

Christa Ferguson

From: New Forest Executive Trav
Sent: 23 September 2017 19:32
To: Christa Ferguson
Subject: Re: failed vehicle test

Thanks you for you latest E Mail

Yes we will be looking for a plate exemption

One of the Volvos you have on record was a long wheel base car with only 2 seats in the rear, but it was licenced to carry 4, why I don't know but it was tested at your Hounslow depot and passed

was made to carry only 3 passengers not 4, it is not a conversion, Audi made it this way because of the needs of the business traveller have changed over the past years, they need room to work and also relax, this car does both for them

I believe I can appeal to a magistrates court if I think the licence should have been granted, and I ask that you let me know, how I do this

I have checked the Local Government (Miscellaneous provisions) Act 1976 part 2, Licensing of private hire vehicles and there seems to be no mention of seats

Thank you for your time in this matter

Regards

Douglas J Adams

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From: Christa Ferguson <Christa.Ferguson@NFDC.GOV.UK>
To: 'New Forest Executive Travel'
Sent: Friday, 22 September 2017
Subject: RE: failed vehicle test

Apologies for the confusion

The previous email relates to the Audi A8 registration we do not hold any records for the vehicle licensed, but both were for 4 passengers.

. We have searched our database and although you have had two Volvo S80s

As stated as [redacted] has failed the vehicle test on seating requirement the licensing committee will be asked to consider your application for a vehicle that does not meet our current vehicle testing criteria.

The report will be written and you will be notified when a suitable date has been confirmed with the democratic services officer.

For the purposes of the report, could you confirm if you would be looking for a plate exemption for this vehicle, should the committee decide to grant the application

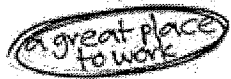
Regards
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From: New Forest Executive Travel
Sent: 19 September 2017 23:40
To: Christa Ferguson
Subject: Re: failed vehicle test

Ok lets start again

[redacted] as **passed** by NFDC a few years ago, **this vehicle was a Volvo S80** and had only **3 passenger** seats as does the one you have just failed [redacted] an Audi A8L

So why was the Volvo Passed then but the Audi has been failed now

I believe I can appeal and I would like the information of how I can do this

Regards

Douglas J Adams

Yes we would like to have exemption for the **Audi A8L** VRN

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From: Christa Ferguson <Christa.Ferguson@NFDC.GOV.UK>
To: 'New Forest Executive Travel'
Sent: Tuesday, 19 September 2017 10:52
Subject: RE: failed vehicle test

Mr Adams

Thank you for your email regarding the failure of the vehicle as this vehicle does meet the current standards required by national guidance and Policy, we are unable to grant a vehicle licence under officer delegation. Therefore this application will be heard by Members of a Licensing sub-committee who will consider this case. Could I confirm that you would also be applying for a plate exemption for this vehicle, to include in your fleet? We will contact you when a date for the hearing has been set, however if you could confirm my last point, that would be appreciated.

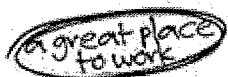
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From: New Forest Executive Travel [r]
Sent: 18 September 2017 18:16
To: Christa Ferguson
Subject: Re: failed vehicle test

I would like the chance to speak to you before I take this to appeal as NFDC has, in the past, licenced one of my cars that only had three seats Volvo S80 Blue in colour

Please advise

Regards

Douglas J Adams

From: Christa Ferguson <Christa.Ferguson@NFDC.GOV.UK>
To:
Sent: Monday, 18 September
Subject: FW: failed vehicle test

Mr and Mrs Adams

I have been advised that a vehicle that you submitted for a vehicle test failed due to the number of passengers that the vehicle can carry (that being only 3).

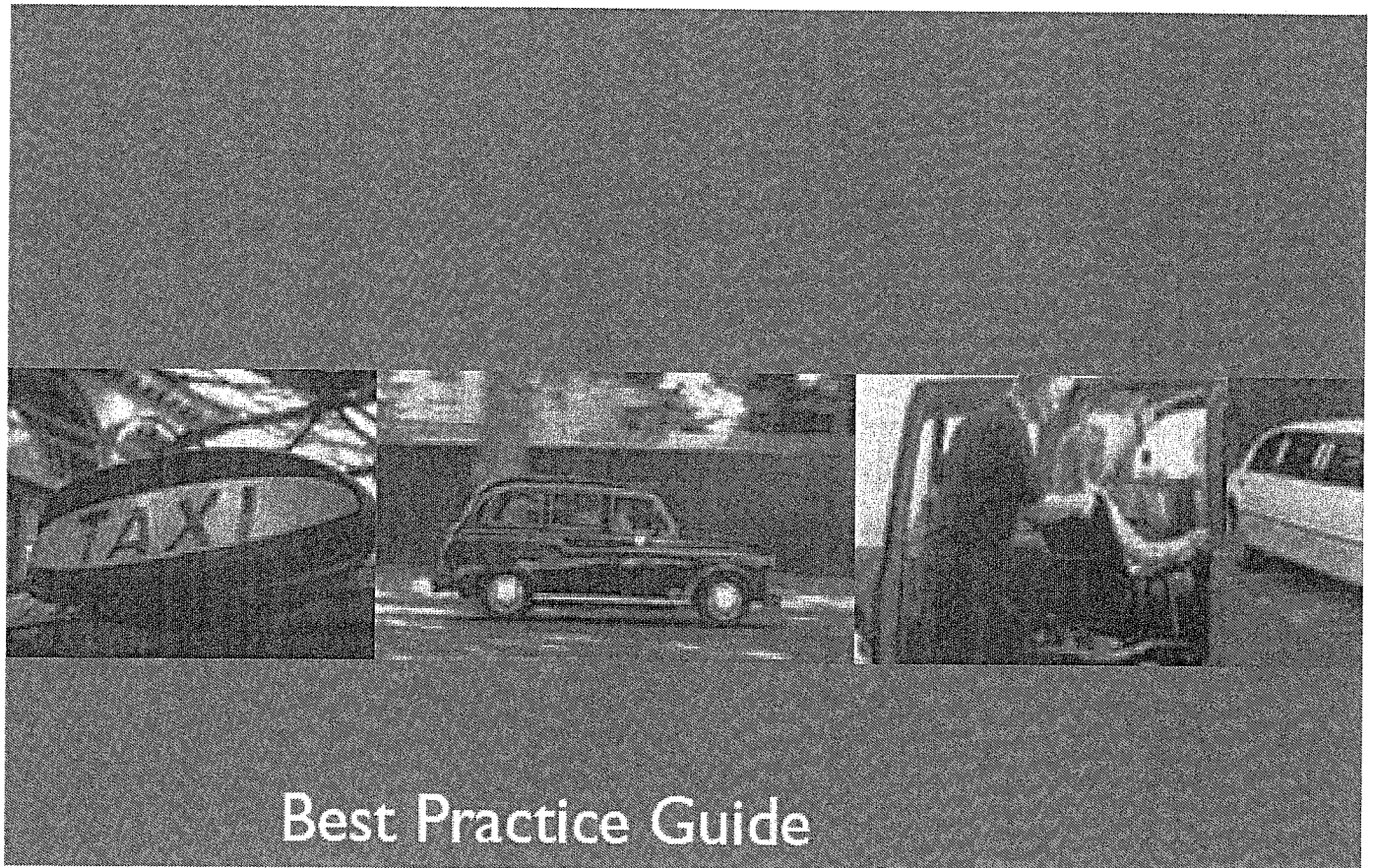
National guidance (as below) states that a vehicle must be constructed or adapted to carry a minimum of **four** passengers in comfort. Clearly this is not the case with

Regards
Christa

This is the FTA National inspection standards best practice guide , supported by VOSA.

[http://www.fta.co.uk/export/sites/fta/_galleries/downloads/vehicle_testing/Hackney Carriage document_0812.pdf](http://www.fta.co.uk/export/sites/fta/_galleries/downloads/vehicle_testing/Hackney_Carriage_document_0812.pdf)

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3 General information

Only vehicles complying with the following conditions will generally be considered for licensing as private hire vehicles

- Cars fitted with at least four doors and four wheels
- Right-hand drive vehicles – with the exception of stretch limousines (where applicable)
- Vehicles with adequate space for luggage
- Vehicles must be capable of carrying at least four and not more than eight passengers in addition to the driver