

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

8 OCTOBER 2025

TYPE OF REQUEST: Exemption from Policy – Street Knowledge Test

APPLICANT: Scott Allan

INFORMATION NOTE

Mr Allan is seeking an exemption from the Committee Policy that states that an applicant for a Taxi Driver or Private Hire Car Driver licence must pass the street knowledge test.

The test aims to ensure that all taxi and private hire drivers have a knowledge of the city including the layout of its roads and the location of landmarks.

Mr Allan has previously sat and passed the street knowledge test in 2016 but has not been actively working as a taxi driver but is keen to get back to this. He has not driven a taxi since 2019.

The Committee has before it an email from Mr Allan indicating the grounds under which he is seeking the exemption.

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

Licensing Committee policy states that all applicants for a Taxi or Private Hire Car Driver licence must pass the street knowledge test prior to applying for the licence.

From: Scott Allan

Sent on: Friday, August 29, 2025 10:47:57 AM

To: CivicCompliance <CivicCompliance@aberdeencity.gov.uk>

CC: David McKane <DMcKane@aberdeencity.gov.uk>

Subject: License Renewal - Scott Allan

Good morning,

I am writing after previous correspondence with yourselves to request the renewal of my taxi licence. I understand to do this I may have to come in front of the committee, and I am more than willing to do so if needed.

As highlighted previously to you, I would like to be considered for exemption from re-sitting the knowledge test. I successfully passed this test in 2016, and while I have not been actively working as a taxi driver in the past few years, this was due to taking up an alternative job opportunity during the Covid-19 pandemic. This decision was made in light of the challenging circumstances at the time.

Now that things have settled, I am very keen to return to the taxi trade. I have continued to live in Aberdeen and driver here daily, which means I am still very familiar with the city and its routes. I believe this, together with my previous experience as a licensed driver, shows I am well prepared to return to the profession without needing to repeat the knowledge test.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to your response, and am happy to provide any further information required.

Regards,

Scott Allan