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## New checks on licence renewals for taxis and private hire vehicles

This week the Government has announced mandatory taxi check for certain licences from 4 April 2022

### Who is likely to be affected?

Individuals, partnerships (including limited liability partnerships (LLPs)) and companies applying for licences in England and Wales to either drive taxis or private hire vehicles (PHVs), or both, operate a PHV business or deal in scrap metal.

The measure also affects licensing bodies in England and Wales that administer those licence applications.

### General description of the measure

Conditionality will introduce a check on tax registration (tax check) for renewed applications in England and Wales for licences to:

- drive taxis and PHVs (for example, minicabs)
- operate a PHV business
- carry on the business of a scrap metal dealer on a site
- carry on business as a mobile collector of scrap metal

An applicant who wishes to renew a licence will need to carry out a tax check. The licensing body (typically a local authority) will have to obtain confirmation from HMRC that the applicant has completed the check before being able to consider their renewed licence application.

Further information is available at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-tax-checks-on-licence-renewal-applications-in-england-and-wales/new-checks-on-license-renewals-for-taxis-and-private-hire-vehicles#detailed-proposal>

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