



## **DRUG SCREENING: GUIDANCE FOR APPLICANTS AND EXISTING DRIVERS**

Drug screening will take place via appointment at **Fareham Borough Council's Civic Offices** (Civic Way, Fareham, PO16 7AZ) and will take approximately 45minutes.

You will need to bring photo ID and must not eat, drink, or smoke/vape for at least 10 minutes before the test. You must also provide details of any prescribed or over the counter medicines you are taking, ideally providing copies of any prescriptions.

Screening will include, but not be limited to:

- Alcohol
- Amphetamine (speed)
- Barbiturates (sedative)
- Benzodiazepines (Diazepam, Temazepam)
- Cannabis (THC)
- Cocaine and Crack Cocaine
- Ketamine (veterinary tranquiliser)
- Khat (plant)
- MDMA (including ecstasy)
- Methadone (heroin substitute drug)
- Opiates (including morphine and heroin)
- Phencyclidine (PCP, angel dust)
- Propoxyphene (painkillers)

A formal consent form will be completed with the assistance of a member of the Licensing Team. Failure to give consent will cease an application process for a new applicant and result in an existing driver being referred to the Licensing Panel. You will swab your own mouth, following the instructions of the Officer administering the test. Once the oral fluid sample is collected it will be transferred to the on-site test device, which will show a result within 10 minutes.

If any colour shows on the alcohol strip, signifying there is alcohol present, you will be required to re-book and complete a further test at your own cost. New applicants will not be granted a licence until they have successfully produced a negative test. Existing drivers may be referred to the Licensing Panel.

If there are any missing lines on the test device after 10 minutes, the test will be deemed a non-negative result. A second oral fluid collection must then take place which will be sent for laboratory confirmation analysis. This will confirm the

substance found. Laboratory results are normally received within 3 working days. After which the findings will be discussed with you.

The current cost for drug screen is £40.

You can bring a person of your choice to attend this appointment with you, if you wish to have a witness. This is not compulsory.

#### Privacy Notice

The only personal information required for drug testing for taxi licence applicants will be the subjects name and date of birth. The test and this information will be sent to the testing laboratory, if laboratory confirmation testing is required. The results of any drug test taken will be held by the Council during the application process and for the duration you are a licence holder. For information about your Rights please see the Council's [Privacy Notice](#).