



# New Driver Applicants

## Important Information concerning the Application Process

Recently Stoke on Trent City Council Licensing and General Purposes Committee took the decision to include the BTEC Qualification in Road Passenger Vehicles Driving in the application process for all new drivers applying for a Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicle drivers licence with Stoke-on-Trent Licensing Authority.

The implementation date for this qualification to become part of the application process has now been set as 1st November 2012, this means that from that date any applicant must have obtained the BTEC qualification before Licensing Services will process the application. Without the qualification any application will be refused.

Training to obtain the BTEC Qualification can be provided from a number of providers and applicants can enrol on the course with them direct. Details of the Training Providers can be obtained from Licensing Services. Information is available in the Licensing Services Reception and will be circulated in all new application packs.