

London Borough of Barnet, 2 Bristol Avenue, Colindale, London NW9 4EW 31 January 2020 Our ref: 6020664

Thank you for your request received on 29 January 2020, for the following information:

How many Private hire license applications did you receive in each of the calendar years 2018 and 2019 up to and including the 31st of December in each of the years above How many "Live" (meaning not expired) private hire licenses are currently in use as of the 31st January 2020.

How much has been paid to the council in fee's etc etc in the 2 years set out above from private hire license applications, renewals, and MOT's and any other costs associated with obtaining a private hire license? [Request amended on 30 January 2020 by requestor]

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## Response

The council holds the information requested and it is attached/ the answers to your questions are below

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Licensing in London

A London Service Permit is required to run a private bus or coach service in London.

Taxis and private hire services in London are licensed by Transport for London (TfL).

You need a public service vehicle (PSV) operator's licence to:

- •operate a vehicle for hire or reward (payment or payment in kind) that can carry 9 or more passengers
- •operate a smaller vehicle carrying passengers and charging separate fares for the journey

You are referred to PSV437, PSV operator licensing: a guide for operators available from the GOV website. Please see:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/psv-operator-licensing-a-guideforoperators-psv437

## **Further information**

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <a href="http://open.barnet.gov.uk/">http://open.barnet.gov.uk/</a>

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website <a href="https://www.ico.org.uk">www.ico.org.uk</a>). There is no charge for making an appeal.