

TLC DRIVER'S LICENSE

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Implementing Local Law 51 of 2016

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- Mayor de Blasio signed into law Local Law 51 on April 21st, 2016
- Changes to TLC license-types
 - What we currently offer: separate licenses for taxicab and FHV drivers
 - The law requires: single license for taxi and FHV drivers
- The new license will be called the **TLC Driver's License**

Effects of Local Law on Existing Licenses

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- Conversion of Taxicab and For-Hire Vehicle licenses to TLC Driver's Licenses
- Any driver licensed to operate an FHV may also operate a Taxicab, and vice-versa
- Existing Taxicab and FHV drivers will be automatically converted

The Reasoning of the Law

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- The proposed rule implements legislation that:
 - will provide greater flexibility for drivers, and
 - will ensure that more drivers are available to work with different transportation providers
- The TLC Driver's License will create unprecedented opportunity and flexibility

What the Rule Doesn't Change is Important Too

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- Standards and Monitoring to Remain
 - Fingerprint-enabled criminal background checks
 - DMV driving record checks, which
 - hold TLC-licensed drivers to high professional safety standards and
 - can result in license suspensions and revocations for drivers
 - Drug Testing
 - Mandatory Training requirements

Penalty Review and Revisions

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- ▣ Updating Penalty Provisions
- ▣ TLC reviews its penalties periodically
- ▣ Proposed changes to existing penalties were reached after review by TLC staff and with feedback from industry stakeholders

Penalty Revision Example #1

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- Prohibited Behavior: no marketing to passengers
- Current Penalty: \$50-\$350 with possibility of discretionary suspension
- Proposed New Penalty: \$50
- Rationale of Proposed Penalty Revision: reduce the severity of the penalty to match the seriousness of the underlying conduct

Penalty Revision Example #2

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- Prohibited Behavior: drivers cannot ignore a non-functioning taximeter
- Current Penalty: \$50-\$350 fine imposed if the driver does not ensure taximeter repair
- Proposed New Penalty: fine is avoided so long as drivers immediately notify vehicle owners of taximeter defects
- Rationale of Proposed Penalty Revision: taximeter functionality is a vehicle owner, rather than vehicle driver, responsibility

Penalty Revision Example #3

- Prohibited Behavior: an FHV Vehicle Owner cannot fail to correct a defect in their vehicle
- Current Penalty: \$50 per day
- Proposed New Penalty: \$50 flat penalty plus suspension until compliance
- Rationale of Proposed Penalty Revision: the set \$50 fine plus suspension until compliance is sufficient to ensure defects are quickly corrected