

Low and zero emission vehicles

This document is to be read in conjunction with the hackney carriage and private hire policy published in 2018

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A policy addendum introduced from the 1 July 2023 to allow for a change to the first date of licence from five years to seven years for euro six diesel, plug in hybrid and battery electric vehicles

The amendments agreed at the Administration and Regulation Committee on the 14 June 2023 to the council's hackney carriage and private hire policy and conditions are as follows

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy 2018

1.1 Definitions add:

- i. 'Plug-in Hybrid Vehicles (PHEV) means a hybrid electric vehicle whose battery pack can be recharged by plugging a charging cable into an external electric power source in addition to internally by its on-board internal combustion engine-powered generator'
- ii. 'Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV) means a fully electric vehicle'.

2.43. Environmental Considerations and Maximum Age of Vehicles to add 'Euro 6 diesel, PHEV and BEV licensed vehicles shall be no more than seven years old to the date of application being submitted'

At Appendix F 3. Private hire vehicle licence standard conditions - to add 'Euro 6 diesel, PHEV and BEV licensed vehicles shall be no more than 7 years old from the first date of registration when first accepted for a licence'

At Appendix G 2. Hackney carriage vehicle licence standard conditions – ‘Euro 6 diesel, PHEV and BEV licensed vehicles shall be no more than 7 years old from the first date of registration when first accepted for a licence’.

With the inclusion of Euro 6 diesel vehicles, and the age limit for first licensing increased to seven years then this will allow most vehicles to be compliant with the higher standard ultra-low emission zones (ULEZ) such as London, however there still may be some variation with manufacturers, so it will be incumbent on owners to verify on the ULEZ checkers before purchasing these vehicles.