

Extract from Private Hire Driver and Vehicle Rule Book June 2013

Vehicle Age and Testing

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

- A. Vehicles will not normally 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.
- B. The vehicle will not be re-licensed once it has reached its 10th anniversary from the date of first registration.
- C. All vehicles must be tested annually to the current Licensing Authority standards. Once the vehicle has reached the age of 8 years since the first date of registration the vehicle shall be tested at 6 monthly intervals from the date of its last vehicle inspection test and submitted to the Licensing Authority until it has reached its service limit of 10 years since first date of registration.
- D. Stretched limousines and other specialised vehicles will be considered under their own merits.
- E. If the condition of the vehicle deteriorates below the acceptable standards set in the Licensing Authority vehicle test at any time during the working life of the vehicle, the Licensing Officer reserves the right to withdraw the licence”.