

Driving Tests for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Drivers

The Driving Standards Agency (DSA) first introduced a non-statutory practical driving test for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire in 1999 and now conducts tests on behalf of many Licensing Authorities on a national basis.

The DSA take the view that professional Hackney Carriage and Private Hire drivers have a special responsibility in the safe transportation of fare paying passengers.



Some Licensing Authorities insist that before drivers are issued with a Hackney Carriage or Private Hire drivers licence they must pass a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire assessment. The standard of the taxi assessment test is set at a level suitable for the full driving licence holder, which is therefore higher than the learner driver test.

The eyesight test

At the start of the practical test the driver will be asked to read in good daylight (with the aid of glasses or contact lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle with letters and figures 79.4 mm high at a distance of 20.5 m (20 m for a new style number plate). If they fail the eyesight test, they will be unable to take the driving part but will still be

DSA sponsor TFP Taxi product

Thanks to our association with the DSA TFP Schemes is able to reward your clients "Good Driving Skills" with a discount of up to **25% off** their insurance premium.

TFP Taxi brings a unique offer to your clients. If they pass the DSA Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Test they will receive a discount of up to 25% off their insurance premium.

Make sure your client receives the benefits of this unique offer today.

able to continue with the wheelchair section.

The practical test

The practical test lasts for about 35 to 40 minutes, depending on traffic. During the practical test, the driver will be examined on the following:

- awareness and anticipation
- effective planning of prevailing road and traffic conditions
- correct use of speed
- emergency stop (one in three tests)
- a manoeuvre involving reversing
- Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Car related exercise
- passenger safety and comfort
- wheelchair element (for Black Cab style only)

The wheelchair exercise

If a driver is taking the taxi test with the wheelchair exercise they should also be able to:

- demonstrate their ability to securely erect the wheelchair ramps, floor ramp etc
- safely install the wheelchair in their vehicle

- secure seat belts/safety harness and also secure any wheel belts/clamps fitted to their vehicle
- reverse the process by taking off the belts, harnesses and clamps, taking the wheelchair out of the vehicle and putting the ramps away

At the end of test

On passing the test the driver will receive:

- a pass certificate
- the offer of a debrief
- an assessment copy

If they pass the driving element of the taxi test they will receive a TPH10 certificate. If they pass the wheelchair element they will receive a WTA10 certificate.

If however they fail the taxi practical test they may retake the test again at a later date. They must, however, wait a minimum period of three clear working days between appointments. There is no limit to the number of times a test can be taken.

Insurers return to their roots

Cardiff based hire vehicle insurance specialists, TFP Schemes have moved back to the site of their original offices, almost ten years after the company was first established.

TFP Schemes commenced trading in 1998 from a small coach house at the rear of 40 Cathedral Road, a decade later the organisation has now returned to the same address, but occupies not only the coach house but also the whole of the main building – Trevillian House.

The property has now been completely renovated over three floors and provides the organisation with



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over 7,500 sq ft of modern open plan, air conditioned offices incorporating substantial training and boardroom facilities of the highest standard.

The move to new premises completes a very successful twelve month period which has seen the company invest not only in new premises but also in a major re-branding project and the implementation of new “market leading” technology to assist their supporting insurance brokers to conduct business online.

Damian Walsh, a partner at TFP Schemes stated “ten years ago the organisation consisted of four staff

based in the small coach house, it is somewhat strange but extremely satisfying that the success of the company sees us return 10 years later to occupy the entire premises. The renovated building will provide the organisation with an excellent base to expand the business further”.

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In 1823, a schoolboy of the name William Webb Ellis - caught the ball in his arms whilst playing football. On catching the ball, instead of retiring backwards, he rushed forwards with the ball in his hands towards the opposite goal. Of course folklore has it – the game of rugby was born!

In 2007, perhaps its time for you to try something a little different and experience a different way of conducting business, through the TFP SOLO client management and quotation system. The system currently allows you to gain online access to quotations and documentation for TFP Taxi, TFP Executive and TFP Liability products. To celebrate the introduction of TFP Minibus to the system and to get you into the Rugby World Cup mood, we are pleased to announce the:

TFP Schemes – Give Us a Try promotion.

The promotion rewards you for sales of our products during the World Cup event between September 7th to October 20th 2007.

For every sale conducted via TFP SOLO between these dates the following points will be allocated to the individual broker:

Sale of	TFP Minibus	–	7 pts (Converted Try)
	TFP Taxi	–	5 pts (Try)
	TFP Executive	–	3 pts (Penalty Goal)
	TFP Liability	–	3 pts (Drop goal)



Each rugby point can be exchanged at the end of the “Give us a Try” promotion for Capital Bond shopping vouchers (these can be exchanged in over 160 high street and online stores) or collected together to purchase a Red Letter Day experience. The value of the rugby points is shown in the table below:

Rugby points	Capital Bond voucher value	Red Letter Day experience
200pts	£1000	Gold Experience
100 pts	£500	Silver Experience
50pts	£250	Bronze Experience
20pts	£100	Orange Experience

Points are unlimited and can be used in any combination

In addition to the above the individual broker with the highest overall rugby point score will celebrate with a weekend for two in Paris.

So “GIVE US A TRY” and register to take part in the promotion by completing the form below or email your details to enquiries@tfpschemes.co.uk

We will distribute the rewards at the end of the period and offer you the choice of Capital Bonds or a Red Letter Day experience if applicable.

Terms and conditions available on request.



GOLD EXPERIENCE Choose from a Champagne Weekend in France for Two, an Exclusive Balloon Flight for Two, a Glenmorangie Deluxe Malt Whisky Break for Two, a Cookery Class at Le Manoir's Ecole de Cuisine, Orient Express Trips for Two, the Ultimate Ferrari 430 Experience for Two and Ultimate Flying for Two.

ORANGE EXPERIENCE Choose from Light Aircraft Flights, Makeovers and Photoshoots, Gliding, Recording Studio Sessions, Body Flying, High-Speed Driving Thrills, Ladies' Golf, Grand Prix Karting, White Water Rafting for Two, Zap Cat Powerboating and Honda Powerboating.

SILVER EXPERIENCE Choose from White Water Raft Charter, a Marriott Weekend Hotel Break for Two, a PADI Scuba Diving Course, Subaru Imprezza Rally Driving and Orient-Express Day Trips.

BRONZE EXPERIENCE Choose from a family day fly fishing or lunch and a show for two, a private sightseeing flight over London or a watersports day for four and kayaking for six.

Register Now via our website or fax your contact details below

Name _____
 Company _____
 Address _____

 Postcode _____ Tel No: _____
 Email address _____

www.tfpschemes.co.uk Fax: 029 20 30 10 40

TFP Minibus now accessible in TFP SOLO

Following the successful provision of TFP Taxi, TFP Executive and TFP Liability on our "market leading" online client management and quotation system, the next development of the system will be the inclusion of the TFP Minibus scheme. The product is to be added to TFP SOLO in September 2007.

This extension of the TFP SOLO system to include further products, is the result of requests received

from brokers who have found the system incredibly easy to operate and would like to see even more of our products made available online.

Feedback from brokers confirms TFP SOLO as the most efficient online quotation system in the market. If you have not yet registered for TFP SOLO - contact us now for access and “Give us a Try”.

Register for the TFP Schemes “Give us a Try” promotion and gain access to the TFP Minibus product immediately.



INSURE RESCUE!!

The intrepid TFP Schemes staff took to the water on their latest social excursion, as they went for a rather fast and wet spin around Cardiff Bay.



Gladly no one fell over board and all were safely returned to “terra firma” after the exhilarating ride. Damian Walsh was quick to stop any rumours

that this was part of training for a new TFP Schemes Boat policy launch. He was also heard to comment that he hoped the next staff social event at Chepstow Racecourse would be a less stressful occasion!



Paul Humphries joins TFP Schemes to manage Broker Support Team

TFP Schemes has always looked to provide brokers with the highest quality of support. With our business now growing rapidly in all areas we are committed to ensuring this excellent service continues. As part of this commitment we have invested in technology and the development of new products over the last 12 months.



Our commitment to providing a quality service continues and we are delighted to announce that Paul Humphries has joined the TFP Schemes team as our new Broker Support Manager. Paul joins the company from Towergate Medical and Professional where he gained considerable experience of broker relationship management over a period of 15 years.

Heading up the TFP Schemes Broker Support Team Paul will ensure on a daily basis that both existing and new brokers will have access to all the necessary information and advice required to maximise their business.

If you wish to “Give us a Try” and would like to talk further about what TFP Schemes can offer you and your clients contact Paul on 029 20 30 10 30.

TFP Taxi rates move downwards

We are delighted to advise you that our TFP Taxi Scheme is now more competitive than ever after a major re-alignment of our rates.

This adjustment in rates follows the completion of an extensive test period to evaluate our pricing structure. The major impact of this rate review sees TFP Schemes rates in key geographical areas being adjusted downwards - in some cases by as much as 50%.

So if in the past you have found our rates to be uncompetitive in certain areas – “GIVE us a TRY” and see the difference.

