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UPDATE TO INDUSTRY NOTICE 14-23: TLC DRIVER'S LICENSE REQUIREMENTS TO OPERATE STREET HAIL LIVERIES (BORO TAXIS)

On May 22, 2014, TLC issued Industry Notice 14-23 reminding licensees that in order to operate a green Street Hail Livery (SHL) vehicle, a driver must have a Valid Taxicab Driver's License, Paratransit Driver's License (for Accessible SHLs only), or been issued an FHV driver's license on or before July 1, 2013. At that time, the TLC implemented a 60 day grace period for drivers who did not meet this criteria to allow them to apply for and complete the process to obtain a Valid Taxicab Driver's License or Paratransit Driver's License (for Accessible SHLs only) in order to comply with TLC Rule §54-04.1.

Similarly, on June 9, 2014 the TLC sent letters to all WAV permit-holders, as well as Accessible SHL drivers that were operating Accessible SHLs without the required training, reminding them that drivers of Accessible SHL vehicles must complete an approved training course on wheelchair passenger assistance in order to operate an Accessible SHL. Drivers holding a Valid Paratransit Driver's Licenses are exempt from this requirement. TLC also implemented a grace period for drivers who did not meet this criteria to allow them to complete their wheelchair assistance training course by August 19, 2014 in order to comply with TLC Rule §54-04(n).

At this time, TLC is extending the grace period for both requirements through December 31, 2014. During the grace period, drivers with FHV driver's licenses issued after July 1, 2013 may continue to drive an SHL and no summons will be issued, and drivers of Accessible SHL vehicles can continue to operate those vehicles without completing an approved training course on wheelchair passenger assistance. However, starting on January 1, 2015 the LPEP system will lock out all ineligible drivers and they will be unable to operate an SHL without the appropriate licensure and/or training.