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.
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. The TNC will tell you when the permit and decal are ready for pick up at King County. Work with your TNC to renew the permit and decal every year.

Where can I pick up passengers?

The vehicle endorsement # on your For-Hire Permit indicates where you are authorized to pick up passengers:

- CE = King County & City of Seattle (also known as “dual”)
- CI = City of Seattle only
- CO = King County 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 indicates where you are authorized to pick up passengers

Display Your Permit & Decal

Photocopy your permit, making it larger (at least 5 ½" by 8 ½"), 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.