



Change to For Hire Vehicle Driver data file extension

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The New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) currently loads to its web site on a daily basis a list of all individuals who hold a current and valid For-Hire Vehicle Operators license. That data file is currently uploaded as a Microsoft Excel data file which has an “.xls” extension. IE: *current_fhv_drivers.xls*.

The file, which is located at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/html/industry/current_licensees.shtml under the category “**For-Hire-Vehicle (FHV) Drivers**” would, when the following hyperlink was selected (→[Current FHV Drivers \(Black Car, Community Car Service, Luxury Limousine\) - sorted by TLC License Number](#)), be shown with the file name “*current_fhv_drivers.xls*”. The use of this older file extension limits the number of rows which can appear in a single tab, which is why the list had to be split between two tabs in the single worksheet.

In order to return to a simpler, more efficient single-page listing, the TLC will be changing the file type that is loaded on a daily basis. Effective Monday September 15, 2014, the aforementioned data file will now be uploaded as an “.xlsx” data file. This will allow us to upload the full list in a single tab.

The current file name: *current_fhv_drivers.xls* will, on 9/15/2014, become: *current_fhv_drivers.xlsx*.

Once you download the file to your PC you may need to adjust your search parameters to look for the new “.xlsx” file extension. The easiest way to do this is to click the “Open” command in Excel and then select “All Excel Files” in the pull down box that is located just to the right of where you enter the file name.

If you have an older version of Excel that will not automatically open a data file with the new “.xlsx” file extension, you can download a patch from Microsoft that will allow you to open the new data file at: <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/download/details.aspx?id=3>.