



## **National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers**

The purpose of the National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers is to encourage all operators and drivers to demonstrate that they are meeting the national standards set by the industry and to demonstrate the need to constantly develop drivers skills.

### **Who maintains the Register?**

GoSkills is the Sector Skills Council for Passenger Transport. The passenger transport sector includes the road passenger industries including the Taxi & Private Hire industry.

GoSkills, working in partnership with employers, is responsible for developing and maintaining National Occupational Standards for all occupational areas in the sector including Taxi & Private Hire Driving.

GoSkills is also responsible for the National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers. The performance standards required by those included on the register are based on the standards set by the National Occupational Standards.

### **Who is eligible to be on the Register?**

Entry to the National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers is limited to those who can show that they hold the appropriate driving licence, are regularly involved in driving Taxi or Private Hire vehicles, and have achieved qualifications through training by an Accredited Training Provider.

The qualifications recognised are the National Vocational Qualification or Scottish Vocational Qualification (Level 2 NVQ/SVQ) in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving Taxi and Private Hire or the Vocational Related Qualification (VRQ) Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire.

### **How do I achieve the S/NVQ or VRQ?**

The NVQ/SVQ& VRQ is awarded through centres approved by the awarding body as having the facilities and trained assessors needed to deliver and assess this qualification. The centre will register individuals with the awarding body and advice on any training required, dependent on current experience. Look out for training providers who hold the Go Skills Accreditation as otherwise your qualification may not be recognised.





## How do I find out more?

To gain further information on the Level 2 N/SVQ or VRQ in Road Passenger Vehicle Driving Taxi and Private Hire qualification and accredited providers go to [www.goskills.org](http://www.goskills.org)

## When will I be included on the National Register?

Registration on the National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers, will be given when you can support your application with a copy of your Level 2 N/SVQ and or VRQ in Transporting Passengers by Taxi and Private Hire and all other documentation requested.

## What happens when my registration expires?

Approx 3 months prior to your registration lapsing GoSkills will contact you and ask you to complete the National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers reapplication form and send with up to date information. Once the form and attached information have been received and checked a new registration certificate will be sent to you.

## Registration - General Criteria

Registration on the National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers is granted to an individual who meets the following criteria:

1. Holds a valid vocational licence for the appropriate vehicle category with no endorsements for at least the previous 3 years
2. Can demonstrate regular involvement in driving the appropriate vehicle/licence category
3. Has achieved the full S/NVQ Level 2 in Taxi & Private Hire Driving or has achieved the VRQ in Taxi & Private Hire Driving through an accredited provider
4. Currently holds a Local Authority badge number and is registered with a local authority.

The initial Registration on the *GoSkills* National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers is valid for 3 years.



## Re-Registration

Re-Registration on the *GoSkills* National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers is granted to an individual who meets the following criteria:

1. Has been previously registered on the register.
2. Holds a valid vocational licence for the appropriate vehicle category with no endorsements for at least the previous 3 years
3. Can demonstrate regular involvement in driving the appropriate vehicle/licence category
4. Has achieved the full S/NVQ Level 2 in Taxi & Private Hire Driving or has achieved the VRQ in Taxi & Private Hire Driving.
5. Currently holds a Local Authority badge number and is registered with a local authority.
6. Where necessary has met any new legislation required to maintain their driver status.

Re-registration onto the *GoSkills* National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers is valid for 3 years

To apply;

To register or re-register, you will need to complete the National Register of Professional Taxi & Private Hire Drivers application form and return it to *GoSkills*.

Provide **Copies** of all requested documents/evidence.

You must provide two recent identical colour photographs of yourself with your completed application. One of these photographs must be endorsed by your guarantor with the words "this is a true photo of (insert name)".

The initial registration fee of £75.00 for 3 years or re-registration fee of £50 for 3 years should be submitted with the application form.

Click Here to Download the application form: [\[link info when completed\]](#)