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## Industry Notice #14-47 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## TLC Announces a New Licensing Opportunity -Upgrade Your FHV Driver's License to a Taxi Driver's License in a Few Easy Steps

Under a new program just implemented by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC), a holder of a For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) Driver license can upgrade their existing FHV license to a Medallion Driver license by completing three simple steps:

- 1. Attend Taxi School at an authorized school and pass the final exam,
- 2. Attend a Wheelchair Accessibility\Passenger Sensitivity Course given by an authorized provider,
- 3. Have a simple medical exam and the medical form completed. Once you have completed all three of the above steps, you complete a simple one-page application which can be found on our web site (<a href="http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/upgrade\_to\_hdr.pdf">http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/upgrade\_to\_hdr.pdf</a>) and bring the application and your current FHV license to our Long Island City facility. You won't need to file a new license application or pay any additional license fees and you will keep your existing license number.

With the submission of the one-page application and the surrender of your FHV license, the TLC will issue you a new Medallion\FHV Driver license. You may then use this license to drive either a Medallion (Yellow Taxi) or any For-Hire Vehicle, including a Street Hail Livery.

The one page application, with the instructions page and the medical examination form, can be found on our web site at: http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/upgrade to hdr.pdf.

The list of authorized Taxi Schools and Wheelchair Accessibility\Passenger Sensitivity Course providers can be found on our web site at:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/tlc/downloads/pdf/taxischool\_post\_filing.pdf

If you have any questions about this new program please contact the TLC's Call Center at 718-391-5501.