

Peterborough City Council
Critical Item Criteria

Inspection of licensed Hackney Carriages / Private Hire Vehicles

The critical item failure criteria will apply to vehicles failing their 6 monthly tests in the following periods:

Hackney Carriage

Tests carried out between 12 and 15 years of age

Private Hire Vehicles

Tests carried out between 8 years and 10 years of age

The table below highlights the items that the council consider to be critical area's of a vehicle test. Therefore if a vehicle fails its vehicle test on any of the items highlighted below the vehicle will be considered no longer fit for service and will de-licensed immediately.

Vehicles should be presented to the testing centre in a good serviceable condition, and subject to routine planned preventative maintenance in order to ensure the safety of passengers, the driver and the general public. Therefore if a vehicle fails its test for any of the items below it must be assumed that the vehicle has not been part of a regular maintenance programme thus resulting in the vehicle being de-licensed.

Critical Items	
Section 2 - Steering and suspension	
Steering mechanism / system	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Transmission shafts	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Front suspension	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Rear suspension	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Section 3 - Brakes	
Condition of service brake system	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Condition of parking brake system	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Section 4 – Tyres and Wheels	
Tyre type and condition	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Road wheels	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Section 5 - General	
Exhaust emissions	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Vehicle structure	Failure will result in immediate de-licence of vehicle
Appearance - interior	Must be clean and tidy and presented in a good condition
Appearance - exterior	Must be clean and tidy and presented in a good condition
Road test	Where an issue is highlighted by the testing centre this will be determined on an individual basis depending on diagnosis

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