



GROUP 2 MEDICAL STANDARDS EXAMINATION REPORT FORM

Notes

Section 57 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows for a council to require an applicant for a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence to provide a Medical Examination Certificate to the effect that the applicant is physically fit to be the driver of such vehicle.

This form should be presented to the applicants own General Practitioner (GP) or a GP from the same practice. The doctor completing the medical must have been in possession of the applicants clinical records for the past 12 months and be fully aware of their medical history at the time of the examination. In the case of the applicant wishing to have his/her medical carried out by the Occupational Health Service please contact the Licensing Administrator for details.

A medical examination will be required at first licensing as a driver and then every 5 years up to the age of 65 when the examination will be required every year.

The fee for the medical must be arranged with the GP or in the case of an applicant who wishes to attend Occupational Health, the fee current at the time, must be paid to the Council when submitting the application.

The Council's officers are not legally allowed to complete or amend forms on behalf of applicants.

Any apparent changes, erasures or disfiguring of the form may be taken up with the GP signing the form.

GUIDANCE NOTES:

Applicant

1. Before consulting your GP please read Medical Notes for Drivers below.
2. If after reading these notes you believe that you may not meet any of the standards outlined, you should contact your GP or Optician prior to attending for the medical as the GP may charge you a re-examination fee should you not meet the required medical standard.
3. West Berkshire Council have no control over any fee charged for a medical examination and applicants are strongly advised to enquire of their medical practice what the fee will be, including any re-examination if found necessary.
4. You must complete section 9 of the form in the presence of the GP carrying out the examination.
5. Submit the medical form to the Council together with the driver licence application form and other required information.

General Practitioner

1. Please complete sections 1 - 7 and 8 of this report.
2. You may wish to have regard to the DVLA's "At a Glance Guide to the Current Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive" publication. This is available from the "medical rules for all drivers" section at www.directgov.uk/motoring.
3. The Council only require medical information which may or is likely to affect a person's fitness to drive a vehicle covered by Group 2 standards.
4. The doctor completing the medical record must have been in possession of the applicants clinical records for the past 12 months and be fully aware of the applicants medical history at the time of the examination.
5. Please return the completed form to the patient for submission to West Berkshire Council as part of the licensing application.

Medical Notes for Drivers

Medical standards for drivers of hackney carriages and private hire vehicles are the same as those for heavy goods vehicles and Public Service vehicles. These are known as Group 2 Standards and are greater than those required for a standard DVLA driver licence. Notwithstanding the 5 yearly medical, you should be aware that certain medical conditions occurring within the period between medicals may have to be reported to DVLA and must also be reported to the Licensing Team at West Berkshire Council.

The following conditions may be likely to be a bar to holding or being issued a hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence.

- Epileptic Attack
- Diabetes
- Eyesight
- Myocardial infarction, unstable angina CABG or coronary angioplasty
- significant disturbance of cardiac rhythm within the last 5 years
- suffering from or receiving medication for angina or heart failure
- Hypertension where the BP is persistently 180 systolic or 100 diastolic or over
- A stroke or TIA within the last 12 months
- unexplained loss of consciousness within the last 5 years
- Menieres and other conditions causing disabling vertigo, within the last 12 months and with a liability to recurrence
- recent severe head injury with serious continuing after effects or major brain surgery
- Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis or other "chronic" neurological disorders likely to affect limb power and coordination
- suffering from a psychotic illness in the past 3 years or suffering from dementia
- alcohol dependency or misuse or persistent drug or substance misuse or dependency in the past 3 years

This list is not exhaustive and is only intended as an information guide to applicants.