

## Consultation responses

**Question 1: Details of Licences held by responder (consultees were asked to specify which of these you are by ticking all that applied)**

Type	%
Hackney Carriage and private hire driver (dual driver)	58
Private hire driver	33
Hackney Carriage proprietor	17
Private hire operator	8
Other (resident)	8

**Question 2: Do you have any comments on the Institute of Licensing's "Guidance on determining the suitability of applicants and licensees in the hackney and private hire trades" (see supporting documents). It is proposed for this guidance to be adopted as a document of reference by the Council.**

Responder	Consultee response
1	I cannot believe WBC have NOT made passing the DVLA Professional Drivers Test mandatory for ALL drivers. Driving standards of (some) drivers are truly APPALLING and FRIGHTENING. Give them all 24 months to pass.
2	<i>Not answered</i>
3	All I can say since I start work in wokingham council never ever listen as us so please don't waste your time and mine we hardly pay bills because of council allowing UBER drivers work in wokingham
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5	<i>Not answered</i>
6	<i>Not answered</i>
7	Keeping safety of local people to the highest standards should be the no.1 priority. When issuing a licence to serve local community, council should do all the necessary checks. My concern is TFL drivers are allowed to work locally as confirmed in the email by the licensing enforcement officer. Are TFL drivers going through all the checks and training? Is council putting the safety of local community at risk by not doing all these checks on TFL drivers? As TFL drivers are doing more than 50% of the local work.

8	<i>Not answered</i>
9	If it is only a refresher, drivers should have option to do that in his own time. We can do it online from an accertiated provider and provide council the certificate. Keeping safety of local people in mind, TFL drivers should do this mandatory training as they are allowed to work locally in wokingham by the licensing officers. Plus why it's cost us to pay £50 plus 3 hours Are all council officers doing this course too because I am sure they dealing on of disable people .they need refresh course do you agree I hope so
10	Yes i think needs to be explained better
11	Don't feel that any change is imminent in the existing policy. It does the job as it should do.
12	Appears to be a positive step

**Question 3: Do you have any comments on the changes in the suggested time scales before an individual would be considered for a licence? (see supporting documents). For example, under the current policy, a person convicted of a drugs related offence would be expected to be free of conviction for at least 3-5 years for a possession offence, and at least 5 years for a supply offence. Under the proposal, the time scales would be at least 5 years for a possession offence and at least 10 years for a supply offence.**

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1	Sounds about right. I would add that if they used their taxi for the supply of drugs offences, a life time ban would be much more appropriate.
2	<i>Not answered</i>
3	As answer as above (Q2 for responder 3)
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5	<i>Not answered</i>
6	<i>Not answered</i>
7	Again keeping the safety of people should be on top of agenda and I agree with these suggestion. Same as above concerns are there if TFL drivers are allowed to do all are local work by the licensing officers , these conditions should apply on them as well. We cannot at any cost put safety of our local people at risk.
8	<i>Not answered</i>

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<b>10</b>	I think its working well .An every one should get a chance to come back to normal life .
<b>11</b>	There is no need to make these changes and penalise the person who already have completed is sentence from the court of law and trying to become a normal citizen of the society
<b>12</b>	Not answered

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