

Extract (paragraph 2.3) SKDC Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy

2.3 Accessibility

2.3.1 Hackney carriages and private hire vehicles are an essential mode of transport for many disabled and older people. The combination of the personal service they offer, their wide availability and door to door operations enable them to respond particularly well to the travelling needs of people with disabilities.

2.3.2 The Authority encourages the provision of wheelchair accessible vehicles. There will be a 10%* reduction from the application fee for such vehicles.

2.3.3 The Authority is committed to social inclusion and ensuring a wide variety of opportunities is available to those with mobility difficulties in order to enjoy a high quality of life.

2.3.4 The Equality Act 2010 brings together in one Act a number of different pieces of legislation about discrimination, - including disability discrimination. The Authority considers it important that people with disabilities have access to all forms of public transportation.

2.3.5 In addition to the general conditions, accessibility for people with disabilities (including, but not only people, who need to travel in a wheelchair) is, therefore, an important consideration in respect of vehicles licensed as hackney carriages/private hire vehicles.

**NB – Fees and Charges increased discount to 20%*