

Applications for Taxi and Private Hire Driver Licences

Under the provisions of the Immigration Act 2016 which came into force on **1 December 2016**, Scottish Borders Council will not be able to issue a taxi or private hire car driver licence to any person unless a check has first been made to confirm that the person is not disqualified by reason of his or her immigration status from driving a taxi or private hire car.

This will mean that all applicants for taxi or private hire car driver licences, including UK passport holders, will need to attend their nearest licensing office in person with their original document(s) demonstrating that they have the right to work in the UK. Acceptable forms of id are as detailed below. Licensing staff will require to check the validity of the original documents in the presence of the applicant before the licence can be issued and the Council is required to retain copies.

Acceptable forms of id

If you are a British Citizen please provide your current passport with the application. If you do not have a current passport, then please provide your birth certificate along with either your National Insurance Card or most up to date P60/P45.

If you are an EU National please provide your passport or National Identity Card with the application.

If you are not a British Citizen or an EU National, please provide your passport and residence permit confirming your immigration status and right to work in the UK.