

“METROPOLITAN PUBLIC CARRIAGE ACT, 1869.”

ORDER made in pursuance of “The Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869,” 32 & 33 Vict. cap. 115, by the Right Honourable Henry Austin Bruce, one of Her Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State.

March 10, 1871.

In pursuance of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869, I order as follows :

1. In this Order the terms “Hackney Carriage” and “Stage Carriage” are used as respectively defined in the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act, 1869.

The term “Public Carriage” includes both a Hackney Carriage and a Stage Carriage.

The term “Commissioner” means Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis.

The term “Fare” means the total sum which the driver of a Hackney Carriage, that has been hired, is entitled under this Order to charge for the hiring at the close thereof.

The term “Four Mile Circle” shall mean a circle of which the centre is Charing Cross, and the circumference is described by a radius of four miles in length.

*Regulations as to Licensing Hackney and Stage Carriages.*

2. A Hackney Carriage Licence or a Stage Carriage Licence shall be granted to any person by the Commissioner, subject to the following exceptions :

(a.) A Licence shall not be granted to any person under the age of 21 years, or to any person who shall have been previously convicted of felony ; and any Licence so granted shall be void.

(b.) The Commissioner may at his discretion refuse a Licence to any person who has been convicted of a misdemeanor, or who, having previously held a Licence for a Hackney or Stage Carriage, has had such previous Licence revoked or suspended.

3. A person desirous to obtain a Hackney Carriage Licence, or a Stage Carriage Licence, shall make application to the office of the Commissioner.

Such application, if for a Hackney Carriage Licence, shall be in the form contained in Schedule A hereto ; or, if for a Stage Carriage Licence, shall be in the form contained in Schedule B hereto.

4. The price of a Hackney Carriage Licence or a Stage Carriage Licence is £2.

5. The applicant, on presenting his application for a Licence, shall pay the said sum of £2 to the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District, or to some person whom such Receiver shall appoint.

6. The said Receiver shall then cause such application to be returned to the applicant, together with a receipt for the sum of £2.

7. The applicant shall then bring the carriage to which he desires that the Licence shall attach to the Police Station of the District, for examination by the Inspector of Public Carriages ; and shall, at the same time, deliver to the said Inspector the said application and receipt. The said Inspector, if he shall find such carriage fit for public use, shall cause a metal plate, bearing the number which is to distinguish such carriage, and hereinafter called the number plate, to be affixed thereto in his presence, and shall sign a certificate in the form contained in Schedule C. hereto.

Such number plate shall be fixed, in the case of a four-wheeled Hackney Carriage, on the back panel thereof ; in the case of a two-wheeled Hackney Carriage, on the spring-block on the back, under the driver’s seat ; and, in the case of a Stage Carriage, on the back thereof.

8. In the case of a Hackney Carriage, the said Inspector shall at the same time cause to be affixed to the carriage a plate (hereinafter called the *fare* plate) setting forth such particulars as to fares as are to be set forth upon the obverse side of the ticket hereinafter required to be delivered by the driver to the hirer. Such fare plate shall be affixed in the case of a four-wheeled Hackney Carriage in the inside underneath the front windows ; in the case of a two-wheeled Hackney Carriage on the inside of the splash board.

9. A Licence shall thereupon be issued to the applicant.

10. A Hackney Carriage Licence shall be in the form contained in Schedule D to this Order ; and a Stage Carriage Licence shall be in the form contained in Schedule E hereto.

11. An application for a Licence on behalf of any Co-partnership or Company shall be made by and such Licence shall be issued to the senior partner, or to the Secretary or Manager of the Company, as the case may be ; and the person to whom a Licence shall be so issued shall be responsible for the observance of the conditions under which the Licence is granted, and shall be liable to all penalties for breeches of such conditions as if he were the person solely interested in the Licence.

12. A Licence for a Hackney or Stage Carriage shall continue in force for one year from the date of such Licence, unless suspended or revoked ; and such Licence shall be subject to revocation or suspension for any period by the Commissioner in any of the events in which any Hackney or Stage Carriage Licence might have been suspended or revoked at the time of the passing of the said