

Hackney Carriage Driver Standards

The Applicant must:

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1. be twenty-one (21) years of age or older;
2. pass a standard examination demonstrating the ability to speak, read, write and understand the English Language;
3. participate in Hackney Carriage testing and training as determined by the Inspector of Carriages;
4. have an original Birth Certificate, Alien Card, Asylum Document, US Passport or Naturalization Papers;
5. not have a Hackney Carriage Driver's License that is revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction;
6. have a valid Massachusetts Driver's License;
7. have had a Driver's license in the United States for at least two (2) years;
8. not have been adjudged a Habitual Traffic Offender, as defined by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90 section 22F, or the equivalent in any jurisdiction, within the past five (5) years;
9. not have any outstanding or unresolved driving infractions which could result in the applicants Driver's license being suspended or revoked in any jurisdiction;
10. not have had his or her Driver's License suspended for five (5) or more Surchargeable Incidents¹, as defined by Chapter 211 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations section 134, or the equivalent in any jurisdiction, within the past five (5) years;

¹ Currently, a Surchargeable Incident is "an at fault accident, traffic law violation, or Comprehensive Coverage Claim, which may result in an increase in the Policy Holder's Premium."

11. not have more than four violations of the Traffic Laws and/or At-Fault Accidents² as defined by Chapter 211 of the Code of Massachusetts Regulations section 134 or an equivalent department in the last three (3) years (violations and accidents occurring on the same date will count as only one) in any jurisdiction;
12. not have any Operating Under the Influence of drugs or alcohol convictions or dispositions under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 90 section 24D within the past five (5) years or the equivalent in any jurisdiction;
13. not have any felony convictions within the last five (5) years in any jurisdiction;
14. not have any drug convictions in the last five (5) years in any jurisdiction;
15. not have any dispositions for a criminal offense, in any jurisdiction, that would result in the denial of a license, including admissions to sufficient facts or continues of an offense without resolution, unless the circumstances of such incident are reviewed by the Inspector of Carriages as to the specific facts and circumstances and the applicant is thus approved by the Inspector of Carriages;
16. not be required to register as a sex offender in any jurisdiction; and
17. not have any outstanding or unresolved criminal court cases in any jurisdiction which could result in the license being denied if the Applicant was convicted of the alleged offense.

All license applicants must be suitable individuals in addition to meeting the above requirements. Nothing herein shall limit the Inspector of Carriages' power to deny an application or renewal application should he determine that the applicant is not a suitable Hackney Carriage Driver.

² Currently, an At-Fault Accident is "an accident involving a vehicle subject to 211 CMR 134 wherein the Involved Operator was more than 50% a fault, as determined by the application of the Standards of Fault of the Board of Appeal."