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Workers Compensation Policy requirements for Street Hail Livery Permit Holders

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The owner of a NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) issued Street Hail Livery (SHL) permit is required per TLC Rule 82-15(a) to comply with the New York State Workers Compensation Laws. Per NYS Workers Compensation Law, the owner of a SHL permit must provide full Workers Compensation coverage for any driver who is hired or who leases the vehicle. Proof of coverage, either a current and valid Workers Compensation Insurance Policy or an Exemption Certificate issued by the New York State Workers Compensation Board (WCB), must be provided to the TLC in order to maintain compliance with both New York State Workers Compensation Laws and TLC rules. An owner-operator who drives their vehicle 40 or more hours per week can seek an exemption to the Workers' Compensation Law requirements. Instructions on how to apply for the exemption can be found on the WCB's web site:

<http://www.wcb.ny.gov>.

Information on coverage requirements can be found in a notice issued by the WCB on July 8, 2013 at:

http://www.wcb.ny.gov/content/main/SubjectNos/sn046_552.jsp

All current SHL permit holders and prospective permit purchasers need to be aware of the following:

1. All current SHL permit holders – you will need to provide a Workers Compensation Policy or Exemption Certificate to the TLC. A directive on timing is being prepared and will be distributed.

2. All prospective SHL permit purchasers - you will need to purchase a Workers Compensation Policy before the vehicle attached to your permit can be hacked-up. As the Workers Compensation policy you submit must have the permit number on it when it is presented to us and you will not know the permit number until after you have purchased it, you will be unable to bring in a Workers Compensation Policy that meets that requirement on the date of your appointment. You will therefore be required to obtain the Workers Compensation Policy or Exemption Certificate AFTER you purchase the permit so that the permit number is appropriately listed on the Workers Compensation Policy.



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The TLC will not issue a hack-up certification letter for any vehicle attached to a permit until a valid Workers Compensation Policy or Exemption Certificate has been turned in to us.

Workers Compensation Policies or Exemption Certificates can be submitted to the Division of Licensing and Standards, Owners Counter, Second Floor, 3202 Queens Boulevard, Long Island City, NY 11101 when a vehicle is being attached to the permit, by the owner utilizing the drop off box on the second floor or by mailing it to the attention of the Compliance Unit – SHL WC at the same address. If you have questions about this e-mail, please contact the TLC Call Center at 718-391-5501.

All Workers Compensation Policies or Exemption Certificates must be maintained current at all times and new documents must be submitted prior to the expiration of an existing Workers Compensation Policy or Exemption Certificate.