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# Chelmsford City Council

## Licensing

### Limousine and specialty vehicle pre-conditions

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1. No conversion is authorised where the resultant vehicle is more than 130 inches (10 feet 10 inches) longer than the original vehicle and the maximum weight of that vehicle shall not exceed 7485 lbs.
2. On being presented for licensing for the first time the vehicle must have one of the following:
  - a) A U.K. Single Vehicle Approval Certificate
  - b) A European Whole Vehicle Approval Certificate
  - c) U.K. Low Volume Type Approval Certificate
  - d) Limousine Declaration of Condition of use
3. Stretched Limousine Vehicles licensed by the Council shall undergo bi-annual tests to class 4 standard at a vehicle inspectorate testing station.
4. Stretched Limousine vehicles licensed by the Council shall be so licensed for a maximum period of 10 years from the date of first manufacture.
5. Stretched Limousine vehicles licensed by the Council will be exempt from displaying a licence plate by section 75(3) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act 1976).
6. All operators will be required to sign a declaration that the vehicle will not carry more than 8 passengers and that, at the time of booking the vehicle, the restriction of carrying no more than 8 passengers shall be explained to the hirer.
7. Alcoholic drinks provided in the vehicle shall be under the terms of an appropriate licence relating to the sale or supply of alcohol.

Furthermore, stretched Limousine vehicles must comply with the existing conditions of Licence applicable to all licensed Private Hire vehicles and the local Private Hire licence fee shall be the same.