

Lewes District Knowledge Test Guidance Document (RESTRICTED Private Hire Only Driver Licence)

Any driver applying to Lewes District Council for a RESTRICTED Private Hire only Driver Licence must sit and pass a knowledge test, to help demonstrate that they possess a basic understanding of the Highway Code, taxi/private hire legislation, Council policy

From the 1st April 2024, Lewes District Council offer applicants the opportunity to apply for a Dual drivers licence or a Restricted Private Hire Drivers licence. The Knowledge tests for each of these licenses are slightly different.

A Dual Driver Licence knowledge test includes questions on routes/places of interest, policy and law, Highway Code, road signs, numeracy, safeguarding, and disability awareness.

A Restricted Private Hire knowledge test does NOT include any questions on routes or places of interest.

Applicants are limited to three attempts at the test per application and the test must be passed within six months of receipt their application. If they fail the tests, their application will be rejected, and they must wait for at least six months before reapplying.

Any person found cheating will be disqualified from the test and will not be granted a licence for at least three years.

Applicants are required to provide photographic identification on the day of the test, for example a passport, and if they fail to provide photographic ID their test will be cancelled. The cost of the first knowledge test is included in the application fee. Each subsequent test is paid for at the time of booking and the fee is non-refundable.

This is a COMPUTERISED MULTIPLE CHOICE TEST. Every question will have one correct answer from a choice of four. You will sit on a webcam session with an examiner. You will be able to see all questions and answers on screen and the examiner will read the question and potential answers to you. You will tell the examiner which option you wish to select, and the Examiner will click on that answer. The questions are randomly selected for each section of the test.

Please fully read this guide to ensure that you give yourself every opportunity to pass the test. You will be contacted to book your knowledge test after passing your English language test and receipt of your DBS certificate.

The Examiner will run through a 'demo' question with you prior to the undertaking of the official knowledge test

The Knowledge test is divided into 6 sections, with 30 Questions in total:

Subject	Number of Questions	Pass Mark
Road Signs*	3	5
Highway Code*	3	
Numeracy	5	4
Conditions	9	7
Disability	5	4
Safeguarding	5	4
TOTAL	30	24

*Road Signs and Highway code are classed as 1 section and so the pass mark is 5 marks out of 6 questions (3 Highway code and 3 Road signs)

** Questions on Disability and safeguarding awareness will be related to your Bluelamp trust training that you have previously undertaken.

Time allowed- 40 minutes.

KNOWLEDGE TEST RULES

1. Please ensure that you arrive to take the test no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled start time. To ensure that your camera, microphone and computer device are functioning. Please be aware that anyone who is late will not be able to sit the test.
2. You will be required to present your DVLA driving licence to the examiner. Please ensure that you have your DVLA driving licence ready and available to see on request.
3. Prior to the Knowledge test being undertaken you will be required to show the examiner the room and your surroundings to ensure there is no Cheating
4. You are not allowed to leave the room during the test. Leaving the room will terminate the test and the test will be classed as VOID
5. Any person caught or suspected of cheating will be automatically disqualified from the test and this may result in your application being invalidated and returned to you.

Knowledge Test – Pass

If you pass the test, then your application will be moved onto the next stage

The questions on subsequent tests will not necessarily be the same as those previously attempted.

Re-Test fee- £52.50

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Section Details-

Section 1- Road Sign

You will be presented with a series of pictures of road signs and asked to identify what it means. There will also be questions on road markings and their meaning. It is strongly recommended that you purchase a current copy of 'The Highway Code' to be able to learn this information. **This information can also be found online [here](#)**

Example Question:

What does this sign mean?



Section 2- Highway Code

You will be presented with a series of questions based on the Highway Code. It is strongly recommended that you purchase a current copy of 'The Highway Code' to be able to learn this information. **This information can also be found online [here](#)**

There will be questions on:

- Speed Limits on different types of roads

- Stopping distances
- Seatbelt regulations
- What to do in an emergency
- Tyres and vehicle maintenance

Section 3- Numeracy

You will be asked questions related to counting and basic numeracy

Example Question:

If a customer hands you a £20 note for a journey costing £7.32, How much change would you give them?

Section 4- Conditions

You will be asked multiple questions on Lewes District Council taxi and private hire conditions of Licence. These can be found in the [Lewes District Taxi and Private Hire Guidance:](#)

Example question:

Which one of these is NOT a Condition of Licence?

- 1) **The Driver must not display any visible body hair while carrying customers**
- 2) **The driver shall be clean and tidy in appearance at all times and dressed smartly with long or short sleeved shirt or blouse and long trousers, tailored shorts or skirts. Suitable footwear for driving must be worn.**
- 3) **The driver when hired to drive to a particular destination shall proceed to that destination by the shortest available route unless otherwise instructed by the hirer.**

Section 5- Disability

You will be asked questions relating to the BlueLamp Trust course that you will have undertaken previously. **The link to Bluelamp Trust can be found [here](#)**

Section 6- Safeguarding

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