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# Donkey operators

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The donkeys that operate on Blackpool beaches are licensed by the council.

Licences are required for each donkey “proprietor” - the person that keeps donkeys - and for each donkey driver - the person who leads the donkey when carrying passengers.

## Apply for a donkey driver licence

Donkey drivers are licensed for the safety and protection of the public and to ensure proper management of the animals when carrying passengers.

Applicants must be at least 16 years of age.

The current fee is £57 and licences must be renewed annually.

To be licensed as a donkey driver, you must:

- Complete the [application for](#)[\[PDF 119KB\]](#)
- Submit a basic disclosure certificate from the [Disclosure and Barring Service](#) which shows you have no criminal convictions or you have been determined by the public protection committee to be a fit and proper person. The certificate must be issued within the last 3 months.
- Provide a letter from an equine veterinary surgeon stating that you have sufficient knowledge and understanding of donkeys to carry out your duties
- Pass a medical examination - only required if you are over 65
- Provide a passport sized photograph of yourself

## Apply for a donkey proprietor licence

Donkey proprietors' licences are renewed annually on 1 June. Prior to the proprietors' licences being renewed, all their donkeys are inspected by a council appointed veterinary surgeon in May.

Download and complete the [application form](#) [\[PDF 99KB\]](#) and submit with the fee, currently £220, before the inspection day.

You must also provide a copy of your current public liability insurance certificate. Passports must be provided for all donkeys.

## Contact

### Licensing service

Municipal buildings, Corporation Street, Blackpool, FY1 1NF

**Telephone** 01253 478570

**Email** [licensing@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@blackpool.gov.uk)

The licensing service is available to contact by telephone between 10:00am and 2:00pm Monday to Friday or visit in person by appointment only at the licensing desk at Blackpool Council's Customer First Centre on Corporation Street .

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