



Taxi licensing - ranks

- There are approximately 500 taxi ranks in the London area. The purpose of taxi ranks is to provide the public with a set location where they can hire a licensed taxi. The rank is the only situation where a taxi may ply for hire in a stationary position.
- Ranks in central London where you can reasonably expect to see a taxi regularly, include the main railway stations.
- Most major hotels in London have working ranks.
- The following London stores also have ranks outside their premises – Harrods, Selfridges, John Lewis, Marks & Spencer (Marble Arch).
- Outside of central London major taxis ranks are normally focused on railway stations and key shopping centres. For example – Harrow, Richmond, Wimbledon, Sutton, East Croydon, Romford, Upminster, Uxbridge, Ealing Broadway, Woolwich, Bromley, Wembley Park, Lewisham, Stratford.
- Taxi ranks are appointed by the Public Carriage Office under section 4 of the 1850 London Hackney Carriages Act as amended by schedule 20 of The Greater London Authority Act 1999.