

Frequently Asked Questions: *Pedicab Driver Licenses*

The information below was updated on November 24, 2009. Information is based on Local Law 19 of 2007, Local Law 53 of 2009, and the Rule published in The City Record on September 22.

IMPORTANT LICENSING INFORMATION

- No pedicab can be operated without a DCA registration plate.
- No pedicab business can operate any pedicab without a DCA Pedicab Business License or DCA letter allowing temporary operation.
- No pedicab can be operated by anyone without a DCA Pedicab Driver License.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

Can I apply for a DCA Pedicab Driver License even though the law's license application window closed on November 20, 2009?

Yes. The law specifically limited the time during which pedicab businesses could apply—and the number of pedicabs they could register—but no such limits exist for Pedicab Driver Licenses. Therefore, pedicab drivers may continue to submit applications for Pedicab Driver Licenses.

How can I apply for a Pedicab Driver License?

All applications must be submitted in person at the DCA Licensing Center. Application forms are available on the DCA Web site www.nyc.gov/consumers. You can also obtain license application packets at the DCA Licensing Center or by calling 311.

Where is the DCA Licensing Center located?

The Licensing Center is located at 42 Broadway, 5th floor, in Manhattan. Days and hours of operation are: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

After I submit my application, how long will I have to wait before I receive my Pedicab Driver License?

Depending upon the volume of Pedicab Driver license applications and the complexity of your particular driver's license eligibility, it may take up to two weeks to receive the license.

Can I legally drive a pedicab while I'm waiting for my license if I show a receipt for my DCA license application?

No. The law requires—and the DCA application receipt clearly indicates—that you must hold a valid DCA Pedicab Driver License before operating a pedicab in New York City. Anyone found operating a pedicab without a proper license is subject to enforcement activity, which could include fines, the denial of a pending application, and seizure of the pedicab being operated *even if the pedicab has a DCA registration plate.*

Can I apply for a DCA Pedicab Driver License with only a Department of Motor Vehicles' learner's permit rather than a valid driver's license?

No. The law requires that you have a currently valid driver's license to be eligible to apply for a Pedicab Driver License at the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Is the Pedicab Driver License issued in 2007 still valid?

No. The license issued in 2007 has expired. It is illegal to use that license. You must apply in person for a new license at the Department of Consumer Affairs. Please bring to the Licensing Center receipts or other relevant documentation as proof of your previous Pedicab Driver license application. Any fees that you paid in 2007 will be applied to your new application.

PEDICAB DRIVER LICENSE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- A photo ID (driver's license, passport, alien card/green card, or City, State, or Federal employee ID card)
- Child Support Certification form
- Current driver's license that proves you are at least 18 years old and that is valid in New York State. Valid licenses include licenses issued by New York State and licenses issued by other U.S. states, U.S. territories, Federal districts, and other countries *unless you are or become a resident of New York State*.
 - **(if you are not a resident of New York State)** You must submit a Certified Abstract of your driving record issued within the last 30 days (or other certified proof issued within the last 30 days) from the State Department of Motor Vehicles, territory, district, or country that issued your license that demonstrates that the license is valid and in full force and effect.
- A license fee of \$35 for one year. License fees must be paid when the license application is submitted. Fees must be paid by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Card), money order, or check. Money orders and checks must be made payable to NYC Department of Consumer Affairs.

NEW REGULATIONS OF SPECIAL NOTE TO PEDICAB DRIVERS

- If a pedicab driver receives a violation, the pedicab business for which he/she drives is allowed to participate in any hearing held on the violation.
- It is unlawful for pedicab businesses to fail to train pedicab drivers about the provisions of State and Local Law governing the operations of pedicabs.
- Pedicab businesses must require their pedicab drivers (whether those drivers are employees, lessees, or renters) to provide to the business copies of any summonses, complaints, or notices of violation of any law or regulation they receive while operating their pedicabs within five business days after receiving such documents. Pedicab drivers must also provide pedicab businesses with copies of the disposition of such summonses, complaints, or notices of violation within five business days after drivers receive such documents.
- Pedicab drivers who are arrested or who receive summonses or complaints for traffic-related offenses or other notices of violation of any laws or regulations while operating pedicabs must provide copies of such documents to the pedicab businesses to which the pedicabs are registered within five business days. Similarly, pedicab drivers must provide to the pedicab businesses copies of the disposition of such arrests and violations within five days of receiving such documents.
- It is unlawful for pedicabs to operate in pedestrian plazas.
- All pedicab drivers must read and comply with all of the laws and regulations contained in Local Law 19 of 2007, Local Law 53 of 2009, and the Pedicab Rule, and must read and comply with all other relevant City, State, and Federal legislation.