

**APPENDIX 2**

The current Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (the Policy) was revised on 8 June 2021 and continues to be effective in ensuring safety for the travelling public using hackney carriage (HC) and private hire vehicles (PHV) licensed by Broxtowe Borough Council.

Currently the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Specification in appendix I, Paragraph 17, of the current policy states that “tinted windows will not normally be permitted”.

However, since 1985 many vehicles have been manufactured with a degree of tint as a standard specification. Vehicles may have anti glare and or UV filters to enhance driver and customer safety and comfort. This may limit the choice of vehicles to be licensed.

**Government Advice****The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 Para 32(10)****Tinted vehicle windows: the law**

The rules for tinted front windscreens and front side windows depend on when the vehicle was first used. There are no rules for tinting the rear windscreen or rear passenger windows.

**Vehicles first used on 1 April 1985 or later**

The front windscreen must let at least 75% of light through and the front side windows must let at least 70% of light through.

**Penalties for having wrongly tinted windows**

It's illegal to fit or sell glass (or a vehicle already fitted with glass) that breaks the rules on tinted windows.

The police or the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA) vehicle examiners use light measuring equipment to measure window tint.

If your windscreen or front side windows are tinted too much you could get:

- a 'prohibition notice' stopping you using your vehicle on the road until you have the extra tint removed
- a penalty notice or court summons

**MOT Test**

Excessive tinting or discolouration of the windscreen or windows on either side of the driver's seat is checked as part of an MOT test for vehicles. Vehicles not complying with the above will fail the MOT test.

**Proposed Amendment**

Appendix I, Paragraph 17

All vehicles must comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction & Use) Regulations 1986 and in particular the requirements relating to tinted windows

Tinted Windows may be allowed subject to manufacturers specification.

- The front windscreen must let at least 75% of light through
- the front side windows must let at least 70% of light through
- Only manufacturer fitted tinted and anti-glare windows are acceptable
- No alterations are to be made to the original vehicle specification.