

#### **4.4 Maximum Age of Vehicles**

- 4.4.1 No application for a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence will be granted if the vehicle, when initial application is made, exceeds 5 years of age.
- 4.4.2 No application for the renewal of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence will be granted if the vehicle, when application is made, exceeds 8 years of age.
- 4.4.3 No application for the renewal of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence purpose built for the carrying of wheelchair dependant passengers, or a type licensed by the Public Carriage Office as a London Cab will be granted if the vehicle, when application is made, exceeds 12 years of age.
- 4.4.4 No application for the renewal of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle licence which is fully electric or hybrid in nature will be granted if the vehicle, when application is made, exceeds 12 years of age.
- 4.4.5 No application for a temporary transfer will be granted if the vehicle, when the application is made, exceeds 5 years of age.
- 4.4.6 The Licensing Manager has delegated authority to extend the time limits set out at 4.4.1 – 4.4.5 for exceptionally well-maintained vehicles by a maximum of two further years. Applicants who fail to obtain approval from the Licensing Manager for an extension or who may wish to seek permission to extend beyond the two extra years may ask to be referred to the Regulatory Committee for consideration.
- 4.4.7 Applications for vehicles that fall outside of the policy guidelines or the provisions of 4.4.6, will be referred to the Regulatory Committee for consideration.
- 4.4.8 All applications for vehicle licences are subject to the satisfactory passing of the MOT test and an inspection by the Licensing Officer. Applicants who fail to obtain approval from the Licensing Officer or Licensing Manager may ask to be referred to the Regulatory Committee for consideration.

#### **4.5 Vehicle Testing**

- 4.5.1 The Authority needs to be satisfied that licensed vehicles operating within its area are safe.
- 4.5.2 All hackney carriage and private hire vehicles shall be subject to the current MOT standard test and inspection by the Licensing Officer at grant or renewal of the vehicle licence. Vehicles over 3 years of age will be subject to a further MOT and inspection by the Licensing Officer 6 months into the licence period. The Licensing Manager has delegated authority to require further, more frequent testing up to a maximum of 3 tests per year where concerns over safety standards have been identified.
- 4.5.3 Licensed vehicles that fail an inspection and/or MOT test and are deemed unsuitable for use as a passenger vehicle by the vehicle examiner or Licensing Officer, will