

Licensed Drivers Dress Code

The purpose of the dress code is to set a standard that provides a positive image of the licensed hackney carriage and private hire trade in Manchester, promoting public and driver safety.

Dress Standard

- All clothing worn by those working as private hire or hackney carriage drivers must be in good condition and the driver must keep good standards of personal hygiene.
- As a minimum standard whilst working a licensed driver, males should wear trousers and a shirt which has a full body and short/long sleeves. Knee length tailored shorts are acceptable. Exceptions related to faith or disability are accepted.
- As a minimum standard whilst working as a licensed driver, females should wear trousers, or a knee length skirt or dress, and a shirt/blouse which have a full body and a short/long sleeve. Knee length tailored shorts are also acceptable. Exceptions related to faith or disability are accepted.
- Footwear whilst working as a licensed driver shall fit (i.e. be secure) around the toe and heel.

Examples of unacceptable standard of dress

- Clothing that is not kept in a clean condition, free from holes, rips or other damage.
- Words or graphics on any clothing that is of an offensive or suggestive nature which might offend.
- Sportswear e.g. football/rugby kits including shirts, track suits in whole or part or beachwear.
- Sandals with no heel straps, flip flops or any other footwear not secure around the heel.
- The wearing of any hood or any other type of clothing that may obscure the driver's vision or their identity.

Uniforms

The Council recognises the positive image that uniforms can create. This dress code does not require a licensed driver to wear a distinct uniform. The Council acknowledges that many private hire and hackney carriage companies do require licensed drivers to wear appropriate corporate branded uniform and this is a practice that the Council would encourage licensed drivers to support.