

**PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE EXEMPTION FROM DISPLAYING PLATES/DECALS**

**LICENCE CONDITIONS**

**THE BELOW CONDITIONS APPLY TO ALL PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES GRANTED AN EXEMPTION BY WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY AN EXTERNAL IDENTIFICATION PLATE/DECALS, AND ARE IN ADDITION TO THE CRITERIA AND CONDITIONS SET OUT IN WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL'S INFORMATION – TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENSING DOCUMENT AND THE COUNCIL'S BYE LAWS**

- a) The identification plate and exemption notice provided by the Council pursuant to requirements of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 shall remain the property of the Council.
- b) Any vehicle granted an exemption from displaying an external identification plate/decal will be required to have the identification plate normally displayed on the rear of the vehicle affixed to the inside of the boot lid. The plate when so affixed **must** be readily visible when that boot lid is raised.
- c) In the event of loss or damage rendering such plate or notice unserviceable the proprietor shall make immediate application for a replacement for which a fee is payable.
- d) The exemption notice issued by the Council will be carried in the vehicle at all times and will be produced upon request to an authorised officer of the Council or any Police Officer.
- e) When issued with an exemption notice, the vehicle will not be required to display any other signs (including the internal licence plate) which the Council may at any time require private hire vehicles to display.
- f) The proprietor will not display in, on or from the vehicle any advertisement, signage, logos or insignia advertising the operating company or the vehicle's status as a private hire vehicle.
- g) During the period of the exemption notice, the driver shall not be required to wear the private hire driver's identification badge but will have it available for immediate inspection by an authorised officer of the Council or any Police Officer on request.
- h) During the period of the exemption notice the driver of the vehicle, whilst engaged on private hire work, will be smartly dressed in either a formal chauffeur's uniform or a business suit with collar and tie.
- i) The proprietor shall, within 1 working day notify the Council of any change in the use of the vehicle.
- j) The proprietor shall not use the vehicle for private hire purposes other than for executive use (i.e. not for 'normal' airport journey's or daily private hire use).

- k) The glass of the driver and passenger's front side window and the front windscreen must be clear. However, tinted windows can be fitted to the side and rear window glass of the vehicle provided that they comply with current legislation.
- l) The exemption will cease to have effect on selling or transferring the vehicle to another party. The person to whom the exemption is granted must inform the council of the sale/transfer of ownership immediately and in writing, and provide details of the new owner. The exemption notice must be returned to the Council along with the private hire vehicle identification plate unless being sold to another private hire operator licensed by the Council; in which case, only the exemption notice has to be returned.
- m) A taximeter will not be installed in the vehicle.