



## Newly Licensed Private Hire Vehicles – Hybrid Vehicles

In order to reduce harmful emissions and tackle poor air quality in London, in 2012 new emissions requirements were introduced for private hire vehicles (PHVs). These were introduced as part of the Mayor's Air Quality Strategy and included a requirement that all newly licensed PHVs must be under five years old.

The requirement for newly licensed PHVs is now being updated, and with effect from 1 January 2015, full electric and petrol hybrid vehicles which emit less than 110g/km CO<sub>2</sub>, as defined by the manufacturer, will be exempt from the 5 year rule. This is to recognise that these particular vehicle types have lower emissions of NO<sub>x</sub>, PM<sub>10</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> than conventionally powered vehicles.

The minimum Euro 4 emissions standard and maximum 10 year age limit still apply.

An eligible vehicle must be:

- Full electric or
- Petrol parallel hybrid or
- Petrol full series hybrid

In addition to the above an eligible vehicle must fall within the fuel type 'hybrid/electric' and display CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of less than 110g/km on the V5C registration document.

NSL Ltd, TfL's licensing contractor, will use the V5C to verify the above requirements are met prior to licensing vehicles.

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