

Driving Licences, Insurance and Health Checks

Driving Licences

In order to be licensed to drive LAMA's minibus you must have entitlement D or D1 on your driving licence.

D1 01 = driver must wear suitable glasses to drive.

D1 101 & D1 79 (NFHR) = Not for Hire or Reward.

You can only drive LAMA's bus as a volunteer for 'not-for-profit' organisations; even when driving for a Community Loan you may not be paid. You may not drive our bus as a volunteer if you are employed by the organisation you are driving for and minibus driving is part of your job description.

Insurance

When arranging insurance cover for the minibus, LAMA must make particular declarations with regard to all of its drivers. Any failure to provide truthful information may affect both LAMA's and your insurance protection. If any of the statements below do not accurately reflect your personal circumstances, you must inform the LAMA Training Officer immediately (Richard Halliday, tel 01208 871419, mob 07765 804748, email rmhallidayjoinery@yahoo.co.uk):

- You have had no accidents, losses or damages in respect of any vehicle within the last five years, whether or not a claim was made and regardless of blame.
- You have had no motoring convictions, driving licence endorsements or fixed penalties in the last five years.

- You have no medical conditions which need to be notified to the DVLA.
- Either personally or in any business capacity:
 - You have had no convictions or criminal offences which are not spent under the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act, nor have you any prosecutions pending.
 - You have not been declared bankrupt or insolvent or been the subject of bankruptcy proceedings or insolvency proceedings.
 - You have not had an insurance proposal, policy or renewal refused, declined, cancelled or special terms imposed.
 - You have not been the owner or director of, or partner in, any business, company or partnership which has had a county court judgement awarded against you.
 - You have not been disqualified from holding company directorship.
 - You have not been served with a prohibition or improvement order under Health and Safety legislation.
 - You have not been convicted of, charged (but not yet tried) with or officially cautioned for a breach of any Health and Safety or Welfare or Environmental Protection legislation.
 - You have not been the subject of a recovery action by Customs and Excise or the Inland Revenue.

Health Checks

We are not obliged to ask you to prove that you have a regular eyesight check. However, we would strongly advise that all drivers have an optician's test every two years in order to be satisfied that their eyesight is fit for driving.

Photo card Licences are renewed every 10 years up to age 70. Your D1 entitlement should renew automatically unless you have a Medical Restriction.

If you do have a Medical Restriction, your licence will be issued for a period of 1, 2, 3 or 5 years as appropriate to your medical condition and you may be required to take a medical before age 70 in order to retain D1 entitlement. We advise that you check this, if it applies to you, when your renewal reminder comes from DVLA.

At age 70, your D1 entitlement will not renew automatically when you apply to retain your car licence. To retain your D1 entitlement you must use Forms D2 (licence) and D4 (medical) in advance of your 70th birthday and pass a PCV medical (the same medical as for professional bus and lorry drivers). These forms may be obtained at <https://www.gov.uk/driving-a-minibus>. Thereafter, you will need to reapply and have another PCV medical every 3 years.

LAMA have an arrangement with Lostwithiel Surgery whereby the necessary medical examination and Form D4 can be completed for a reduced fee (currently £75). LAMA will reimburse you for this expenditure. Page 2 of the current D4 Form is required to be completed by either an Optician, Optometrist or Doctor to certify that your eyesight, with suitable glasses or contact lenses if necessary, is fit for you to drive. Some Opticians may charge for this

form to be completed, some do not. If your Optician does charge you then LAMA will cover this cost. However, if you present an in date optical prescription at your medical examination (check the recommended retest date on your prescription, usually 2 years, but depends on your optical health/condition/age), then page 2 of the Form D4 may be completed by your Doctor. Our advice is to consult with your Optician before having your medical with the Doctor.

LAMA drivers aged 79 and older are required to complete an annual declaration form for our insurance company. If you are approaching age 79, please speak to a member of the LAMA committee who will assist you with this.