hire car driver licence (1 mark per question). Conditions can be found at <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/15596/Taxi-private-hire-vehicle-licences>
6. Ten questions on fare tariffs, arithmetical charging of fares and miscellaneous questions relating to the expected behaviour of a taxi/private hire car driver (1 mark per question).

The pass mark is 85%. Should you fail part of the knowledge test, you will be requested to re-sit the parts failed only and you will be able to re-sit as soon as the Licensing Department staff can accommodate you and will not have to wait until the next test sitting however should you fail the entire test you will be required to wait until the next available test date.

You are given three attempts in 9 months to pass the test (from date of first application). If you do not sit and pass the test within the 9 months or fail to turn up for the test within the 9 month period then your application will be deemed as withdrawn and no refund will be given. Should you have a disability such as dyslexia that requires support to undertake the test, please contact the Licensing Manager on (01738) 475159.

## **APPENDIX 1 (EXAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PERTH KNOWLEDGE TEST PAPER ONLY)**

### **PART 1 – Public Buildings and Local Landmarks**

In which street would you find the following?

|                 |                    |   |
|-----------------|--------------------|---|
| 1. Pullar House | A. High Street     |   |
|                 | B. Kinnoull Street | X |
|                 | C. New Row         |   |
|                 | D. Glover Street   |   |

### **Part 2 – Street Names**

In which area would you find the following street name?

|               |                  |   |
|---------------|------------------|---|
| 1. Uist Place | A. Hillyland     |   |
|               | B. Tulloch       |   |
|               | C. Scone         |   |
|               | D. North Muirton | X |

**Part 3 – Routes** – Indicate how you would convey your fare paying passenger by the ‘shortest route’ between the following points. No allowance should be made for the time of day or current road works. You must record the names of the connecting streets travelled. There is no requirement to write ‘turn right at traffic lights’ etc.

#### **Route – Perth Train Station to 2 High Street Perth**

Leonard Street – King’s Place, Marshall Place, Tay Street, High Street.

### **Part 4 – Knowledge of the Highway Code**

|   |                    |   |
|---|--------------------|---|
| 1. What is the legal minimum tread depth for a car? | A. 1.6 millimeters | X |
|   | B. 1.2 millimeters |   |
|   | C. 1.0 millimeters |   |
|   | D. 1.8 millimeters |   |

## Appendix 1 – Contd.

### Part 5 – Conditions for Private Hire/Taxi Drivers

1. Questions are based on Perth and Kinross Council's Conditions for Private Hire/Taxi Drivers and can be found at

<http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/15596/Taxi-private-hire-vehicle-licences>

**Question** - The driver of a taxi or private hire will not obstruct who in the performance of their duties?

**Answer** – The Licensing Officer, Perth and Kinross Council.

### Part 6 – Basic arithmetical calculations and general questions with regard to the behaviour expected of a Driver and a few questions on Drivers understanding the needs of passengers.

1. **A fare amounts to £3.50 and a passenger gives you £5.00, how much change would you give the passenger?**  
£1.50
2. **A passenger becomes unwell in your vehicle what would you do?**  
Ask the passenger if they require assistance in form of contacting a family member or ask if they wish to be driven to the hospital.