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TLC ANNOUNCES "EZlicense 2.0" — SIMPLIFIED LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR DRIVER LICENSES SEEKING TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL LICENSE CLASIFICATIONS

In order to simplify the process of obtaining a second classification of driver license, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) announces that it will also accept requests WITHOUT THE NEED TO REFIL A NEW APPLICATION. The new procedures will save time and money, and allow the applicant to obtain a second driving classification in a fraction of the amount of time it takes under the current procedures.

The TLC licenses four (4) classifications of drivers:
1. taxicab driver (medallion driver)
2. for-hire vehicle driver
3. commuter van driver, and
4. paratransit vehicle driver

Applicants for a new license classification with fingerprinting already on file will save the $50 fingerprinting fee as a result of this new program.

The following procedures will apply, starting April 1, 2003, for all current driver licensees:

ALREADY HAVE A TAXICAB LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:

- A taxicab — the TLC already permits all current taxicab drivers to drive a for-hire vehicle. The driver need not obtain an additional license.

- A commuter van or paratransit vehicle — the TLC will require that you:
  - have N.Y.C. Article 19-a status,
  - purchase the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification, and
  - submit a copy of the completed driver's form used to obtain 19-a status, which must be no less than one-year-old.

ALREADY HAVE A FOR-HIRE DRIVER LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:

- A taxicab — the TLC will require that you:
  - take the mandatory taxicab driver training course and pass the final and English Proficiency Examinations,
  - furnish proof of U.S. citizenship or proof of legal U.S. residency, or a U.S. Employment Authorization card (only original and valid documents will be accepted),
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and complete the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.

- A commuter van or paratransit vehicle — the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and provide a copy of the completed driver's form used to obtain 19-a status, which must be no less than one-year-old.

ALREADY HAVE A COMPUTER VAN DRIVER LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:

- A taxicab — the TLC will require that you:
  - take the mandatory taxicab driver training course and pass the final and English Proficiency Examinations,
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and complete the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.

- A for-hire vehicle — the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and submit the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.

- A commuter van — the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and complete the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.

ALREADY HAVE A PARATRANSIT DRIVER LICENSE AND WANT TO DRIVE:

- A taxicab — the TLC will require that you:
  - take the mandatory taxicab driver training course and pass the final and English Proficiency Examinations,
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and complete the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.

- A for-hire vehicle — the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and submit the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.

- A commuter van — the TLC will require that you:
  - pay the applicable licensing fee for the new license classification,
  - and complete the required New York State Certified Defensive Driving Course.

In all cases, you must have a current (free from suspension) New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) chauffeur's license and TLC driver license.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the TLC Customer Service Hotline at 311.