



**Taxi & Limousine
Commission**

DRIVER EDUCATION RULES

EXPANDING AND ENHANCING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

TLC COMMISSION MEETING

DECEMBER 18, 2014



COURSES REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE

New Applicants

Taxi

Taxicab Training (“Taxi School”)
Defensive Driving Course
Sex Trafficking Awareness Training
Wheelchair Passenger Assistance Training

FHV

Defensive Driving Course
Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

Renewal Applicants

Taxi

Taxicab Training Refresher Course*
Defensive Driving Course
Sex Trafficking Awareness Training
Wheelchair Passenger Assistance Training**

FHV

Defensive Driving Course
Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

**Only required for drivers renewing the one-year probationary license*

***Requirement takes effect on January 1, 2016*

Taxicab Training Course

- Required for a one-year probationary taxi driver's license
- Covers TLC and traffic rules, geography, vehicle technology, and customer service
- 24 hours of instruction

Taxicab Training Refresher Course

- Required to renew the one-year probationary taxi driver's license
- Provides an update on rule changes and a review of driver responsibilities
- 4 hours of instruction

Wheelchair Passenger Assistance Training

- Required for:
 - Accessible taxi and accessible Street Hail Livery drivers
 - Applicants for a new taxi driver's license
 - Beginning in 2016, applicants for a renewal taxi driver's license
- Instruction on the legal requirements that apply to transporting persons with disabilities, and hands-on demonstrations
- 3 hours of instruction

Defensive Driving Course

- Required for taxi and FHV drivers
 - New applicants must complete course within six months of application date
 - Renewal applicants must complete course every three years
- Covers driver attitude and behavior and defensive driving techniques
- 6 hours

Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

- Video available online at the TLC website
- 10 minutes

Distracted Driving

- Required of all drivers who violate TLC rules regarding the use of a cell phone

Remedial Course for Persistent Violators

- Required of any taxi or FHV driver who is guilty of at least three TLC rule violations within a 15-month period and whose license has not been revoked

Voluntary Point Reduction Course

- Eliminates three points accumulated on a TLC or state driver's license
- Relevant for determining license suspension or revocation under the Critical Driver Program and Persistent Violator Program

PROPOSED RULES

- **New FHV applicants must take a comprehensive introductory education course and pass an exam on course contents**
- **Renewal FHV and taxi applicants must take a refresher course each and every time they seek to renew their license**
- **FHV drivers, like taxi drivers, must complete wheelchair passenger assistance training**
- **Enables the TLC to transition to a single education provider**

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