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Update to Industry Notice #15-59
Med/FHV License Expanded to Include FHV Drivers Licensed Since March 1, 2014

To increase room for mobility between sectors, income opportunities for drivers and to further streamline the licensing process, the TLC is transitioning to a combined MED/FHV license.

For Medallion Drivers

For existing medallion drivers, upon your renewal you will automatically receive a Med/FHV license that will serve as the appropriate credentials whether you are driving a Medallion or an FHV.

For new Medallion drivers, your new license will be a Med/FHV license.

For Experienced FHV Drivers

Experienced For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) drivers who have held a license since March 1, 2014 or longer are also now eligible to request a Med/FHV license through a testing procedure that will be available in 2016.

1. Process Before Med/FHV Test is Available

The TLC will temporarily allow Agents and Medallion Owners to work with experienced FHV drivers who want to drive a yellow taxi until the test is available in 2016.

Agents or Medallion Owners interested in working with experienced FHV drivers are invited to participate in the following pre-test process:

Step 1: Identify the drivers who are interested in a Med/FHV license by sending the TLC a list with the following information for each driver:
A. Driver’s name;
B. FHV license number;
C. Agent/Owner Certification, in accordance with TLC rules prohibiting the filing of false information, that the drivers are:
   i. Trained on how to operate the T/LPEP meter and that the meter must be engaged for ALL trips in any medallion and Street Hail Livery vehicle regardless of how the trip was arranged; and are trained in the use of accessible vehicle equipment;
   ii. Proficient in English;
   iii. Fully understand the fare and refusal rules.

Step 2: The TLC will review the certification and the FHV driver’s TLC history.
Step 3: If the TLC confirms that the driver has completed the form, that the license is current and valid, and that the length of the license term meets the requirements. The driver will be given a conditional Med/FHV license until the Med/FHV license test is made available in 2016. Drivers in this category will be given 60 days from the introduction of the test to successfully pass it and thereby receive a permanent Med/FHV license. An Industry Notice will be published when the test is made available in 2016.

2. Process After Med/FHV Test is Available

Once the Med/FHV license test is available, FHV drivers who qualify will be required to complete the test in order to receive a permanent Med/FHV license to drive a yellow taxi and will not require certification by an Agent or Medallion Owner.