



### **Additional Restrictions Grant (Taxi)**

To support taxi drivers within Northumberland who have suffered loss of income due to wider Covid19 restrictions having an impact on their trade, a one-off payment of £500 is being made available to self-employed licensed taxi and private hire drivers, subject to certain conditions.

### **Who is eligible for the Grant**

This one-off grant payment is being made available to specific taxi and private hire drivers licensed by Northumberland County Council. Drivers must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the grant:

- have been licensed by Northumberland County Council on 18 September 2020
- must not have already been in receipt of a Covid19 Local Restriction Support or Additional Restrictions Grant made available from the County Council
- must not have been in receipt of Self Employment Income Support Scheme (SEISS) during the period 18 September 2020 and 1 December 2020

This scheme is specifically for self-employed drivers who have not been able to access other support; businesses within the taxi trade may be eligible for other local restriction support schemes available, the information for which can be found on the County Council website: <https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus/Support-for-Businesses-coronavirus.aspx#LRSG>

### **Grant level**

A one-off payment of £500 is available to eligible applicants.

### **How to Apply for the Additional Restrictions Grant (Taxi)**

The Additional Restrictions Grant (Taxi) must be applied for by means of an online application form, available on Northumberland County Council's website, which can be accessed here (<http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/businesshub>).

The online form guides self-employed drivers through the application process and prompts applicants for the information required, as well any supporting documents needed (see 'Evidence to support application' below).

Queries regarding this scheme can be addressed to the County Council at the following dedicated website address: [covidgrants@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:covidgrants@northumberland.gov.uk)

### **Evidence to Support Applications**

Self-employed drivers are required to submit the following evidence to support their application:

- Name of applicant / licensed driver
- Northumberland County Council driver licence number
- Bank details in the driver's name must be provided (payment will not be made to a 3rd party bank account) and a copy of the last 3 bank statements
- National Insurance Number
- Confirmation that they have not received other financial support in the period 18 September to 1 December 2020
- Applicants will need to certify that they are not bankrupt, nor have they received a Statutory Demand or Bankruptcy Petition since 18th September 2020
- Applicants will need to explain how they have been severely impacted

### **Timescales for Applications**

Applications for the Additional Restrictions Grant (Taxi) will open on 14 December 2020 and close at midnight on Sunday 3 January 2021.

### **Variation to the fund**

The Council reserves the right to close or vary the terms of the scheme at any time, and without notice, should it be necessary to do so.

### **Appeals**

There is no appeal process. Applicants whose applications are rejected may request a review. The review will be carried out by an officer who was not involved in the original decision. The decision of the review is final. Details about how to request a review will be provided to every applicant whose application is rejected.

### **Managing the risk of fraud**

Neither the Government nor Northumberland County Council will accept deliberate manipulation and fraud - and any business caught falsifying their records to gain grant money will face prosecution and any funding issued will be subject to claw back, as may any grants paid in error.

It is important that applicants ensure that they provide accurate bank details for grant payments and that these relate to the business concerned.