

## Step-by-Step Guide

**Your TNC will tell you the status of your application throughout the process.** King County does not provide the application status to individuals.

### Step 1: Apply to Drive for a TNC

To obtain a for-hire permit, you must first sign up with a TNC. The TNC will send your application to King County for you.

### Step 2: Vehicle Inspection

The TNC will help you get your vehicle inspected by an approved mechanic.

### Step 3: Pick Up Your For-Hire Permit

Your TNC will tell you when your for-hire permit and vehicle decal (sticker) are ready for pick up from King County.

### Step 4: Required DDC Training

The Defensive Driving Course (DDC) is a 4-hour online course for first-time applicants. Please check with your TNC about how to complete training.

### Step 5: Renew Your For-Hire Permit

Your expiration date is one year from when King County received your application. Work with your TNC to update information and inspection.



# King County

Records and Licensing  
Services Division



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Taxi, For-Hire, and TNC Licensing  
206-263-1982



Hours – 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday thru Friday



King County Administration Building  
500 Fourth Ave., Suite 401  
Seattle, WA 98104

## Other Resources

### Seattle Finance & Administrative Services

Regulatory Compliance &  
Consumer Protection  
[tnc@seattle.gov](mailto:tnc@seattle.gov)  
206-386-1267

Business Licenses  
[tax@seattle.gov](mailto:tax@seattle.gov)  
206-684-8484

Scan to find  
TNC info online



# Want to drive for a TNC?

Transportation network companies (TNCs), drivers, and vehicles are regulated by King County and the City of Seattle.



If you want to drive your personal vehicle for a TNC, you and your vehicle need to have:

- A for-hire driver permit
- A TNC vehicle decal



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# General Guidelines

## What do I need?

To be a TNC driver, you need a for-hire driver permit and a vehicle decal (sticker).

## How do I get the permit and decal?

Sign up with a TNC and they will help you through the application process. Work with your TNC to renew the permit and decal every year.

## Where can I pick up passengers?

Both the for-hire permit and the TNC vehicle decal can be one of these:

### King County & City of Seattle = CE

Also known as “dual”, if your vehicle is less than 10 years old and you are the registered owner, you are allowed to pick up customers in any location.

### City of Seattle only = CI

If you are not the registered owner of the vehicle, you are allowed to pick up customers in Seattle only.

### King County only = CO

If your vehicle is more than 10 years old and you are the registered owner, you are allowed to pick up customers outside of Seattle only.

## For-Hire Permit & TNC Decal

Your for-hire permit will show your same name as your driver's license, your for-hire identification number, and an expiration date.

### Expiration Date

Work with your TNC to renew your permit within 60 days of this date



### Vehicle Endorsement #

This number is linked to your decal and where you are authorized to pick up:

- CE = County & City (Dual)
- CI = City Only
- CO = County Only

Your inspected and approved vehicle will get a TNC endorsement number on a decal.



## Display Your Permit & Decal

Photocopy your permit, making it larger (at least 5 1/2" by 8 1/2"), and cover it in plastic.

Display option 1: Hang it behind the front seat headrest



Display option 2: Stick it on the dashboard



Stick the decal to the inside of your windshield near the rearview mirror. The decal must be clear from the outside.

