

TLC DRIVER LICENSE

Frequently Asked Questions - New Applicants

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 the 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 these drivers to operate 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.

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

The new TLC Driver License went into effect on September 26, 2016.

LICENSING – NEW APPLICATION

1. How can I apply for a TLC Driver's License?

For a list of all TLC driver license requirements, fees and information on how and where to apply please go to the [Licensing](#) page on the TLC web site.

2. I want to apply for a TLC Driver License and work for a base. Would I need to go to the TLC Driver Education for drivers?

Yes, starting October 15, all new drivers will attend TLC Driver Education, the combination of the current Taxi and FHV School courses.

3. How old do you have to be to be able to apply for the new TLC Driver License?

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4. Where can I check my license status?

Your license status may be checked on the [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.

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

TLC Driver License holders can drive Medallion Taxis, For-Hire Vehicles and Street Hail Liveries (SHLs). 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.

- 6. Am I allowed to operate a commuter Van or a Paratransit with this new License?**
No, 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.

ENFORCEMENT

- 1. 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.
- 2. Will TLC Enforcement Officers, NYPD and PAPD know about this new license?**
Yes. TLC Enforcement has informed NYPD and PAPD regarding the new license changes.
- 3. 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.

EDUCATION

- 1. Will I have to go to Taxi School or FHV School?**
All new drivers will attend TLC Driver Education, the combination of the current taxi and FHV School courses that includes content necessary for both sectors, such as TPEP/LPEP and pre-arrangement, and well as fare rules for each.
- 2. 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Will there be a test for the English language proficiency requirement?**
No, due to a newly-enacted law, the TLC no longer requires any driver license applicant to take an English Proficiency test.
- 5. Will there be new rules to learn with the new license?**
Yes, Chapter 80 is a consolidated version of the two existing chapters, Chapter 54 and 55 of TLC rules. Drivers should review these rules and become familiar with them.
- 6. How many times can I take the exam if I do not pass?**

Applicants 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 pass 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.