

TLC DRIVER LICENSE

Frequently Asked Questions – Current Driver

LICENSING - ABOUT

1. What is the new TLC Driver License?

The TLC Driver License is the combined license that authorizes holders to operate taxis, For-Hire Vehicles, and Street Hail Livery vehicles.

2. Why is the TLC changing to a new License?

On April 21, 2016, Mayor de Blasio signed Local Law 51, which requires TLC to issue a single license for taxi and FHV drivers. This law also requires the conversion of all current taxi and FHV driver licenses to this new, combined license which will allow drivers to operate taxis, For-Hire Vehicles, and Street Hail Liveries.

3. When does the TLC Driver License go into effect?

The new TLC Driver License will go into effect starting September 26, 2016.

4. What type of vehicle am I allowed to drive with the new TLC Driver License?

TLC Driver License holders can drive taxis, For-Hire Vehicles and Street Hail Liveries. Paratransit and Commuter Van drivers are NOT included under the TLC Driver License and will still need to apply for and be issued a license specific to those vehicles.

5. Will I have to get a new license card immediately?

No, it is not necessary to get one immediately. As long as the license is current and valid, licensees may drive a taxi, Street Hail Livery Vehicle, or For Hire Vehicle. The new card will be sent to current taxi and FHV drivers upon renewal.

6. What do I need to do to convert my old TLC Medallion Taxi/FHV license to the TLC Driver License?

Current drivers do not have to do anything. They will be sent licenses reflecting the new TLC Driver License name upon renewal. If a driver wants a new license card before their renewal, they can request one be sent to them by mail free of charge through an online request system [ADD LINK].

LICENSING - RENEWAL

7. My TLC Medallion/FHV license expires in 2017. Can I receive my new license card before my renewal?

Yes, drivers who want a new license card prior to renewal will be able to request one be sent to them by mail free of charge through online request system [ADD LINK].

8. How much will it cost to renew my license?

The fee is \$252.00 for a three-year term.

9. Where can I check my license status?

Your license status may be checked on [TLC's Open Data](#) web site. The status will be located on the Medallion Drivers - Active Open Data list. Drivers should let their bases know that they can find them there.

10. What are the new renewal requirements?

The driver renewal requirements remain the same. For a list of renewal requirements, please visit the [Licensing](#) page on the TLC web site.

11. Will my renewal periods change?

No, renewal periods will not change. The expiration date and license number remain the same.

LICENSING - OTHER

12. Will my inspection schedule change?

No, only vehicles are inspected, not drivers.

13. Will my drug test schedule change?

No, all drivers must take and pass their drug test every year up to ninety (90) days before the interim (anniversary) date of their license in order to keep the license valid.

ENFORCEMENT

1. If I am driving an FHV with my Medallion license will I receive a summons for not having this new TLC Driver License?

No, starting September 26, all existing taxi and FHV drivers will become TLC Driver License Holders. TLC Enforcement will coordinate with NYPD and PAPD regarding this change.

2. Will there be new TLC rules that will take effect with this change?

Starting October 26, TLC Enforcement will issue all summonses from the new, consolidated driver license chapter (Chapter 80). Drivers should review these rules and become familiar with them.

3. What rules do I have to follow while driving with the New TLC Driver License?

The rules that drivers have to follow depend on the type of vehicle that a driver is operating.

4. Will TLC Enforcement Officers, NYPD and PAPD know about these new changes?

Yes. TLC Enforcement has informed NYPD and PAPD regarding the new license changes.

EDUCATION

1. What changes are being done to the curriculum?

The new curriculum will focus on the new Chapter 80 (TLC Driver License) and eliminate Chapters 54 and 55 of TLC rules. TLC Driver Education will cover topics that apply to any driver, such as Vision Zero, as well as the operation of and rules for taxis, FHV's, and SHL's.

2. How will the exam change?

The new exam – which will be the same for all -- will incorporate questions that will apply to taxis, For-Hire Vehicles and Street Hail Liveries, such as TPEP/LPEP and pre-arrangement, as well as fare rules for each.

3. When will the new course begin?

The new course will go into effect on October 15, 2016. It will be a combination of Taxi and FHV School and will have a new course name, TLC Driver Education.

4. Does TLC have plans to offer TLC Driver Education in any other languages?

Yes, TLC Driver Education and the exam will be provided in Spanish, Bengali, Urdu, Chinese and Russian.

5. Will there be a test for the English language proficiency requirement?

No, due to a recently-enacted law, the TLC no longer requires any driver license applicant to take an English proficiency test.

6. How many times can I take the exam if I do not pass?

Drivers can take the exam as many times as they would like within 90 days from the date that their application is submitted. Prices for the exam are listed on the [Education](#) page of the TLC web site.

7. Will I be required to retake the course when I renew every 3 years?

No, only drivers who applied for a license between March 20, 2015 and December 19, 2015 will have to attend TLC Driver Education and take the test. Those who have to take the course and passed the exam only have to do so once.

8. If I passed the exam when I had a medallion license will I still have to retake the new exam?

No, anyone who already attended school and passed the Taxi School exam will not need to take the new exam, as long as they continue renewing their licenses. Anyone who applied for a license prior to March 20, 2015 will not need to take the new exam. Those who applied for a license after this date will need to attend TLC Driver Education.