



NEW YORK CITY TAXI & LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

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HOW TO GET A TAXI DRIVER'S LICENSE

Use this form with the Driver Requirements Checklist attached to the application.

AGE REQUIREMENT

You must be least 19 years old. If you are not, you cannot get a TLC driver's license.

DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENT

You must have a valid New York, New Jersey, Connecticut or Pennsylvania chauffeur's driver's license or its equivalent.

Note 1: In New York, license Classes A, B, C and E are acceptable. If you have a Class D license, you can obtain a Class E driver's license for a fee between \$5 and \$40 depending on how many years remain on your Class D license.

Note 2: If you have a license from either New Jersey, Connecticut, or Pennsylvania, you will need a certified abstract from your local DMV stating that your class of license is permitted for taxicab drivers in your state.

Note 3: If you have a license from either New Jersey, Connecticut, or Pennsylvania, you will also need to submit a certified driving history.

CHILD SUPPORT REQUIREMENT

You must have a completed, notarized NYC Office of Child Support Enforcement form.

SOCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENT

You must have a valid, unaltered, original Social Security card.

Note: The TLC requires that the name appearing on all submitted documents be the same. If you are known by more than one name and your documents do not match, you will be required to go to the agency that issued you the inconsistent document and request a name change on that document.

NON-DEBT REQUIREMENT

You must have no outstanding obligations to the DMV, NYC PVB, OR TLC.

Note 1: Even if you owe no money to the DMV, PVB or TLC when your application is accepted, it will not be approved if you owe money while the application is pending.

Note 2: If you have a license from either New Jersey, Connecticut, or Pennsylvania, you will need a certified abstract from your local DMV stating that you owe no money.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENT

You must complete your TLC driver application and have Form A notarized. All questions on the application must be answered. The driver application is also available at either of the TLC's two licensing facilities.

LOCATION AND HOURS OF OPERATION

LONG ISLAND CITY 32-02 QUEENS BOULEVARD, LONG ISLAND CITY, NY 11101 Open: 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday	STATEN ISLAND OFFICE 1893 RICHMOND TERRACE, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10302 Open: 8:00a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday
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DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE REQUIREMENT (Taxicabs and For-Hire Vehicles)

You must complete a New York State DMV-certified defensive driving course no more than (6) months before filling your application. The certificate of completion cannot be more than (6) months old. The course is six (6) hours long and costs approximately \$50. To find a course provider near you, consult the TLC's Web site "Listing of Defensive Driving Courses". You must have the original certificate of completion; copies will not be accepted.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENT

You must be examined by a medical doctor and have the doctor sign and date the medical history form (form B), attesting to your fitness to drive a taxicab. This form may not be more that six (6) months old.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

You must be a legal resident of the United States. You can prove this using one of the following: birth certificate, U.S. passport, alien resident card (green card), naturalization certificate, employment authorization document, or permanent resident card. All documents must be original and valid.

You must have a legal address in the United States. This requirement may be fulfilled through one of the following: driver's license, lease, utility bill, or credit card statement. All documents must be original and valid as well as display both your name and address.

FEE REQUIREMENTS

Two (2)-year licensing fee: A money order in the amount of \$120 and made payable to: "**N.Y.C TLC**".

Fingerprinting fee: A money order in the amount of \$75 and made payable to "**N.Y.C. TLC/N.Y.S. DCJS**".

Drug test fee: A money order in the amount of \$24 (\$25.50 Effective 1/1/07) and made payable to "**LabCorp**".

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING YOUR APPLICATION/OBTAINING YOUR LICENSE

You may file your application at either facility. Customers must pass through a metal detector and will not be permitted into the building with any weapon or any item that may be used as a weapon. The average visit lasts about one hour. If you wish to file at the Staten Island facility, you must have an appointment: (718) 815-3734 or (718) 815-3735.

Bring with you to the TLC licensing office: 1. The CHECKLIST; 2. Money Order for the FINGERPRINTING: you will be fingerprinted at the TLC facility on the day that you file your application which are used to check for prior criminal convictions; and 3. Payment for the DRUG TEST: you may go to the TLC approved lab to be tested the same day you file your application. The Lab is across the street from the Licensing facility in Long Island City. Directions are provided when you file. The drug test fee of \$24 (\$25.50 Effective 1/1/07) is paid at the time that you take the test. Failing the drug test results in an automatic denial of your application.

TAXI SCHOOL AND TEST REQUIREMENTS

You Must attend one of three TLC-approved taxi schools and complete either an 80-hour or 24-hour course. Taking the 80-hour course increases your chances of passing the taxi exam because it covers all material that will appear on the test. Applicants must contact each taxi school directly to register for a course. This requirement may not be completed before filing your application with TLC; you must bring your TLC receipt to enroll in the school. Payment is made directly to each school; the maximum allowable fee is \$325 for the 80-hour course and \$175 for the 24-hour course. In addition to this cost, applicants must pay \$25 for each reserved date of testing to take the taxi and English proficiency test. For more information, contact the schools directly.

<p>AMERICAN Master Cabbie Taxi Academy 24-05 Jackson Avenue Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 472-1699 -or- 1(800) 955-8294 www.mastercabbie.com Contact Person: Terry Gelber</p>	<p>H.A.N.A.C./N.Y.S. Federation of Taxi Drivers Academy 29-13 Queens Plaza North, 2nd FL Long Island City, NY 11101 1-888-284-4991 -or- (718) 433-0493 hshakil@hanac.org Contact Person: Hassan Shakil</p>	<p>Kingsborough Community College Taxi Institute 2001 Oriental Blvd., Room T4122 Brooklyn, NY 11235 (718) 368-5189 -or- (718)368-5052 taxi@kbcc.cuny.edu Contact Person: Efim Vitomsky</p>	<p>LaGuardia Community College Taxi and FHV Driver Institute 31-10 Thomson Avenue, M-142 Long Island City, NY 11101 (718) 482-5335 www.lagcc.cuny.edu/taxi/ Contact Person: Andrew Vollo</p>
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