

Due to the higher standard expected by Buckinghamshire Council on this assessment, we advise our candidates to research and practice the criteria below to increase their ability to pass the assessment, please ensure you encourage your candidates to do so when you make your initial contact by telephone.

In addition to the standard assessment requirements outlined on the Green Penny website, Buckinghamshire councils' taxi candidates will also be required to carry out the following criteria:

- 2 manoeuvres e.g. parallel park, Turn in the road.
- A controlled stop.

Navigation

- During the assessment drive, the candidate will be asked to drive to a destination determined by the assessor. (Candidates are permitted to use navigational aid such as maps or a SAT NAV device, which must be prepared before moving off).

Please note:

- *If a candidate fails to reach a destination in a reasonable time or fails to take the shortest route on two or more occasions during the journey, this will be marked as a serious fault and the candidate will fail. A candidate can be given no more than 2 driving faults in total, if they do not follow the Sat Nav directions or their own navigated route. A 3rd fault must be marked as a serious fault.*
- *It is illegal to use a hand-held phone or similar device while driving, the rules are the same if you are stopped at traffic lights or queuing in traffic. (there can be no exception to this and so any use of a device, other than when safely parked must be marked as a serious fault).*

Questions

- The candidate will be asked a total of 20 questions after the assessment drive. The candidate will have a total of 10 minutes to answer the following groups of questions:

| Category | Number of Questions | |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| | Private Hire | Hackney Carriage |
| Highway Code (Standard Green Penny List) | 3 | 2 |
| Road Signs (Standard Green Penny List) | 3 | 2 |
| Licensing Law (Buckinghamshire List) | 5 | 5 |
| Vehicle Requirements (Buckinghamshire List) | 3 | 3 |
| Driver Requirements (Buckinghamshire List) | 3 | 3 |
| Driver Conduct (Buckinghamshire List) | 3 | 3 |
| Local Knowledge (Buckinghamshire List) | 0 | 2 |
| Total | 20 | 20 |

Please note:

The candidate must answer a minimum of 15 questions correctly, to pass this part of the assessment.

The candidate will pass the assessment if they meet **BOTH** of the following criteria:

- Make 9 or fewer driving faults during the driving part of the assessment (unless they accumulate a number of faults in one section). If any serious or dangerous faults are recorded this will result in a fail.

And

- They answer a minimum of 15 questions correctly.

Marking sheet

- Do not mark incorrect answers in the questions box (section 2).
- Only mark the questions box (section 2) with a serious fault if they fail to answer a minimum of 15 questions correctly.
- All incorrect answers still need to be listed on the written report, with a description of what their incorrect answers were, regardless of whether a candidate passes or fails.