



**NEW VEHICLE RETIREMENT RULES FOR “BLACK CARS”**

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***Rule changes affecting For-Hire Vehicles that are affiliated with Black Car Bases went into effect on 1/1/2011***

**NEW VEHICLE APPLICATIONS:**

- In order to apply for a new vehicle permit ***and affiliate with a Black Car Base***, a vehicle submitted for licensure must meet the TLC’s new Model Year Age requirements. No new vehicle application will be accepted if the vehicle, due to its age, would be subject to retirement. After 1/1/2015 no vehicle will be approved for a license if it is seven (7) or more model years old.
- An application submitted for a for-hire permit after a previous permit has expired will be considered a **new application**.

**VEHICLE RETIREMENT and LICENSE RENEWAL:**

- In order to renew your vehicle permit, and still maintain your ***affiliation with a Black Car Base***, your vehicle must meet the age requirements in Section §59A-28(d) of our rules. After 1/1/2015, no vehicle can be more than seven (7) years old at the time a license, including a renewal license, is issued.
- Once the vehicle reaches its retirement age it must be retired from service prior to renewal or by the expiration date of the vehicle permit. No vehicle license will be renewed if, at the time of renewal, the vehicle is past its retirement date and is still affiliated with a Black Car base.
- If your vehicle is affiliated with a Black Car base and must be retired and you want to retain your vehicle and renew your existing license you must first complete a Base Transfer application and affiliate with either a Livery or Luxury Limousine base. You will be responsible for paying the \$25.00 transfer fee and must meet all requirements for licensure for a Livery or Luxury Limousine license. You can NOT remain affiliated with a Black Car base and renew your license if your vehicle is due to be retired.

**VEHICLE TRANSFERS / REPLACEMENT VEHICLES**

Any vehicle submitted for a vehicle transfer application after January 1, 2011 must meet the new vehicle age requirements at the time the application is submitted. A transfer application and all applicable fees are required. All fees are non-refundable.

Vehicle Model Years	Must be retired from Black Car service
2009	January 1, 2016 on or by renewal
2010	January 1, 2017 on or by renewal
2011	January 1, 2018 on or by renewal
2012	January 1, 2019 on or by renewal
2013 and older	No Retirement Requirement Scheduled

\*Vehicles which are level one or level two clean air vehicles are eligible for longer use; please see the rules for details.

**Please note:** any vehicle which does not meet the requirements for an affiliation to a Black Car Base may still receive a permit to work as a livery or a luxury limousine provided the vehicle is: (1) Affiliated with a Livery Base or a Luxury Limousine Base prior to renewal and (2) The vehicle meets all other requirements for that specific type of vehicle license.