Proposed Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licensing fees for 2027/28

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 2027 as below:

Hackney Carriage Driver Licence

	Current fee	Proposed 2027/28 fee
Knowledge Test	£54 per test	£56 per test
EQUO online test	£70	£72
New Driver application (3 years)	£280 for three years	£288 for three years
New Driver application (1 year)	£236 for one year	£243 for one year
Driver Renewal application (3 years)	£194 for three years	£200 for three years
Driver Renewal application (1 year)	£135 for one year	£139 for one year

Dual Driver Licence

	Current fee	Proposed 2027/28 fee
Knowledge Test	£54 per test	£56 per test
EQUO online test	£70	£72
New Driver application (3 years)	£280 for three years	£288 for three years
New Driver application (1year)	£236 for one year	£243 for one year
Driver Renewal application (3 years)	£194 for three years	£200 for three years
Driver Renewal application (1 year)	£135 for one year	£139 for one year

Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence

	Current fee	Proposed 2027/28 fee
New and Renewal Application	£344 for one year	£354 for one year

Private Hire Operator Licence

	Current fee	Proposed 2027/28 fee
New application for a 5-year licence	£792	£816
Renewal for a 5-year licence	£622	£641
New application for a 3-year licence	£569	£586
Renewal for a 3-year licence	£397	£409
New application for a 1-year licence	£343	£353
Renewal for a 1-year licence	£174	£179

Private Hire Driver Licence

	Current fee	Proposed 2027/28 fee
Knowledge Test	£54 per test	£56 per test
EQUO Online Test	£70	£72
New Driver application (3 years)	£280 for three years	£288 for three years
New Driver application (1 year)	£236 for one year	£243 for one year
Driver Renewal application	£194 for three years	£200 for three years
Driver Renewal application (1 year)	£135 for one year	£139 for one year

Private Hire Vehicle Licence

	Current fee	Proposed 2027/28 fee
New and Renewal Application	£315 for one year	£324 for one year

Additional costs

	Current fee	Proposed 2027/28 fee
DBS application (fee set by DBS)	£41	£41
DBS administration fee	£32	£33
Change of Driver Licence type	£28	£29
Replace Vehicle Plate	£21	£22
Replace Driver Badge	£14	£14
Vehicle Plate bracket (under-costed last year)	£48	£49
Change of Ownership of licensed vehicle	£28	£29
Duplicate paper licence	£14	£14
Temporary Replacement	£107	£110
Add or remove a name from a vehicle licence	£28	£29
Change of name and address (driver badge not included)	£26	£27
Private hire exemption certificate	£59	£61
Add or remove names from Operator licence	£51	£53
General Admin Fee	£32	£33

If a vehicle licence is surrendered within six months of issue, a refund of **£124** will be issued.

Any objections to the proposal to change the fees must be made by midnight **23 December 2026** via email licensing.officers@sevenoaks.gov.uk or in writing to Licensing Department, Sevenoaks District Council, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 1HG.