Date:		
Your ref:	Our ref:	[OUR REF]
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## Appendix 5

Dear

## RE: Exemption from the duty to carry wheelchairs and provide "mobility assistance" to wheelchair users

I refer to your application dated [ ] in which you asked South Ribble Borough Council to exempt you from carrying wheelchairs in your vehicle, as well as providing "mobility assistance" to wheelchair users. For the purposes of the Equalities Act 201, "mobility assistance" includes assistance:

- to enable the passenger to get into or out of the vehicle;
- to enable the passenger to get into and out of the vehicle while in the wheelchair (should the passenger wish to remain in the wheelchair during the journey);
- to load the passenger's luggage into or out of the vehicle; and
- to load the wheelchair into or out of the vehicle (should the passenger not wish to remain in the wheelchair during the journey).

After careful consideration, the Licensing Authority has decided to accept your application for an exemption, on medical grounds, from the duties imposed on Taxi and PHV drivers under section 165 of the Equality Act 2010 in relation to wheelchair users.

Please find attached your Notice of Exemption.

The exemption is only valid when driving [add as appropriate – any vehicle/vehicles without a fixed partition OR vehicles with a fixed partition] / [vehicle registration number].

It is an offence to refuse to support wheelchair users in accordance with the legislation when not driving the vehicles specified in the certificate.

The exemption expires on [insert date – 12 months after date of granting].

You are required by law to display your Notice of Exemption sticker by affixing it to the nearside of the windscreen of your vehicle (so that the front of your notice faces outwards). If other drivers use the vehicle at any other time, it is your responsibility to remove the notice from the vehicle. **The exemption only applies to you.** 



Jean Hunter, Interim Chief Executive

It is a criminal offence, punishable in the Magistrates' Court by a fine of up to £5,000 or, on indictment, by up to two years imprisonment and/or a fine, to alter, lend or allow another person to use your Notice of Exemption.

If you have any queries or require further advice please contact [Phone Number].

Yours sincerely,

A. Glover

Andy Glover Interim Licensing Manager





Jean Hunter, Interim Chief Executive