

SIGNIFICANT CHANGE - PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES ONLY FROM 01ST APRIL 2018.

From the 01st April 2018, a significant change to the appearance of private hire vehicles will take place.

There will no longer be the need for new or renewal applications received from the 01st April 2018 to have a roof sign displayed on the vehicle.

All other requirements will remain the same. As you will appreciate public safety and driver safety is of upmost importance. The main emphasis from April 2018 in identifying a private hire vehicle will be on the two doors signs displayed on the front doors of the vehicle and the back rear plate displayed on the outside of the vehicle, it is essential that all conditions of the licence are kept to.

Please do not get caught out, when you check your vehicle before you start your day make sure all signage is correctly and securely fitted to your vehicle. This will avoid the vehicle being suspended if it is seen not to be displaying the necessary signage. Remember the signage is required to identify the vehicle for your safety and public safety.

VEHICLE LICENCES ISSUED BEFORE THE 01ST APRIL 2018

Licences that are issued before the 01st April 2018 will be required to maintain the requirements of the vehicle licence. This will include the display of a prescribed roof sign, until such time the licence is due to be renewed.

The Authority is aware that this may cause confusion to serving customers as to the requirements of a licensed vehicle. With this in mind, if you wish to request the removal of the roof sign before the expiry of your existing licence, you can complete the necessary process.

This can be requested by email at: Licensing@luton.gov.uk or by phone on 01582 546040. In order for your request to be processed the existing licence will need to be returned.