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ID	Name/Company name	Are you a licence holder	What Licence do you hold?	A suitable and appropriate fully charged fire extinguisher shall be kept in all licensed ...	Additional Comments	...	Suitable and sufficient first-aid facilities must be carried at all times in the vehicle	Additional Comments2
1	Executive Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Vehicle; Private Hire Operator;	Yes			Yes	
2	Triple J Private Hire Limited	Yes	Private Hire Operator; Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Vehicle; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes			Yes	
3	Mike Withington	Yes	Private Hire Driver;	No	Should be compulsory not only in private hire but all categories carrying members of the public. Including UBERS	No		Same comments as above. All drivers must also be trained in first aid. Including ubers. Plus compulsory refresher courses.
4	Tweed Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes		Yes		
5	Tweed Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes		Yes		
6	Castle Morpeth Taxis Ltd	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes		Yes		
7	kevin lee	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Vehicle; Private Hire Operator;	Yes	I am NOT a trained fire fighter so i would NOT use the extinguisher as my card are insured.	Yes		I am NOT a trained first aider and if i did use the first aid kit i would leave myself open to prosecution if something went wrong. Therefore i vote to get rid of the first aid kits
8	Airport taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	As we are not trained to use either they should be removed, the fire service recommends getting out and staying out and let them deal with fires	Yes		Not first aid trained so can't do first aid
9	David Duff	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver;	Yes	About time these were scrapped every other licencing authority in the North East have got rid of fire extinguishers	Yes		Pointless carrying first aid kits when not 1st aid trained and having to buy every time they go out of date
10	Mark Heston	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes		Yes		
11	Keith weedy	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	Never used either in 37 years as a taxi driver most councils have abolished them so should Northumberland county council.	Yes		
12	3 bridges taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	No		No		

13 Paula's Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; No		Although not trained to use im happy to have it on board	Yes	I have no training in first aid therefore wouldnt be happy using it, to attempt to administer the aid required from a first aid kit. Cpr ,and epipen administration is different
14 Roger Triplow / Rogers Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
15 TARGET TAXIS	Yes	Private Hire Operator; Yes			Yes	
16 David Hansen Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes		I would not attempt to fight a car fire with a hand held extinguisher . Get your passengers safe n phone the professionals	Yes	Dont need them wouldnt treat anybody with it ..
17 KERRY REED	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
18 Tristan dunlavy	Yes	Private Hire Driver; No		You are carrying the public and need to look after them,	No	Everyone should have to carry a 1st aid
19 Maurice Robson	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Private Hire Driver; No		Requires no training to operate	Yes	First aid should not be administered other than by a trained individual.
20 Whittonstall Taxi Service	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes		I've never had to use it but I do have about 6 extinguishers in my garage as it's easier to buy a new one than find a company who tests them. I will still carry one but its just an extra expense to my licence.	Yes	Again I've never had cause to use it but I would still carry one although it shouldn't be a condition of the licence.
21 Keith's taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Vehicle; Private Hire Operator; Yes		I have a fire extinguisher with a capacity of 500mls just over 1 pint what good is this going to do in the event of a vehicle fire. It's that small as the fire extinguisher conditions does not say what kind or what size fire extinguisher must be carried in the vehicle.	Yes	
22 Taylormade	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; No			No	
23 Ken Taylor KT TAXIS	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver; Yes		Total Waste of time. Fire Brigade advice. If it on fire get well away with any passengers to safety and let the emergency service deal with it.	Yes	Not qualified and could be liable if I administer first aid and someone has an allergic reaction to it.

				the advice from the fire brigade is get out, call us out, stay out, it is not "get out, find your fire extinguisher, try to figure out how to use it whilst under pressure, realise your clothes are on fire, and pray someone will call us out"	
				these objects are also quite heavy, and have been known to be used as a weapon against drivers, so are actually extremely dangerous to have within the vehicle at all.	Since the use of such items can lead to allergic reactions, and are not to be administered by anyone other than a medical professional or suitably trained person, there is no benefit to having such devices on board, furthermore, they contain a pair of scissors which can be used as a deadly weapon in the hands of an aggressive drunken passenger.
24	National Private Hire and Taxi Association (NPHTA)	No		Yes	
25	Malcolm Ash	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	The reason behind my agreeing with the proposal is quite simply most drivers do not know how and are not qualified to use a fire extinguisher.
26	Laurence Saunders. JL Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	No	It would be cost less to renew every year than have to test the extinguisher in my time I have done the job of testing extinguishers.
27	Keith's Taxis	No		No	
28	K J Harkin Ltd	Yes	Private Hire Operator;	Yes	I believe if a vehicle is on fire it should be dealt with by professionally trained firefighters. Untrained individuals may cause more danger to themselves, their passengers and the general public.
29	Mustafa Yildiz	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver;	Yes	It has been a waste of money over the years purchasing Fire extinguishers we are not authorised to use in the event of a fire just to comply with licencing regulations
30	DerekRobson	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes	It to dangerous to use You have to think of your own safety and if you have passengers on board there safely as well.
31	Ap hemmingfield	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	
					As with fire extinguishers, untrained individuals carrying out any form of first aid can cause more harm than good
					Same stands for the First Kits we are not authorised to use in the event of an accident
					This day and age you could cause more damage than good Also as a taxi driver you don't no peoples health conditions they might be allergic to what ever you put on them And that's means as a driver you could be liable

				We are taxi driver not trained fire fighters or paramedics . In 35 years taxiing I have never needed to use a fire extuingsisher had the odd elastoplast out of 1st aid box . Unnecessary expense.	Yes	
32	GEORGE RICHARDSON	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes			
33	Billy Mackay	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes		Yes	
34	Richie Veitch	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Private Hire Driver; Yes		Yes	
35	Wendys taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes		Yes	Not first aid trained and will not be responsible for giving first aid
36	Mikes taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;Private Hire Driver; Yes		Yes	
37	Matthew Pattison	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes		Yes	
38	Ronnie Ingledew	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes	I don't see the point of having them in the car as they wouldn't be capable to put out any fires based on the size of the extinguisher. Also there's always a threat of it being used as a weapon against the driver of the taxi	Yes	I'm not first aid trained so I'm not in a position to administer any sort of medical care. Also if there's any reaction to a passenger I.E reaction to having a plaster that leaves me wide open
39	Hexham and Slaley Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes	decades and I have a pile of unused fire extinguishers and first aid boxes that have never been used over many years and this applies to all the taxi drives that I know. However the one time that fire extinguisher accidentally went off in a taxi according to Tony Morn it caused the taxi to crash and kill the passenger. Given this fact it is a complete waste of time and money to force people to have such items and not carbon friendly. We are facing enough problems without needless rules that cost money and only make life harder. There is also the vital issue that once I use a first aid kit on someone I become legally liable if something goes wrong. What seems like good idea sitting at an exquisite remove does not stand up to the rule of	Yes	I have been a taxi driver for decades and I have a pile of unused fire extinguishers and first aid boxes that have never been used over many years and this applies to all the taxi drives that I know. However the one time that fire extinguisher accidentally went off in a taxi according to Tony Morn it caused the taxi to crash and kill the passenger. Given this fact it is a complete waste of time and money to force people to have such items and not carbon friendly. We are facing enough problems without needless rules that cost money and only make life harder. There is also the vital issue that once I use a first aid kit on someone I become legally liable if something goes wrong. What seems like good idea sitting at an exquisite remove does not stand up to the rule of common sense at the coal face.

40	Corbridge Private Hire Ltd	Yes	Private Hire Driver;Private Hire Vehicle;Private Hire Operator;	Yes		Yes	
41	Mike Pigott	Yes	Private Hire Driver;Private Hire Vehicle;	No		No	
42	Alex Elliott	Yes	Private Hire Driver;	Yes	The size of most fire extinguishers fitted to taxis they would maybe put a cigarette out!! They cost £10 to £20 so it would be cheaper for most companies to replace them every year than pay a company to check them! But why bin a perfectly good fire extinguisher!! At the end of the day if there was a fire in a car the first thing is get everyone out to safety.	No	
43	A1 cabs	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes	We have been advised by local firefighters and paramedics not to use the equipment in our cars because we are not trained to use them	Yes	We have been advised by local firefighters and paramedics not to use the equipment in our cars because we are not trained to use them
44	Jack Briggs	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Private Hire Driver;	Yes		Yes	
45	Budget taxis Hexham	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;Private Hire Driver;Private Hire Vehicle;Private Hire Operator;	Yes		Yes	
46	Anthony McInerney	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Private Hire Driver;Private Hire Vehicle;	Yes		Yes	
47	Richard Bradley	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	Yes both items should be removed as I'm not 1st Aid trained or a trained firefighter.	Yes	
48	Prudhoe Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;Private Hire Driver;	Yes	Does Northumberland Fire Service not tell us to walk away from a burning car and not endanger our own lives?	Yes	Most of the taxi drivers i Know are not First Aiders therefore would not want to carry out first aid

49 Taxi Kev	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes		Highly agree with this proposal, in 20 years of driving taxis i've never once had to use a fire extinguisher and after seeking advice from professionally trained fire fighters on the correct way to use or apply i was told you should make no attempt to put your life at risk, you should vacate the vehicle and stay at a safe distance incase of any explosion. So i'm not risking my life for a vehicle. I'm a taxi driver not a fire fighter.	Yes	Highly agree with this proposal, in 20 years of driving taxis i've never once had to use a first aid kit for a customer and i probably never will especially in todays age were you are liable to be sued for any reason, I am very hesitant to assist incase of prosecution for making things worse or someone having an allergic reaction to something as simple as the adhesive on a plaster, I'm a taxi driver not a medical professional.
50 Zafar Sharif T/a Crest Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes		I have been a Taxi Driver in Newcastle and Northumberland for 39 years (and work 6 days per week) in All that time I Only had one occasion to use it and that was on an engine bay fire on the A1, and we used two 1kg extinguishers to No avail, the vehicle was destroyed within 15 mins. The extinguisher in of No Use as its Not big enough nor are we trained fire fighters. If my vehicle caught alight, the only practical things I can do is get my passenger's a safe distance and try and remove what you can before waiting for the fire brigade to respond. In 99% of the time the vehicle would be destroyed. This condition should have been removed years ago and quite a few councils have already done so.	Yes	Again in 39 years of Taxi driving, I have had one occasion to use it for my own cut finger. We are Not medically trained to use it on anyone. Any healthcare professional (Paramedic, Doctor or Nurse) would have their own equipment and medical supple to use and would NOT be inclined to use our first aid kits, so Why do we need to carry one ? Again this condition should be removed asap.
51 Amanda allerton	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Private Hire Driver;	Yes		Yes	Carrying some of those heat shielding foil blankets would be more appropriate
52 Castle cars	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Operator;	No		No	
53 Paul blades	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes			No	

				definitely requires more clarity to avoid ad hoc requirements whilst testing in particular. ie secure position but recent advices received to be placed on front passenger seat, sure this requirement is contained in " Construction and Use" regulations. I am aware that wheelchair accessible vehicles required two fire extinguishers but this could just be a requirement by an alternative licensing Authority. A point I wish to add is a driver should not be re entering a vehicle to access the fire extinguisher, first priority being to evacuate the passengers. Also should be secured away from access of passengers as they could be used as a weapon or discharged with in. May we also question foam or powder I am advised that the are both equally effective but		Again Mixed Feeling. Think again first aid kit on minibus type vehicles may fall into "Construction and Use" regulations. Again needs to be clear direction regarding this issue. PCV testers manual has a different approach to vehicle testing on this matter. we have had the critics regarding 8 seaters requiring 18 eye patches to have sufficient facilities for all passengers permitted, Disagree with contents checked on test causing seals to be broken and non sterile handling of contents, needs direction and clarity. Staff carrying signage for first aid should be trained to use such. think tis needs proper advice and discussion not just a rubber stamp at end of consultation.
54	Kenneth Muckle	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;Private Hire Driver;Private Hire Vehicle;Private Hire Operator;	No		
55	Morpeth Taxi Co	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	Whilst having had one vehicle fire in 22 years, the size of extinguisher carried in the vehicle was not enough to extinguish the fire. So just little pointless.	The first aid kit should be for the repair of the driver. To ask a driver to offer, limited first aid to all 8 passengers (assuming they have an 8 seater), or even to administer to 4 injured parties is a big ask. 999 urgent if required is better call for anyone injured in a hackney or private hire vehicle.
56	Morpeth Taxi Co	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes		
57	Bob Howells/ABC Taxis Alnwick.	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	My number one Priority in case of a fire in my taxi would be to assist my passengers to safety and call the emergency services, I would not think of returning to my vehicle.	I'm not a Doctor or Nurse and would not like to miss treat someone, I would obviously seek professional help, there is also the risk of been sewed for mis treatment.
58		Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes		
59	forrest taxi services	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	waste of time havein them	waste of time havein them
60	forrest transport service	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes	wwaste of time havein them	waste of time havein them

				2 different questions ! I think a fire extinguisher that is showing green on the indicator dial should be carried but no I don't think it necessary or cost effective to have it tested every year .	No	I don't see a downside to carrying one or a benefit to not carrying one.
61 Martin sayer	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes				
62 Steven Gibson	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes		Never had to use fire extinguisher or first aid kit in all my licensed years (25) years as a Taxi Driver. Would not want to use fire extinguisher if my car went on fire, the safest thing to do is to get away from vehicle. As to first aid kits we are not trained to use them on passengers, ok for drivers use only.	Yes	
63 George hart	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
64 Robert dodd	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
65 A1 Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes			Yes	
66 Wendy hart	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes			Yes	
67 Neville lowther	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
68 John Hindhaugh	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
69 Dale Hindhaugh	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
70 Albert Crate	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
71 Leanne Ray	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
72 Phil Carling	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
73 Steven Duddridge	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
74 Jason Carty	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
75 Garry Cook	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Yes			Yes	
76 mark twyman	Yes	Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Operator; Private Hire Vehicle; No		these should always be kept and up to date in a public service vehicle which what really taxis and private hire vehicles are does some peoples insurance not require them to carry these it also gives you peace of mind in case of fire on your vehicle	No	these should be carried at all times in a public service vehicle which taxis and public service vehicles are are you not supposed to carry a first aid kit covered in the clause of your taxi ins
77 Elaine Caisley	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Yes		In 17 years of taxi driving I have never used my first aid kit or fire extinguisher.. regarding the first aid kit I have been told that I am not allowed to administer first aid anyway as I am not a trained first aider ?	Yes	See above
78 Phoenix Taxis	Yes	Private Hire Operator; Yes		There is no need for a taxi driver to be tackling fires. The job should be left to professional firemen	Yes	If anyone needs first aid the appropriate emergency service should be called by the driver. that should be the extent of the driver's involvement in administering first aid therefore the first aid facilities are needless

79	Bashers Cabs	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes	We are not trained to use them and just an extra expense	Yes	We are not trained to use them and I think you could have one but not as part of the test
80	Admire Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle;	Yes		Yes	
81	Ian Short	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes		Yes	
82	Call A Car Taxis	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver;	No		Yes	
83		Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Private Hire Driver;	Yes	It will have to be changed for school transport policy as well because condition of contract states that s first aid kit and fire extinguisher have to be in school transport vehicles so if both don't get changed its pointless changing one	No	
84	Judith reed	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes	Not trained to use this and not fit for purpose	Yes	Not first aid trained
85	Michael Birkinshaw	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Vehicle; Private Hire Operator;	Yes	While I personally will continue to carry a fire extinguisher, I do feel that it should be up to each PHO to choose whether they carry one in their vehicles.	Yes	I'm not first aid trained and have no idea what to do with my first aid kit. I've never had to use it in over 5 years. As remote as Northumberland is, we are only 30 minutes maximum away from any hospital.
86	Kevin Lee	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Driver; Private Hire Vehicle; Private Hire Operator;	Yes		Yes	
87	Krystian Dmytrzyk	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes		Yes	
88	Steven Findlay	Yes	Hackney Carriage Vehicle; Private Hire Vehicle;	Yes	Fire extinguishers should only be used by people who have been fire safety trained. Using without proper training could inflict more injury towards the person using it.	Yes	If you are not first aid qualified you should not be performing first aid upon a person. It could leave the person performing the first aid open to law suits if anything is performed wrong.
89	David James Lee	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver;	Yes		Yes	
90	Mick Holland	Yes	Hackney Carriage Driver; Private Hire Driver;	Yes	Not fire safety trained Could cause more injury to myself trying to extinguish a fire	No	Should be first aid trained to use the equipment