

## Appendix 3

### Responses to consultation on Deregulation Act 2015 - Changes to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy and review of fees 2016/17

Date response received	Capacity	Comment
13 July 2016	Licensed Driver	Can you let me know how much it will cost me for the year to get licence my car i am a sole operative school transport only. do i now have to pay for me to use my car as in a private hire basis?
14 July 2016	Licensed Driver	The only comment I would have is that this will most likely make it even more difficult to employ people due to the massive outlay, especially if someone only wants to do it short term
13 July 2016	32 Licensed Drivers	I am writing with regard to the above we strongly agree with all the listed fee changes however we do feel that all operators who have a base to take bookings via the telephone should be liable for a private hire operators license as they are accepting private hire bookings via the telephone even if sending a hackney carriage on the booking this fee should not apply to those vehicles who only work from the rank and flag downs but should we feel apply to all other operators as we all accept private hire bookings via the telephone. We would like to put this forward as a proposal with the fee's increase. This letter is sent on behalf of the following licensed drivers who have given full permission for me to put this forward on their behalf
10 August 2016	Licensed Driver	<p>I am just wondering why I have not received any correspondence what so ever on this topic. It is my signature on the cheques which you receive and it is always my name on the Private Hire Operator Licence, School Transport Vehicle Operator, and all four of our individual licences for our vehicles!</p> <p>Could you please inform me how much we will be paying for the equivalent of the business we are running now i.e. 3 Private Hire Drivers Badges, 2 Private Hire Vehicles, 2 School Transport Vehicles, 1 School Transport Driver Badge for 1 year (as in annual test), 3 years (whatever that applies to) and 5 years (whenever that applies).</p> <p>Could you also let me know what happens if we retire (or die) before the 5 year licences (whichever they apply to) have ended? Do our beneficiaries receive some money back from you for the years to work that you have not provided a service for?</p>

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10 August 2016	Liz Tyerman  Team Leader Compliance  NYCC Integrated Passenger Transport	<p>There are 14 taxi operators in the Ryedale area who currently have school transport contracts with NYCC. Of those, up to 8 operate the contracts on school transport licences issued by Ryedale District Council. Some of the routes operated by these 8 companies pick up children in very isolated areas and communities. At least one of the vehicles has to have 4-wheel drive due to the extremely difficult terrain, especially in the winter months. Only a very small number of operators are able to meet our requirements for contracts which require 4-wheel drive capabilities. The proposed changes to the Licensing Policy and fees will significantly affect the school transport licence holders and it is considered that a number of these operators will not re-license under the proposed new Policy.</p> <p>The cost of school transport taxi contracts to NYCC in Ryedale following the re-tendering of these school transport contracts, as well as any new contracts in the area, is likely to increase significantly as a result of the proposed changes to Policy and fees. In addition, we may struggle to obtain quotes or tender submissions for those routes which service extremely isolated properties/communities or encompass very difficult terrain. This could potentially cause difficulties for NYCC in facilitating the children in these properties and communities accessing education.</p>
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