



Medical Assessment Form – (To be completed by a Medical Practitioner)

Medical Exemption of the duties on licensed drivers to assist wheelchair passengers and passengers with assistance dogs in accordance with Section 165 and 170 of the Equality Act 2010.

Background Information

The Government is committed to an accessible public transport system in which disabled passengers can enjoy the same opportunities to travel as other members of society.

Amber Valley Borough Council maintains a designated list of wheelchair accessible vehicles available to the public which enables the public to make informed choices about their journey.

Section 165 of the Act places duties on licensed drivers of designated wheelchair accessible vehicles to:

- Carry the passenger while in a wheelchair
- Not make any additional charge for doing so
- If the passenger chooses to sit in a passenger seat, to carry the wheelchair
- To take such steps as are necessary to ensure that the passenger is carried in safety and reasonable comfort; and
- To give the passenger such mobility assistance as is reasonable required

Mobility assistance is defined as:

- To enable the passenger to get into or out of the vehicle
- If the passenger wishes to remain in the wheelchair, to enable the passenger to get into and out of the vehicle while in the wheelchair
- To load the passenger's luggage into or out of the vehicle
- If the passenger does not wish to remain in the wheelchair, to load the wheelchair into or out of the vehicle

Section 166 of the Act allows Licensing Authorities to exempt drivers from the duties if they are satisfied that it is appropriate to do so on medical grounds or because the driver's physical condition makes it impossible or unreasonably difficult for him/her to comply with the duties.

In determining whether to issue an exemption certificate, the licensing authority will also have to consider a Doctor's report and whether this is a temporary or permanent condition.

Please complete the form overleaf and return to:

The Licensing Section, Amber Valley Borough Council, The Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, DE5 3BT

**Medical Assessment with regard to duties of licensed drivers to assist persons in wheelchairs
(in accordance with Section 165 & 170 of the Equality Act 2010)**

For completion by a Medical Practitioner/Specialist who has full access to the driver's full medical history.

Driver's full name

Address:

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Post Code: Badge No:

Medical Practitioner:

Official Practice Stamp:

In your opinion does the above named licensed driver have a medical condition or disability that would make it difficult for them to carry out the duties listed overleaf to enable them to provide physical assistance to persons in wheelchairs? YES/NO

In your opinion does the above named driver have a medical condition that would make it difficult for them to transport a person accompanied by an assistance dog? YES/NO

If "YES" please give details of the condition/disability:

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Is this a temporary condition? YES/NO

If "YES" please give date that the Temporary Exemption should be granted to:

Medical Practitioner/Specialists Signature:

Date: