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### TLC ANNOUNCES "EZLicense" – A SWEEPING IMPROVEMENT TO THE TLC TAXI DRIVER LICENSING PROCESS

Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) Commissioner/Chair Matthew W. Daus today announced the creation of "EZLicense" -- a pilot program that will allow new taxicab driver license applicants to take a condensed, three-day (24-hour) training course, rather than the currently required 80-hour course. A primary goal of the pilot program is to highlight the many career opportunities available in the New York City taxicab industry.

This course will feature three concentrated 8-hour modules focusing on the elements that are essential to a successful career in the taxicab industry: Rules and Regulations, Geography, and Driver/Passenger Relations. In addition to completing the 24-hour course, students will be required to pass an English Proficiency Test and a Final Examination on taxi-related subjects. The program is effective immediately.

To allow more flexibility in the application process, "EZLicense" will enable new applicants to sit for the Final Examination at any time during the four-month life of the application, whether they have taken the course or not. The new course, however, must be completed in full prior to licensure. Each applicant will be permitted to sit for the examination twice per application filed with the TLC. Students may take the examination at the designated school of their choice, regardless of the school that they have chosen for the 24-hour course.

"The TLC's EZLicense Pilot Program will help license applicants to save time and money – because time 'is' money for taxicab drivers," said Commissioner Daus. "This program will provide more options to meet the TLC's high licensing standards and is expected to reduce the amount of time it takes to obtain a taxicab license. It is our hope that the EZLicense program will provide an incentive for job seekers to find employment in the taxicab industry. We will monitor this pilot very closely over the coming months and present our findings to the TLC's Board of Commissioners."

The 24-hour course will cost \$105, which includes all study materials. In addition, students will pay their chosen school \$25 for each examination sitting. This pilot program could result in cost savings of up to \$195 from the current tuition fees for students who pass the Final Examination the first time.

The current 80-hour course, at a fee of \$325 including study materials and two examination sittings, will continue to be available at Master Cabbie Taxi Academy and HANAC N.Y.C. Taxi Academy for those who wish to take it.

The TLC has authorized three schools to offer the new 24-hour course:

<b>HANAC N.Y.C. Taxi Academy</b>	<b>LaGuardia Community College Taxi and FHV Driver Institute</b>	<b>Master Cabbie Taxi Academy (A DriveOne Company)</b>
29-28 41st Avenue, #313 Long Island City, NY 11101  Tel. 718-433-0493	31-10 Thomson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101  Tel. 718-482-5335	24-05 Jackson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101  Tel. 718-472-1699

For those who wish to self-study and take the Final Examination before completing the course, each of the above schools will offer supplemental training materials, designed as an independent study guide for the Final Examination, for a fee of \$25.

For more information on this pilot program, prospective applicants may log onto the TLC's web site, [www.nyc.gov/taxi](http://www.nyc.gov/taxi), or call the TLC's Customer Service Hotline at 311.