

## 59297 Taxi Driver Dress Code - 2023 to Date

I am aware that several councils require taxi drivers operating in their area to adhere to an approved dress code as part of the conditions of their taxi licence. For instance, some councils state drivers should be “clean and tidy in their person or clothing”. Some councils also have items of clothing that taxi drivers are banned from wearing, such as trainers, baseball caps, tracksuits, denim or cord jeans, t-shirts, football or sports shirts and polo shirts. Often, Trading Standards or other departments within the council will look to check that these standards are being adhered to and will issue warnings (either verbally or in writing) to taxi drivers who are deemed to have flouted the requirements. As such, can you tell me:

In EACH of the last two calendar years (2023 and 2024) and so far this calendar year (Jan 1 – 16 Dec 2025) how many taxi drivers have received a warning from the council as a result of being deemed to have failed to adhere to the council’s dress code for taxi drivers?

The information you have sought will be reported to the Council’s Regulatory Committee on 30 January 2026.

The committee papers will be published on our website at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=144&MId=7825&Ver=4>

The relevant report (Licensing Enforcement: Taxis and Private Hire Cars Update) will be published here in the week before the Committee meeting.

Please detail what requirements the council places on its taxi drivers in regard to their clothing? I.e. what is approved in terms of clothing and what is banned?

The Council’s requirements in respect of the Taxi and Private Hire Car Driver dress code can be found in Schedule D of the attached ‘Licensing Conditions for Taxi and Private Hire Cars and Drivers’ – Page 79 of 79.