



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-178, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please may I request the following information under the FOI Act.

Since the 1st of august 2022:

1. The number of new and renewed taxi (Hackney Carriage) driver licenses you have granted.
2. The number of new and renewed Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) driver licenses you have granted.
3. The number of taxi licences granted to drivers with criminal convictions.
4. The number of PHV licenses granted to drivers with criminal convictions.
5. In the cases of those with convictions in relation to Question 3 and Question 4:
 - i. The nature and date of conviction.
 - ii. Whether said driver's conviction was known at the time of the licence being approved.
 - iii. In each case, the current licence status of the driver.
6. The criteria/policy that is applied when deciding on an application from a driver with a current/spent conviction.
7. How many times have you checked the national database on driver revocations/refusals?
8. How many have had licenses removed due to that?

Response:

1. Zero, we do not issue stand alone Hackney Carriage driver licences. We granted 24 new and 254 renewals of our joint HC/PHV driver licences in this time.
2. 175 new and 8 renewals
3. 14 joint driver licences
4. 11
5.
 - I. See table below
 - II. Yes
 - III. See table below

Driver	Date of conviction	Offence	Status
1	17 November 2011	Caution – Assault occasioning ABH	Issued
2	Information not kept as licence expired and driver no longer licensed		Expired
3	18 August 2009	Conviction – Assault occasioning ABH	Issued
4	11 May 2021	Caution – ABH	Issued
5	2 June 2019	Caution – Destroy or damage property <£5,000	Issued
6	13 November 2007	Conviction – causing unnecessary suffering to an animal by an act or failure to act (ban from keeping rabbits)	Issued
7	26 July 2015	Conviction – Cruelty to animals, s1 of Protection of Animals Act 1911	Issued
8	Information not kept as licence expired and driver no longer licensed		Expired
9	14 April 2004	Conviction – Using uninsured vehicle	Issued

	14 April 2004 3 October 2013	Conviction – Driving with excess alcohol Conviction – Theft by employee	
10	20 May 2014 3 June 2014 3 June 2014 3 June 2014 3 June 2014	Conviction – Failure to notify changes – benefits (two charges) Conviction – False statement to obtain car insurance Conviction – Using uninsured vehicle Conviction – Driving without a full licence Conviction – Resisting or obstructing a Police Officer	Issued
11	20 July 2015	Conviction – Destroy or damage property <£5,000	Issued
12	11 July 1994 11 July 1994	Conviction - Using threatening, abusive, insulting words W/I to cause fear or provocation of violence Conviction – Blackmail	Issued
13	26 October 2009	Conviction - Affray	Issued
14	Information not kept as licence expired and driver no longer licensed		Expired
15	5 July 2023	Caution – Harassment	Issued
16	3 October 1991	Caution – Assault occasioning ABH	Issued
17	13 June 2023	Caution - Affray	Issued
18	16 July 2004	Conviction – Affray	Issued
19	27 February 1980	Conviction – Assault occasioning actual bodily harm	Issued
20	1 January 1978 1 January 1980	Conviction – Riding a bike with no brakes Conviction – Cannabis possession	Issued
21	2 October 1981	Conviction – Forgery	Issued
22	15 March 1952 7 April 1960 23 July 1962 29 February 1968	Conviction – Larceny Conviction – Taking of a motor vehicle Conviction – Reckless driving Conviction – Driving whilst disqualified Conviction – Driving with no insurance Conviction – Wounding Conviction – Robbery with violence	Issued
23	3 June 1981	Conviction – Burglary and Theft	Issued
24	4 October 2010	Conviction – Wounding/GBH	Issued
25	20 April 2017	Conviction – Travelling on railway without paying fare	Issued

6. Please see Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy

7. Upon initial grant and at every renewal point

8. To date zero licences have been revoked

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-178.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcamb.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.