

## **Medical Conditions**

If you have any new medical conditions that may affect your driving you must inform the Hackney Carriage Office immediately.

We will take advice from The Councils Medical Advisor as to whether you may continue to drive as a licensed driver. If you do not meet the DVLA Medical Standards of Fitness to Drive (Group 2 Entitlement).

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/dvla/medical/ataglance.asp> It may be the case that your licence may be suspended until you can meet the medical standard or in extreme cases your licence may be revoked. Your suspension letter will give you details of what is required of you and how you may appeal this decision in the magistrates Court.

### **For example:**

If you have a heart condition it may take some time to assess your fitness as reports/tests such as an “exercise test” or “profusion scan” may be required before any decision can be made as to your fitness to be re-licensed as well as “barring” periods set by the DVLA. These tests should normally be arranged through your GP although you may have these test carried out privately if you so wish but ensure the test you are having is suitable. All required medical tests will be at your expense.

To minimise delays in our medical advisor making a decision, ask your consultant to send a copy of any report to the Hackney Carriage Office and / or your GP to forward to us as soon as possible.

Normally it is a requirement of the DVLA that once you have a condition such as a heart problem you will require an “exercise test” every third year before being relicensed so make sure that you arrange this with your GP in plenty of time and return to us with your completed medical as soon as possible as further advice and / tests may be required. Please also ensure that your annual medical form is returned in plenty of time. You can always collect or we will post you a medical form early so we can refer to our Medical Advisor before your licence is due.