



PEDICAB LICENSING SUBMISSION



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The London Cab Drivers Club welcomes the consultation on pedicab licensing and supports the introduction of a robust regulatory framework to ensure safety, compliance, and fairness in the industry. Below is our response, outlining our recommendations and additional points that should be considered by Transport for London (TfL) in regulating pedicabs in London.

All journeys must be pre-booked through a licensed operator. All bookings must be recorded, including the time, date, passenger name, driver details, pick-up and destination locations, and fare.

- Records must be available on demand 24 hours a day, seven days a week.



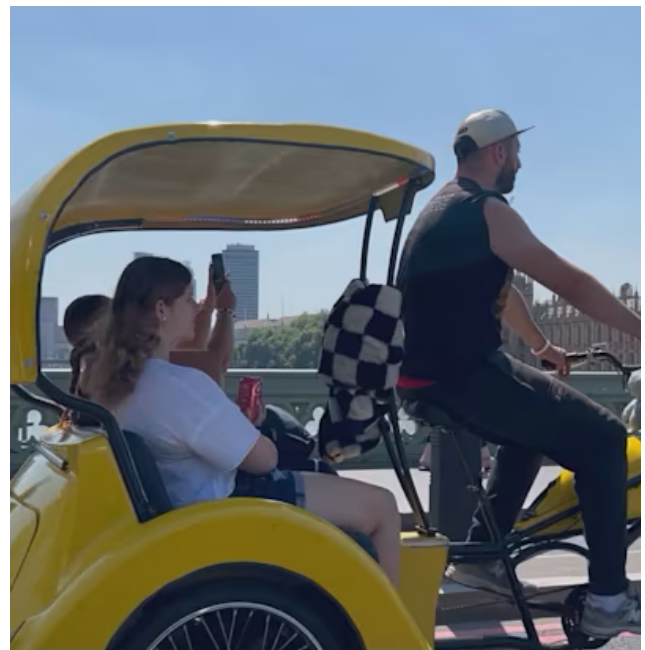
- Operators must inform the Metropolitan Police Service and TfL immediately of any complaints of an unlawful or serious nature.
- TfL should provide a public online driver register.
- Operators should inform TfL of every registered driver and report any changes weekly.
- All bookings should only be dispatched to an operator's registered driver.
- All individuals associated with a pedicab operator licence should undergo an enhanced DBS check.
- All operator licences should be granted on a yearly basis.
- All operators must comply immediately with any employment ruling.
- In public places, drivers or agents of pedicab operators must not solicit passengers.
- No pedicab should wait close to, near, or in sight of a taxi rank.
- Pedicab drivers should be restricted from direct initial contact with passengers. If such contact occurs, the driver should not undertake a journey with that passenger.
- All fares must be fixed and clearly communicated to passengers before a journey.
- Fare rates should be determined by TfL and standardised (e.g., price per mile or meter).
- All fare payments must be processed through the operator.
- All pedicabs should display external signage denoting "Pre-Book ONLY."
- All pedicabs should have external identification signage.
- All pedal-powered pedicabs should be inspected every six months. Battery-assisted pedicabs should be inspected every three months and speed-restricted to 12 MPH. All inspections must be conducted under stringent safety criteria.
- All pedicabs must be covered by comprehensive hire-and-reward insurance to protect passengers, drivers, and third parties.



- All pedicab drivers should undergo an enhanced DBS check, be medically fit, have the right to work in the UK, be at least 21 years old, demonstrate English language proficiency, and have a sound understanding of safety, equality, and regulatory requirements. Unless a driver can provide documentation proving residency in a country for the stated period, certificates of good conduct should not be accepted.
- A UK driving test should be mandatory for all pedicab drivers, ensuring they are familiar with road safety regulations and the responsibilities of carrying passengers.
- All pedicab drivers should complete cycling proficiency training before being granted a licence.
- All pedicab driver licences should be granted on a yearly basis.
- All pedicab drivers should wear TfL licence identification and high-visibility clothing.
- Playing music on pedicabs should be strictly prohibited.
- Pedicabs should not congregate, wait, or park on pavements or pedestrianised areas.
- TfL should limit the number of pedicabs in tourist or high-footfall areas, considering congestion and obstruction for other road users.
- TfL must fully account for the significant enforcement costs required to ensure compliance with the licensing regime. These costs should be covered through licensing fees.

The club appreciates that the current consultation applies only to certain aspects of the proposed licensing regime but we believe these broader measures are essential to ensuring a properly regulated and enforceable system.

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