**Medical Assessment Form**

**Duty to Carry Assistance Dogs**

**Equality Act 2010**

**(To be completed by GP or Consultant)**

The Government is committed to an accessible public transport system in which disabled people can enjoy the same opportunities to travel as other members of society. Hackney carriages (Taxis) and private hire vehicles are a vital link in the accessible transport chain and it is important that disabled persons accompanied by assistance dogs have confidence that the driver of a taxi or private hire vehicle will undertake the duties prescribed by the Equality Act 2010 which include:

* to carry the disabled person's dog,
* to allow it to remain with that person and;
* not to make any additional charge for doing so.

Licensing authorities must issue a certificate, if they are satisfied that it is appropriate to do so, exempting a driver from the duty described above on medical grounds.

In determining whether to issue an exemption certificate the Council requires a driver applying for exemption to produce a Medical Assessment Form completed by a GP or Consultant who has full access to the driver’s medical history.

