Winchester City Council

Vehicle Testing Services - Expressions of Interest

Winchester City Council is responsible for licensing taxis and private hire vehicles operating in the District. The application process includes a test to ensure that the vehicle meets the required standard. The test is based on an MOT test, but with additional checks such as the condition of vehicle (internal and external), means of escape (doors and windows) and checklist of items such as wheelchair security, fire extinguisher etc.

The Council is seeking to appoint up to four testing stations in the District, covering the Winchester area, Alresford and surroundings, and the Bishops Waltham/Denmead areas. Approximately 400 tests are carried out each year.

Expressions of interest are sought from suitable garages to carry out these tests on behalf of the Council. Organisations should be approved MOT testing stations with sufficient qualified staff. Interested garages should contact John Myall, Licensing and Registration Manager, Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LJ, telephone 01962 848 443 or email <u>licensing@winchester.gov.uk</u> by 25 May 2011 for further information.

Head of Legal Services

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