



## NEW YORK CITY TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

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#### **TLC ANNOUNCES "EZLicense 2" -- SIMPLIFIED LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR DRIVER LICENSEES SEEKING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL LICENSE CLASSIFICATIONS**

In order to simplify the process of obtaining a second classification of driver license, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) announces that it will allow expedited requests **WITHOUT THE NEED TO REFILE A NEW APPLICATION**. The new procedure will save time and money, and allow the applicant to obtain a second driving classification in a fraction of the amount of time it takes under the current procedures.

The TLC licenses four (4) classifications of drivers:

- (i) taxicab driver (medallion driver)
- (ii) for-hire vehicle driver
- (iii) commuter van driver, and
- (iv) paratransit vehicle driver

Applicants for a new license classification with fingerprinting already on file will save the \$50 fingerprinting fee as a result of this new program.

The following procedures will apply, starting April 1, 2003, for all current driver licensees:

#### **ALREADY HAVE A TAXICAB LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:**

- A for-hire vehicle – the TLC already permits all current taxicab drivers to drive a for-hire vehicle. The driver need not obtain an additional license.
- A commuter van –OR– paratransit vehicle – the TLC will require that you:
  - must have N.Y.S. Article 19-A active status,
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and submit a copy of the completed doctor's form used to obtain 19-A status, which must be no less than one-year-old.

#### **ALREADY HAVE A FOR-HIRE DRIVER LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:**

- A taxicab – the TLC will require that you:
  - take the mandatory taxi driver training course and pass the Final and English Proficiency Examinations;
  - furnish proof of U.S. citizenship, or proof of legal U.S. residency, or a U.S. Employment Authorization card (**only original and valid documents will be accepted**);
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and must complete the required New York-State Certified Defensive Driving Course.
- A commuter van –OR– paratransit vehicle – the TLC will require that you:
  - must have N.Y.S. Article 19-A active status,
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and provide a copy of the completed doctor's form used to obtain 19-A status, which must be no less than one-year-old.

#### **ALREADY HAVE A COMMUTER VAN DRIVER LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:**

- A taxicab – the TLC will require that you:
  - take the mandatory taxi driver training course and pass the Final and English Proficiency Examinations;
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification
  - must take TLC required drug test
  - must complete the required defensive driving class
- A for-hire vehicle – the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification
  - must take TLC required drug test
  - must complete the required defensive driving class
- A paratransit vehicle – the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification

#### **ALREADY HAVE A PARATRANSIT DRIVER LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:**

- A taxicab – the TLC will require that you:
  - take the mandatory taxi driver training course and pass the Final and English Proficiency Examinations;
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification;
  - must take TLC required drug test, and
  - must complete the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.
- A for-hire vehicle – the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - must take TLC required drug test, and
  - must complete the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.
- A commuter van – the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification.

**In all cases, you must have a current (free from suspension) New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) chauffeur's license and TLC driver license.**

Additional information may be obtained by calling the TLC Customer Service Hotline at **311**.

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