

# East Lothian Council

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*I am writing to enquire about the number of taxi drivers who have been granted licences in the past year and how many have criminal convictions. I ask for access to information based on the following questions under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.*

**1. How many taxi licences have been granted in the last 12 months?**

415

**2. How many licences were given to people with criminal convictions?**

20

**3. What are the convictions?**

Breach of the Peace  
Wasting Police Time  
Assault  
Theft

It may help to explain that there is a robust application process in place to determine the granting of taxi licences. For example, when an application is received, it is sent to Police Scotland for a report. If the report comes back from Police Scotland with an objection, the application must be referred to the Licensing Sub Committee. The Committee will then decide if the applicant is a fit and proper person to hold a licence. If there is nothing adverse, the licence will be granted.