



**Carriage of Assistance Dogs Exemption Application Form**

**Sections 169 &170 Equality Act 2010**

Obligations on licensed drivers to carry assistance dogs

The Equality Act 2010 places duties on both licensed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Drivers to carry guide, hearing and other assistance dogs accompanying disabled people, and to do so without charge.

However, to enable drivers with certain medical conditions that are aggravated by exposure to dogs, to drive, or continue to drive Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles, the Act includes provisions for drivers to be exempted from these requirements on medical grounds.

The Licensing Authority is responsible for issuing exemption certificates and must be satisfied that it is appropriate to do so on medical grounds.

**Part 2 of this form must be completed by an appropriate specialist medical practitioner and must be accompanied by sufficient evidence of any allergy e.g. allergen test results, clinical history etc. A simple statement from a medical professional will not be considered as sufficient for the purpose of the exemption request.**

**If a driver has a chronic phobia to dogs, this form must be accompanied supported by a report from a psychiatrist or clinical psychologist.**

**Part 1: Applicant Details:**

1.

Full Name:	
Badge Number:	
Date of birth	
Address:	
Email:	
Phone Number:	

2. Do you drive a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle?

*Please circle:*                      Hackney Carriage                      Private Hire

Vehicle Plate number: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you own this vehicle or is it rented?

Please circle:                      Own vehicle                      Rented

4. Does the vehicle have a fixed partition between the driver and passengers?

Please circle:                      Yes                      No

**Part 2: For completion by a Specialist Medical Practitioner:**

1. (a) In your opinion does this person have a medical condition, which is aggravated by exposure to dogs?

Please circle:                      Yes                      No

(b) If "Yes", please give details of condition below (**and** attach copies of relevant medical reports):

2. In your opinion is this person's medical condition so severe that he/she should be exempt from carrying dogs in their taxi/private hire vehicle if:

a. there is no fixed partition between the driver and the passenger compartment:

Please circle:                      Yes                      No

b. there is a fixed partition between the driver and the passenger compartment:

Please circle:

Yes

No

Medical Practitioner's Name:	
Medical Practitioner's Signature :	
Date:	
Practice Address:	

Practice/Surgery/Hospital stamp:
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