

**EXTRACT FROM PRIVATE HIRE RULE BOOK JUNE 2010**

**Vehicle Age and Testing**

3.22 Vehicles must comply with the following conditions in relation to age and length of service:

- a vehicles will not be accepted for licensing on the first occasion after 5 years from the date of the first registration regardless of whether it was previously licensed anywhere else in the UK, or re-licensed after 10 years from the date of the first registration.
- b the vehicle shall be removed from service on the 10th anniversary from the date of the first registration, any outstanding licence shall be transferred onto a new vehicle free of charge for the remainder of that current licence.
- c all vehicles must be tested annually to the current Licensing Authority standards. Once the vehicle has reached the age of 8 years since manufacture, the vehicle shall be tested at 6 monthly intervals until it has reached its service limit of 10 years since manufacture.
- d if the condition of the vehicle deteriorates below the acceptable standard set in the Licensing Authority vehicle test at anytime during the working life of the vehicle, the Licensing Officer reserves the right to withdraw the licence.