

Proposed amended policy:

5.2.5 Taxi Meter

Private Hire Cars may but need not have a meter fitted. Private Hire Cars fitted with a meter must have an approved taxi meter meeting the standards required by the Measuring Instruments [Taximeters] Regulations 2016 fitted in a position authorised by the licensing authority. The meter must be sealed by the licensing authority and the seal may only be removed either by the licensing authority or for the purpose of an update to the meter software as approved by the licensing authority.

If a Private Hire Car has a meter fitted, the meter must be used to calculate the maximum fare for all journeys within the licensing authority boundaries.

If a Private Hire Car does not have a meter fitted then the fare for the journey must be agreed in advance with the passenger and must not be changed unless the journey is changed at the request of the passenger.

Proposed amended licensing condition:

23. The holder of this licence shall if his private hire car is fitted with a taximeter, within two working days inform the licensing authority of the removal of the taximeter from his private hire car.

The holder of this licence shall, if a meter is fitted or refitted to the private hire car after the vehicle has been licensed, ensure that the vehicle is not operated until the meter has been tested and sealed by the licensing authority.