

Taxi Driver Identifiers

Your personal badge identifiers are included in your licence pack. Please read this document carefully as it provides you with further information regarding the details shown on the identifiers, practical information on where to affix them in your vehicle and advice regarding their use.

Please take the time to read these guidelines carefully. You should also read the information about badges, licences and identifiers in your Taxi Driver's Handbook

Licence Areas

As well as clearly indicating whether a driver is an All London or Suburban taxi driver, the identifiers will specify suburban drivers' sectors using one of the codes below.

Please check that the information on your identifiers is correct. If it's not, contact us immediately.

Sectors	Sector Code
Enfield, Haringey, Waltham Forest	S1
Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Newham, Redbridge	S2
Bexley, Greenwich, Lewisham	S3
Bromley	S4
Croydon	S5
Merton, Sutton	S6
Hounslow, Kingston upon Thames, Richmond upon Thames	S7
Ealing, Hillingdon	S8
Barnet, Brent, Harrow	S9

Suburban drivers licensed under previous systems or licensed for one of the extension areas may have additional information on their identifiers.

Guidelines for use

The identifiers are designed to encourage compliance by drivers, including plying for hire within their licensed area.

All drivers should be aware that there are a number of reasons why Suburban drivers may be in central London or another suburban sector. This includes:

- Dropping off fares that started in their sector but ended outside it;
- Picking up fares that were pre-booked when the driver was in his or her sector;
- The driver is licensed for one of the two extension areas;

- The driver is plying for hire at a designated 'island rank'. There are currently six designated island ranks:
 - Finsbury Park Bus Station – S1 drivers
 - Garratt Lane (Arndale), Wandsworth – S6 drivers
 - Garrett Lane (Sainsbury's), Wandsworth – S6 drivers
 - Mitcham Road (Tooting Broadway Station) – S6 drivers without the Clapham extension
 - Wimbledon Park Road (Southfields Station) – S6 drivers
 - High Street, Putney – S7 drivers

The boundaries of some suburban boroughs (e.g. Brent, Lewisham) are less than four miles from Charing Cross. All London drivers are therefore advised to be aware of the borough boundaries and where suburban drivers can legitimately ply for hire.

If you do witness a driver who may be plying for hire outside of his or her licence area, you should report this to us. We will then investigate the matter further.

Under no circumstances should any driver confront a colleague who they suspect is plying for hire outside of their licensed area.

Displaying the Identifiers

The identifiers are supplied with clear plastic sleeves which should be affixed to the inside of the window, with the sleeve opening facing toward the offside of the vehicle. The identifiers can then be inserted in the sleeve and removed easily.

The identifiers should be displayed in the top nearside (kerbside) corner of both the front and rear windows as illustrated below:

Front



Rear



When affixing the identifiers you should take into account the guidelines for displaying stickers and signs to your taxi which can be found on the TfL website at www.tfl.gov.uk/tph.

Where vehicles have rear window advertising in place the identifier must be clearly visible at all times. For further information please refer to our advertising guidelines at www.tfl.gov.uk/tph.