



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's) FOR LEASING/DRIVING A TAXICAB

ARE TAXICAB DRIVERS CONSIDERED EMPLOYEES?

No, drivers are not employees, they are self-employed. Taxicab drivers are considered independent contractors. Drivers lease taxicabs managed by Lease Services to provide transportation services for both the general public and for members of various contracted accounts.

WHAT IS THE CRITERIA TO LEASE/DRIVE A TAXICAB?

The taxicab fleet is operated by a group known as "Lease Services" and requires drivers to be approved by their vehicle insurance company in order to drive. The minimum age requirement is 23.

Applicants must have at least 2 years of driving experience in the U.S. and be approved to drive by the insurance carrier of Lease Services. If you have not held a license in Wisconsin for at least 2 years you will need to obtain a copy of your Motor Vehicle Record from the previous state in which you held a Driver's License to submit with your application. Lease Services is not able to obtain MVRs from any state other than Wisconsin. Once information is submitted to insurance a decision is provided within 3 business days.

Once insurance approval is obtained, all applicants must undergo a Nationwide Background Check. A valid e:mail address is necessary to complete the required information and consent forms for the check. The Background check takes approx. two weeks before final results are received. Lease Services will contact all applicants with results once the process is complete.

WHAT SKILLS ARE NEEDED TO LEASE/DRIVE A TAXICAB?

Drivers should possess general computer use knowledge and be able to use GPS. General directional knowledge of the area in which a lessee chooses to service is a plus along with the ability to drive defensively in all weather conditions.

HOW DO I APPLY TO LEASE/DRIVE A TAXICAB?

Interested individuals may apply on-line at www.leasesvc.com or in person at the Lease Services business office during weekday business hours.

WHERE IS LEASE SERVICES LOCATED?

Lease Services is located at 646 S. 2nd Street, Suite 500, Milwaukee, WI 53204 and office hours for applications are Monday through Thursday, 8:30am to 3pm.

WHAT DO I NEED TO BRING WITH ME IF I APPLY IN PERSON?

Applicants must present a valid State of Wisconsin Drivers License when applying along with a current copy (no more than 10 days old) of their Wisconsin MVR(Motor Vehicle Record) or you may pay an \$8 fee (no checks accepted) to Lease Services at the time of application and they will obtain the MVR for you the same day.

DO I NEED ANY SPECIAL LICENSES?

Once you are approved by insurance and pass the Background Check, you will need to obtain any license required by the municipality in which you choose to drive. Example: City of Milwaukee taxicab drivers are issued a Public Passenger (PPL) Drivers License.

WHERE DO I GET A PPL LICENSE?

The City of Milwaukee License Division, located in downtown Milwaukee at City Hall (Room 105) issues the PPL. Any costs related to the PPL are the responsibility of the potential driver.

DO I NEED ANY CERTIFICATIONS?

You will be required to obtain certification for First Aid/CPR, pass a Drug Screen and obtain certificates of completion for various training courses required by affiliated partners (information will be provided by the company).

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS IF I AM APPROVED TO LEASE A TAXICAB AND DRIVE?

After the necessary approvals and licenses are obtained, applicants are required to pay a \$200 security deposit (refundable if you terminate leasing) for the vehicle and then Lease Services will set up a ride along followed by a road test. A short Orientation on procedures will be scheduled with a Lease Services Representative and a vehicle will be assigned to get you on the road.

WHAT ARE THE LEASE OPTIONS FOR A TAXICAB?

The vehicles are available for lease during the following shifts:

Day Shift (6am – 6pm) / Night shift (6pm – 6am) these vehicles must be picked up and dropped off with a full tank of fuel at a designated parking lot every day near the Lease Services Office. There is also an option to lease the vehicle 24/7 and keep it at your home allowing you the most flexibility to drive anytime you want.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO LEASE A TAXICAB?

Lease fees vary by shift. There also is a Security Deposit collected in addition to the lease payment that is fully refundable when a lease is terminated. Rate packages are available based on the days and shifts a lessee chooses to drive. A Lease Services Representative can provide more information on how the program works.

WHAT DOES THE LEASE FEE FOR A TAXICAB INCLUDE?

Lease Services carries the auto liability insurance on the vehicle. They also contract with a facility to provide all of the maintenance for the vehicle and provide spare vehicles to use for breakdowns and periods of necessary maintenance.

HOW DOES A TAXICAB DRIVER GET RIDES TO SERVICE?

Taxicab drivers also contract with a local Dispatch Company arranged by Lease Services to become an affiliated driver and they are provided with rides to service. Rides are dispatched through an app to a tablet in the leased taxicab. The Dispatch Company operates 24/7, 365 days a year.

HOW DO TAXICAB DRIVERS GET PAID?

Taxi drivers get paid weekly for the rides they service by contracted customers. A separate processing center converts credit card charges and account charges for drivers and deposits the monies weekly to a debit paycard issued to all drivers upon their start.