

Vehicle requirements for Private Hire Vehicles to be licensed in Hull and a table of makes and models of vehicles that do not meet minimum seating specifications and/or, in the opinion of the Council, materially interferes with the comfort of any passenger.

Vehicle specifications for:

Private Hire Vehicles

Relevant Legislation

Section 48 (1) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states:

Subject to the Provisions of this Part of this Act, a district council may on receipt of an application from the proprietor of any vehicle for the grant in respect of such vehicle of a licence to use the vehicle as a private hire vehicle, grant in respect thereof a vehicle licence:

Provided that a district council shall not grant such a licence unless they are satisfied-

(a) that the vehicle is –

- (i) suitable in type, size and design for use as a private hire vehicle;
- (ii) not such design and appearance as to lead any person to believe that the vehicle is a hackney carriage.
- (iii) in a suitable mechanical condition
- (iv) safe; and
- (v) comfortable

Hull City Council Seating Specifications

Every passenger seat in the vehicle must meet the following minimum dimensions:

- Individual seat width – 41cm (16)
- Bench seat width (i.e. rear seat of a saloon vehicle – 124cm (49)
- Width between door handles – 124cm (49)
- Width between rear doors – 132 cm (52)
- Seat squab height measured from vehicle floor – 30cm (12)
- Seat squab depth – 43cm (17)
- Headroom measured from centre of seat to underside of roof- 87.5(35)
- Legroom measured from seat back diagonally vehicle floor – 92.4cm (37)
- Unobstructed spare in front of seat measured from seat back- 62.5cm (25)

There shall be no obstructions or features in the vehicle (e.g, prominent transmission tunnels, door furniture, vehicle controls, etc) which in the opinion of the Council materially interferes with the comfort of any passenger

Table of measured vehicles that either do not comply with minimum dimensions and/or interfere with comfort of any passenger

Citroen C3

Citroen C4 Grand Picasso (Licensed for 4 Passenger seats only)
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Fiat Ideal

Fiat 500L

Ford Ecosport

Ford Fiesta

Ford Fusion

Nissan Note

Renault Captur

Renault Clio

Renault Modus

Skoda Yeti

Volkswagen Golf

Volkswagen Touran

Please note that the above list of vehicles is not exhaustive. Any vehicle not currently on the fleet of licensed vehicles in Hull will need to be measured by a Licensing Enforcement Officer to check on compliance with the minimum dimensions and to ensure features within the vehicle do not interfere with the comfort of any passenger.