

Epsom and Ewell Borough Council

KNOWLEDGE TEST FOR NEW APPLICANTS – PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS

Applicant Name: _____

Proof ID Checked

Licensing Officer Name: _____

Overall PASS / FAIL

Section 1 – Part A -Spoken English – (PASS = 8/10 CORRECT) Pass / Fail

The applicant's response will ascertain the applicants understanding of spoken English in a general context.

No	Question	Understanding Low / Medium / Full
1	What is your address?	
2	How long have you lived here?	
3	Tell me what hobbies or interests you have?	
4	Please tell me how you travelled here today – what route did you take?	
5	Describe the type of work you have done over the past year?	
6	What sports, if any, do you watch or play and why?	
7	What type f TV programmes do you watch and why?	
8	Where in the world would you most like to visit and why?	
9	How many years have you been driving for?	
10	What car would you buy if you had unlimited money and why?	

Section 1 – Part B Spoken English – (PASS = 8/10 CORRECT) Pass / Fail

The following phrases are those that you may come across when working as a private hire driver.

The licensing Officer will read aloud one of the following phrases and ask the applicant what they think it means.

No	Question	Understanding Low / Medium / Full
1	Have you got change of a tenner?	
2	There's another drop off after mine	
3	Why have you charged me too much?	
4	I'm going to throw up?	
5	Can I have a receipt for the fare please?	
6	This isn't the way I normally go	
7	Don't you ever clean your cab?	
8	Can I bring my guide dog	
9	Can I smoke in this car?	
10	I need to get some money from the hole in the wall	

Section 2 – Reading and Understanding – **Pass / Fail**

Read aloud the letter email provided and explain what it means.

You will be shown a sample letter to read.

Section 3 – Numeracy – – (PASS = 4/5 CORRECT) **Pass / Fail**

You will be asked 5 of the following questions.

No	Question	YES /NO
1	What is change from £20 for a fare of £6.50?	
2	What is change from £15 for a fare of £11.20?	
3	What is change from £10 for a fare of £4.60?	
4	What is change from £50 for a fare of £32.20?	
5	What is change from £5 for a fare of £3.90?	

6	What is change from £20 for a fare of £8.50?	
7	What is change from £30 for a fare of £23.00?	
8	What is change from £10 for a fare of £3.80?	
9	What is change from £20 for a fare of £17.40?	

COMMENTS

Part 2 Licensing conditions (PASS = 8/10 CORRECT) Pass / Fail

1. What age must a vehicle be if being presented to licensing for the first time?

2. How often does a 9-year-old vehicle require an MOT?

3. Would you be able to carry a passenger and their Guide or Hearing Dog?

4. What changes must a driver report to the council?

1.

2.

3.

4.

5. What equipment must a vehicle carry?

1.

2.

3.

6. What must a driver do after an accident, in addition to exchanging details with the other party?

7. Can you park on a taxi rank to go shopping, wait for a fare, purchase lunch?

8. Who else can drive your vehicle once it is licenced?

9. When acting as a driver of a private hire vehicle how must a driver conduct him/herself?

10. What happens once you are awarded 12 penalty points by Epsom and Ewell Borough Council?

11. How should your driver badge be worn?

12. What are the ages you are required to have a medical?

Part 3 – Highway Code (PASS = 8/10) **Pass / Fail**

1. What is the speed limit in

- **Built up area**
- **Single carriageway**
- **Dual Carriageways**
- **Motorways**

2. What is the typical stopping distance when travelling at either

- **20mph**
- **40mph**
- **60mph**

3. What does the highway code say about the use of Mobile phones in vehicles?

4. Section 162 of the Highway code states there are three things to do before you overtake a vehicle. What are they?

1.

2.

3.

5. What is the minimum tread depth required for all car types?

6. What is the difference between a Zebra crossing and a pelican crossing?

Zebra crossings =

Pelican crossings =

7. If you are in a collision which causes damage or injury to another person vehicle animal or property, what 3 things must you do to comply with the highway code?

1.

2.

3.

8. What is the maximum specified fine for driving without insurance ?

9. You are on a motorway. A red cross is displayed above the hard shoulder. What does it mean?

10. You may use front fog lights with headlights ONLY when viability is reduced to less than?

11. When are you allowed to use hazard warning lights?

12. According to the DVLA guidance how much space should you leave when overtaking a cyclist?

Part 4 - Local Knowledge - (PASS = 8/10 CORRECT) Pass / Fail

Answers to be given verbally, giving the name of the road.

1	Epsom Playhouse	
2	Bourne Hall	
3	Epsom Racecourse	
4	Hobbledown Adventure Farm Park and Zoo	
5	NESCOT	
6	University for the Creative Arts	
7	Blenheim School	
8	Glyn School	
9	Rosebery School	
10	Epsom & Ewell High School	
11	The Ashley Centre	
12	The Clocktower	
13	Epsom Station	
14	Ewell East Station	
15	Ewell West Station	
16	Tattenham Corner Station	
17	Epsom Downs Station	
18	Stoneleigh Station	
19	Nonsuch Park	
20	Rosebery Park	
21	Horton Country Park	
22	Hook Road Arena	
23	Epsom Hospital	
24	New Cottage Hospital	

Part 5 – Highway Code – road signs (PASS = 4/5) Pass / Fail

You will be given a picture of a road sign and asked to explain what it means.