

Outlining the effects of GM Clean Air Plan and GM Minimum Licensing Standards on licensed vehicles – Manchester

Average/Most Common Vehicle in Each District (incl. Age)

District	Private Hire Vehicle		Hackney Carriage	
	Make/Model	Year	Make/Model	Year
Manchester	Skoda Octavia	2014	LTI TX4b	2011

Scenario One – Manchester

Silver 2014 registered diesel Skoda Octavia, licensed by Manchester City Council as a private hire vehicle.

Clean Air Zone

As the vehicle has a Euro V Diesel engine, it would not comply with the proposed Clean Air Zone proposed for introduction in Spring 2022, and would therefore be charged £7.50 each day it was used. A discounted charge of 5 out of 7 days per week for vehicles licensed by Greater Manchester local authorities and also used as a private car is proposed.

Minimum Licensing Standards

As the car was registered in 2014, it may have to be replaced by 2022, as Manchester City Council's current age policy already goes beyond the proposed MLS and the licence could only be renewed with a vehicle older than 7 years since the date of first registration if it remains in exceptional condition. When the vehicle was replaced to comply with MCC's age policy, it would also have to be white in colour by 2024 to comply with the proposed MLS.

Financial Support

Under the Clean Air Zone programme, subject to the award of government funding, it is proposed that financial support may be available to assist in obtaining a replacement compliant vehicle, including either:

- A £1,000 grant or vehicle finance contribution towards a replacement compliant petrol or diesel vehicle is available;
- A £2,000 grant or vehicle finance contribution towards replacement to a hybrid or plug-in hybrid; or
- A £2,500 running costs grant for replacement with a zero emissions capable vehicle.

Scenario Two – Manchester

White 2011 diesel wheelchair accessible LTI TX4. The car is licensed by Manchester City Council as a hackney carriage.

Clean Air Zone

As the vehicle has a Euro IV and therefore non-compliant engine, it would not comply with the proposed Clean Air Zone proposed for introduction in Spring 2022. However, as a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle, it is subject to a temporary exemption from the charge, meaning it would not be liable for charging until the start of 2023, when it would be charged £7.50 each day it was used in GM.

Minimum Licensing Standards

As the vehicle would be more than 10 years old when MLS is introduced, it will not be re-licensable after April 2023, when a black, age and emissions compliant and wheelchair accessible vehicle would need to be presented for licensing as a hackney carriage.

Financial Support

Under the Clean Air Zone programme, subject to the award of government funding, it is proposed that financial support is available to assist in obtaining a replacement compliant vehicle, including either:

- £10,000 per vehicle for a running costs grant or a contribution for vehicle finance, for a replacement zero emissions capable vehicle.

Further UK Government funding may also be available including;

- UK government grant available of up to £7,500 for purchasing a new zero emissions capable vehicle, on top of the £10,000 grant
- UK Government grant of up to £3,000 for new plug-in vehicles.