Taxi and private hire

Temporary licences for private hire drivers 'welcome progress' after TfL delays

Transport for London (TfL) has agreed to union-proposed measures designed to alleviate the problems caused by licensing delays for private hire drivers.

GMB - which has the largest private hire union membership in the country - has been actively working with TfL to find a solution to the delays, which have put financial pressure on drivers and caused significant stress.

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The union has also been in contact with London's Deputy Mayor and London Assembly Members to push for measures to enable drivers to return to work.

TfL has now agreed grant drivers with temporary licences, provided they meet certain criteria including a DBS check.

The proposed increase to the licensing fee will also be postponed.

Simon Rush, President of GMB Taxi & Private Hire Drivers Branch, said:

"This is very welcome progress, and we hope temporary licences will get drivers back on the road.

"We are pleased to see TfL reconsider the licensing fee increase, particularly given the financial hardship that drivers have endured due to these delays.

"Drivers should never be left in limbo due to administrative issues.

"We will continue to work closely and collaboratively with TfL, with a view to getting the best outcome for our members."

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