DRIVER EDUCATION RULES
EXPANDING AND ENHANCING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

TLC COMMISSION MEETING
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## COURSES REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE

### New Applicants

**Taxi**
- Taxicab Training ("Taxi School")
- Defensive Driving Course
- Sex Trafficking Awareness Training
- Wheelchair Passenger Assistance Training

**FHV**
- Defensive Driving Course
- Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

### Renewal Applicants

**Taxi**
- Taxicab Training Refresher Course*
- Defensive Driving Course
- Sex Trafficking Awareness Training
- Wheelchair Passenger Assistance Training**

**FHV**
- Defensive Driving Course
- Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

*Only required for drivers renewing the one-year probationary license
**Requirement takes effect on January 1, 2016
COURSES REQUIRED FOR LICENSURE

Taxicab Training Course
- Required for a one-year probationary taxi driver’s license
- Covers TLC and traffic rules, geography, vehicle technology, and customer service
- 24 hours of instruction

Taxicab Training Refresher Course
- Required to renew the one-year probationary taxi driver’s license
- Provides an update on rule changes and a review of driver responsibilities
- 4 hours of instruction

Wheelchair Passenger Assistance Training
- Required for:
  - Accessible taxi and accessible Street Hail Livery drivers
  - Applicants for a new taxi driver’s license
  - Beginning in 2016, applicants for a renewal taxi driver’s license
- Instruction on the legal requirements that apply to transporting persons with disabilities, and hands-on demonstrations
- 3 hours of instruction
Defensive Driving Course

- Required for taxi and FHV drivers
  - New applicants must complete course within six months of application date
  - Renewal applicants must complete course every three years
- Covers driver attitude and behavior and defensive driving techniques
- 6 hours

Sex Trafficking Awareness Training

- Video available online at the TLC website
- 10 minutes
Distracted Driving
- Required of all drivers who violate TLC rules regarding the use of a cell phone

Remedial Course for Persistent Violators
- Required of any taxi or FHV driver who is guilty of at least three TLC rule violations within a 15-month period and whose license has not been revoked

Voluntary Point Reduction Course
- Eliminates three points accumulated on a TLC or state driver’s license
- Relevant for determining license suspension or revocation under the Critical Driver Program and Persistent Violator Program
New FHV applicants must take a comprehensive introductory education course and pass an exam on course contents.

Renewal FHV and taxi applicants must take a refresher course each and every time they seek to renew their license.

FHV drivers, like taxi drivers, must complete wheelchair passenger assistance training.

Enables the TLC to transition to a single education provider.
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