

Schedule 4: Assessing the suitability of individuals to perform certain activities¹

Subject Matter	Brief summary of the privilege or duty	Legislative Provision
Road users	The Secretary of State may require a licence holder to submit to an examination by a Registered Medical Practitioner for the purpose of determining whether or not the licence holder is or has at any time suffered from a relevant disability.	Road Traffic Act 1988 (Section 94)
Police constable	An applicant seeking to join the police force must, amongst other things, be certified by a Registered Medical Practitioner who is approved by the police authority as suited both physically and mentally to the role.	Police Regulations 2003 (SI 2003/527) Police (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (SSI 2004/257) Police (Special Constables) (Scotland) Regulations 2008 (SSI 2008/117)
Private hire vehicles	An applicant for a hackney carriage licence or a private hire vehicle licence may be required to produce a certificate signed by a Registered Medical Practitioner to the effect that he is physically fit to be the driver, and the applicant may also be required to submit to an examination by a duly selected Registered Medical Practitioner.	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 (Section 57) Private Hire Vehicles (London) Act 1998 (Section 15)
Dock operations	An individual shall not be authorised to drive a vehicle or operate a lifting appliance in the course of dock operations if certified unfit to do so by a Registered Medical Practitioner.	Dock Regulations 1988 (SI 1988/1655)
Mine rescue operations	An individual shall not be selected to act as a rescue team member if he is certified by a suitably qualified and fully Registered Medical Practitioner as unfit to undertake rescue work using breathing apparatus.	Escape and Rescue from Mines Regulations 1995 (SI 1995/2870)
Boatmaster's license	The Secretary of State may not issue a boatmaster's licence unless satisfied that the applicant is medically fit to perform normal duties. The Secretary of State may require the holder of a boatmaster's licence to undergo an examination by a	Merchant Shipping (Inland Waterway and Limited Coastal Operations)(Boatmasters' Qualifications and Hours of Work) Regulations 2006 (SI 2006/3223)

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