

## **Maidstone Borough Council - Taxi Driver Assessments – Additional taxi assessments information.**

**Due to the higher standard expected by Maidstone Borough Council, on this assessment, Green Penny strongly advise candidates to research and practice all the criteria below to increase their ability to pass the assessment.**

In addition to the standard assessment requirements outlined on the Green Penny website, which can be found on the following link:

<http://www.greenpenny.co.uk/taxi-assessment-booking-form>

Maidstone Borough Council taxi candidates will also be required to carry out the following criteria:

### Vehicle Specification

*Before the assessment starts; It will be the responsibility of the candidate to provide a suitable vehicle for the assessment and to demonstrate the following:*

- *Bring a valid MOT test certificate.*
- *The vehicle must be taxed.*
- *Produce a valid insurance policy – **Candidates must present a valid insurance policy (Digital or hard copy) at the start of the assessment, if a candidate fails to produce this, the assessment must not go ahead, and the candidate will lose their fee.***
- *The vehicle must be in a roadworthy condition.*
- *The vehicle must be internally and externally clean.*

Assessment Specification

- Candidates are required to demonstrate a vehicle defect check prior to starting the driving part of assessment, covering all categories such as:

Tyres and wheels
Body Exterior
Glass
Mirrors
Exhaust Security
Fluid Levels
Lights
Wipers
Washers
Horn
Fuel Level
Steering
Body Interior
Seatbelts
Fire Extinguisher
First Aid Kit

*1 driving fault will be recorded for each vehicle defect check that the candidate fails to check appropriately.*

- Candidates will be required to answer 5 “show-me-tell-me questions” from the DVSA question bank (*before starting the driving part of the assessment*) e.g.

<b>1</b>	Show me how you would check the direction indicators are working properly.	
<b>2</b>	Tell me how you would check your tyres to ensure that they are correctly inflated, have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe?	

*1 driving fault will be recorded for each question answered incorrectly.*

- Candidates will be required to answer 10 questions relating to the Highway Code. *1 driving fault will be recorded for each question answered incorrectly.*
- During the assessment drive the candidate will be asked to carry out the following.
  - Identify several road markings and signs.
  - Park in a parking bay.
  - Reverse around a corner.
  - Perform a controlled stop.
  - Perform a 3-point turn.
  - Identify safe drop off points.

- *The assessor will take note of the driver's attitude towards other road users and potential passengers and comment on any concerns, failing the candidate if concerns are severe.*
- *The candidate's driving will be assessed during a drive for no less than 25 minutes but no longer than 60 minutes.*
- *Unsuccessful candidates must have a minimum gap of 3-day working days before a re-take of the assessment.*

**Please note:**

*Driving will be assessed as per the DVSA recommendations with the following constituting a test failure:*

- *Any serious or dangerous faults.*
- *More than 5 minor faults in any one category, thus becoming a serious fault.*
- *More than 9 minor faults in total.*