

## Proposed Taxi Fee Changes 2025/26

Sevenoaks District Council, in accordance with the provisions of s.53 & 70 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1976 HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that the fees chargeable under the above for the grant of hackney carriage and private hire vehicle, driver licences and private hire operator licences, together with additional costs appertaining to such licences, are proposed to be changed from 1 April 2025 as below: -

### Fees for hackney carriage and private hire licensing

#### Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED 2025/26
Knowledge Test	£51.50 per test	£53 per test
EQUO online test	£66	£68
New Driver application (3 year)	£264 for three years	£273 for three years
New Driver application (1 year)	£222 for one year	£230 for one year
Driver Renewal application (3 year)	£183 for three years	£189 for three years
Driver Renewal application (1 year)	£128 for one year	£132 for one year

#### Dual Driver Licence

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED 2025/26
Knowledge Test	£51.50 per test	£53 per test
EQUO online test	£66	£68
New Driver application (3 year)	£264 for three years	£273 for three years
New Driver application (1year)	£222 for one year	£230 for one year
Driver Renewal application (3 year)	£183 for three years	£189 for three years
Driver Renewal application (1 year)	£128 for one year	£132 for one year

#### Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED 2025/26
New and Renewal Application	£325 for one year	£336 for one year

#### Private Hire Operator Licence

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED 2025/26
New application for 5 year licence	£747	£773
Renewal for 5 year licence	£586	£607
New application for 3 year licence	£534	£553
Renewal for 3 year licence	£374	£387
New application for 1 year licence	£324	£335
Renewal for 1 year licence	£164	£170

### Private Hire Driver Licence

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED 2025/26
Knowledge Test	£51.50	£53 per test
EQUO Online Test	£66	£68
New Driver application (3 year)	£264 for three years	£273 for three years
New Driver application (1 year)	£222 for one year	£230 for one year
Driver Renewal application	£183 for three years	£189 for three years
Driver Renewal application (1 year)	£128 for one year	£132 for one year

### Private Hire Vehicle Licence

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED 2025/26
New and Renewal Application	£297 for one year	£307 for one year

### Additional Costs

	CURRENT FEE	PROPOSED 2025/26
DBS application (fee set by DBS)	£38	£38
DBS administration fee	£30	£31
Change of Driver Licence type	£26	£27
Replace Vehicle Plate	£19	£20
Replace Driver Badge	£13	£14
Vehicle Plate bracket (under-costed last year)	£25	£47
Change of Ownership of licensed vehicle	£26	£27
Duplicate paper licence	£13	£14
Temporary Replacement	£100	£104
Add or remove a name from a vehicle licence	£26	£27
Change of name and address (driver badge not included)	£24	£25
Private hire exemption certificate	£56	£58
Add or remove names from Operator licence	£48	£50
General Admin Fee	£30	£31

If a vehicle licence is surrendered within 6 months of issue, a refund of **£117** will be issued.

A copy of this Notice shall, for a period of six weeks from the date of first publication 26 September 2024 be available on the Sevenoaks District Council website [www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.sevenoaks.gov.uk/consultations) and Licensing Department, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG. Any objections to the proposal to change the fees must be made by midnight 6 November 2024 via email [licensing.officers@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:licensing.officers@sevenoaks.gov.uk) or in writing to Licensing Department, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN13 1HG.