

Fact sheet 3



London's taxis and taxi drivers

- Over 20,500 licensed taxis. All are wheelchair accessible.
- Approximately 21,800 'All London' licensed cab drivers.
- Approximately 2,800 'Suburban' licensed cab drivers.
- There are approximately 350 female taxi drivers.
- There are approximately 200 females currently learning the Knowledge, this figure is steadily increasing.
- To become a cab driver you must be:
 - 21 years of age or over
 - Of good character
 - Physically and mentally fit
 - Have a thorough knowledge of London
 - Be able to drive a taxi competently and safely
- The 'All London' Knowledge requires you to know about 25,000 streets within a six mile radius of Charing Cross.
- Knowledge students travel around 20,000 miles on their mopeds when learning the knowledge.
- With commitment and determination you can pass the knowledge within 18-20 months.