



# NEW YORK CITY TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

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### TLC SAFE DRIVER PROGRAM OFFERS LICENSEES INSURANCE SAVINGS

In recognition of the fact that the high cost of liability insurance is a major issue facing its regulated industries, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) is pleased to announce that it has undertaken initiatives to reduce its cost through the creation of the "TLC Safe Driver Certification Program."

The purpose of the Program is to identify TLC licensed drivers who have met specific experience, training and safe driving criteria, and to classify such drivers as "TLC Safe Drivers." Irrespective of the fact that the TLC does not regulate insurance carriers, this classification may be used to obtain a safety program insurance discount from a participating insurance carrier.

Individuals may apply for certification with the TLC by submitting an application online or by mail. Licensees can pick up applications at the Licensing Division driver information window, located at 32-02 Queens Boulevard, or print an application from the official Taxi and Limousine web site by clicking on the icon "[Safe Driver Certification Program](#)." Drivers can file an application directly online at [www.nyc.gov/taxi](http://www.nyc.gov/taxi) by following the instructions under "Safe Driver Certification Program" or mail the application to the Taxi and Limousine Commission's "Driver Performance Unit" located at 40 Rector Street, New York, N.Y. 10006. The envelope should clearly state "Safe Driver Certification Program."

The Commission will review the applicant's record, and if the licensee successfully passes this review, a notification will be sent instructing him/her to attend an additional driver safety course offered at the Taxi Schools. Once the licensee has successfully completed this course, the taxi school will send a notification to the TLC.

The licensee will then be certified and qualify for the safety program insurance discount. The TLC will notify the participating insurance companies by sending each company a listing of the licensees who have been certified for the safety program insurance discount.

Questions concerning this program can be directed to the TLC's Customer Service Call Center at 311.