

## VEHICLE INSPECTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS

Just a quick update on the current situation regarding the inspection of hackney carriage and private hire vehicles. As you will be aware the new recommendations on vehicle inspections was passed by the full cabinet meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2013.

Barnsley M.B.C fleet service now carry out a M.O.T test on every hackney carriage and private hire vehicle which is booked in for an inspection (the testing criteria is exactly the same as it was under the previous C.O.C test) The M.O.T test is now registered on the V.O.S.A database so all interested parties can establish if a vehicle is tested or not.

One of the grey areas where we are seeking guidance from the board is: - when Hackney carriages or private hire vehicles are presented for test and it fails the test we are charging a retest fee. These vehicle operators are deemed as professional operators who should be keeping their vehicle in a roadworthy condition at all times (condition of licence?). The retest fee is in place as an incentive to maintain their vehicles and not incur additional costs.

The last time we reported the failure rate to the board they were appalled by the number of failures and were looking at ways to encourage a better pass rate (i.e. full test fee) see Analysis of inspection data page 2 & 3.

This retest fee does not apply when the M.O.T test is carried out for a member of public if they fail the M.O.T test and require a M.O.T retest.

Since the implementation of the M.O.T test we have seen a increase in test failures from the information we have currently the failure rate on hackney carriage and private hire vehicles is approximately 60%. This data includes vehicles requiring a 2<sup>nd</sup> test (V.O.S.A. rules state only one partial re-examination is permissible per full examination).

The majority of these test failure are what the driver should be picking up on his daily checks. A breakdown on all test failure can be provided if required.

Fleet services try to assist vehicle presenters in getting their vehicles through the M.O.T test by offering advice and the loan of minor parts, under the prevision that these items must be replaced before the test paper work is released.

**Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicles  
Analysis of Inspections at Smithies, April 2012 to March 2013**

Month	No. of Vehs	Initial Test		1st Re-test		2nd Re-test		3rd Re-test		4th Re-test	
		Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail	Pass	Fail
<b>APR</b>	111	57	54	51	3	3	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MAY</b>	131	84	47	40	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>JUNE</b>	73	35	38	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>JULY</b>	82	48	34	32	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>AUG</b>	134	77	57	56	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>SEPT</b>	110	65	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>OCT</b>	105	61	44	42	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>NOV</b>	113	69	44	41	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DEC</b>	92	47	45	44	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Jan-12</b>	111	61	50	47	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Feb-12</b>	119	62	57	56	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Mar-12</b>	98	50	48	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	1279	716	563	540	18	18	0	0	0	0	0

**SUMMARY FOR PERIOD**

No. of Vehicles Requiring Inspection	1181
First Time Pass Rate	56%
Number Undertaking Re-test	504
Number Undertaking Second Re-test	19
Number Undertaking Third Re-test	0
Number Undertaking Fourth Re-test	0
Number Not Returning For Test	5

Taxi Driver Tests = 0  
Missed Appointments =  
£45.00  
Taxi Tests = £45.00  
Taxi retests = £20.00

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Month	No. of Vehs	Initial Test		1st Re-test		2nd Re-test		3rd Re-test		4th Re-test	
		<i>Pass</i>	<i>Fail</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Fail</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Fail</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Fail</i>	<i>Pass</i>	<i>Fail</i>
<b>APR</b>	118	56	62	57	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
<b>MAY</b>	114	65	49	46	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>JUNE</b>											
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<b>Feb-12</b>											
<b>Mar-12</b>											
	232	121	103	103	7	7	0	0	0	0	0

<b>SUMMARY FOR PERIOD</b>	
No. of Vehicles Requiring Inspection	232
First Time Pass Rate	52%
Number Undertaking Re-test	110
Number Undertaking Second Re-test	7
Number Undertaking Third Re-test	0
Number Undertaking Fourth Re-test	0
Number Not Returning For Test	1

Taxi Driver Tests = 0  
 Missed Appointments = £45.00  
 Taxi Tests =  
 £45.00  
 Taxi retests = £20.00

