An Garda Síochána

Grant of a Licence to Drive a Small Public Service Vehicle

In order to ensure continued public safety in the utilisation of Small Public Service Vehicles in the Greater Dublin Area, the Authorised Officer is utilising section 9(2) of the Taxi Regulation Acts 2013 and 2016 which states:

“The application for the grant of a licence shall be in such form and accompanied by the appropriate fee and such information and documentation as the licensing authority determines.”

The above provides the Authorised Officer and his/her staff, the authority to require any documentation they see fit to accompany an application for a SPSV licence. A Driving Licence History (DLH) is required in order for the Carriage Office to ascertain if the applicant has or has had any penalty points, disqualifications etc, including those as a result of the safety cameras (GoSafe vans). This is obtainable from the National Driver Licence Service (NDLS).

An Garda Síochana does not have immediate access to this information and requesting same from each applicant speeds up the process.

The information on a DLH assists the Authorised Officer make an informed decision as to whether or not to grant a SPSV licence.

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