

## **POLICY ON LICENSING INSULIN DEPENDANT DIABETICS AS HACKNEY CARRIAGE OR PRIVATE HIRE DRIVERS**

All applications involving individuals with insulin treated diabetes will be dealt with in accordance with the following:-

### **Applicants for a private hire or taxi driver's licence will be required to:**

Satisfy the Licensing Authority that he/she meets the medical requirements which would allow a private hire/hackney carriage or restricted private hire driver's licence to be issued.

In this regard the applicant will need to provide a medical report from a **hospital consultant** specialising in diabetes confirming:

- The applicant has been undergoing insulin treatment for over four (4) weeks;
- During the twelve (12) months prior to the date of the licence application, the applicant has not suffered a hypoglycaemic episode requiring the assistance of another whilst driving; and,
- The applicant has a history of responsible diabetic control and is at minimal risk of a hypoglycaemic attack resulting in incapacity.

The applicant will also be required to submit a signed declaration that:

- He/she will comply with the directions for treatment given to him/her by the Doctor supervising that treatment;
- Immediately report to the Licensing Authority, in writing, any change in diabetic condition; and,
- Provide to the Licensing Authority, as and when necessary, evidence that blood glucose monitoring is being undertaken at least twice daily and at times relevant to driving a taxi or private hire vehicle during employment.

### **On application for renewal of the hackney carriage or private hire driver's licence the applicant will be required to:**

Provide a medical report from a hospital consultant specialising in diabetes confirming:

- That during the preceding 12 months the licensee has not suffered a Hypoglycemic episode requiring the assistance of another whilst driving;  
And;

- The licensee has a history of responsible diabetic control and is at minimal risk of a hypoglycemic attack resulting in incapacity.

Licensees are reminded that the requirements of the declaration signed on the issue of licence remain an obligation.

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