

ALLOCATION OF 2 NEW WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES

On 11th September 2021 Southampton City Council's Licensing Committee approved a process to re-distribute lapsed licences for hackney carriages. Two licenses have lapsed. Plate 031 and Plate 233.

The purpose of this notice is to advise interested parties of the availability and the allocation process.

Objectives and Criteria

It is likely that more than 2 applications will be made and therefore it may be necessary to allocate the available licences by ballot to those applicants meeting the council's objectives and application criteria. These criteria are set out in the procedure which can be accessed through our website: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk> and search for hackney carriage licence allocation policy.

The council wishes to avoid any discrimination in favour of, or against, any group. Because of the limited number of licences available, the council will not consider multiple applications by any individual or applications made on behalf of third parties.

Commencement and Closing Dates

Application forms will be available on our website or from our office. They will be accepted on or after 11th April 2022. Any applications received before this date will be rejected. Applications may be made by email at licensing@southampton.gov.uk or by post to our office at:

Southampton City Council
Licensing
Civic Centre
Southampton
SO14 7LY

Or in person if delivered between the hours of 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon and 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. Mondays to Fridays inclusive.

All applications must be received at the Licensing Office (as above) no later than 4.00 p.m. on Monday 9th May 2022. Applications received after this date will be rejected.

Ballot

The public ballot for new licences will be carried out on 19th May 2022 at 10am in the Council Chambers and overseen by the Service Director of Legal and Business Operations. This ballot will determine the 2 new hackney carriage licences to be issued in 2022, plus an additional 5 applicants to form a reserve list should any of the first 2 applicants determined be unable to meet the criteria for the grant of a licence or withdraw for any reason.

Please note that only when this process is completed and an applicant receives confirmation that a licence is available to them should applicants proceed to acquire a suitable vehicle and submit an application for a hackney carriage licence.