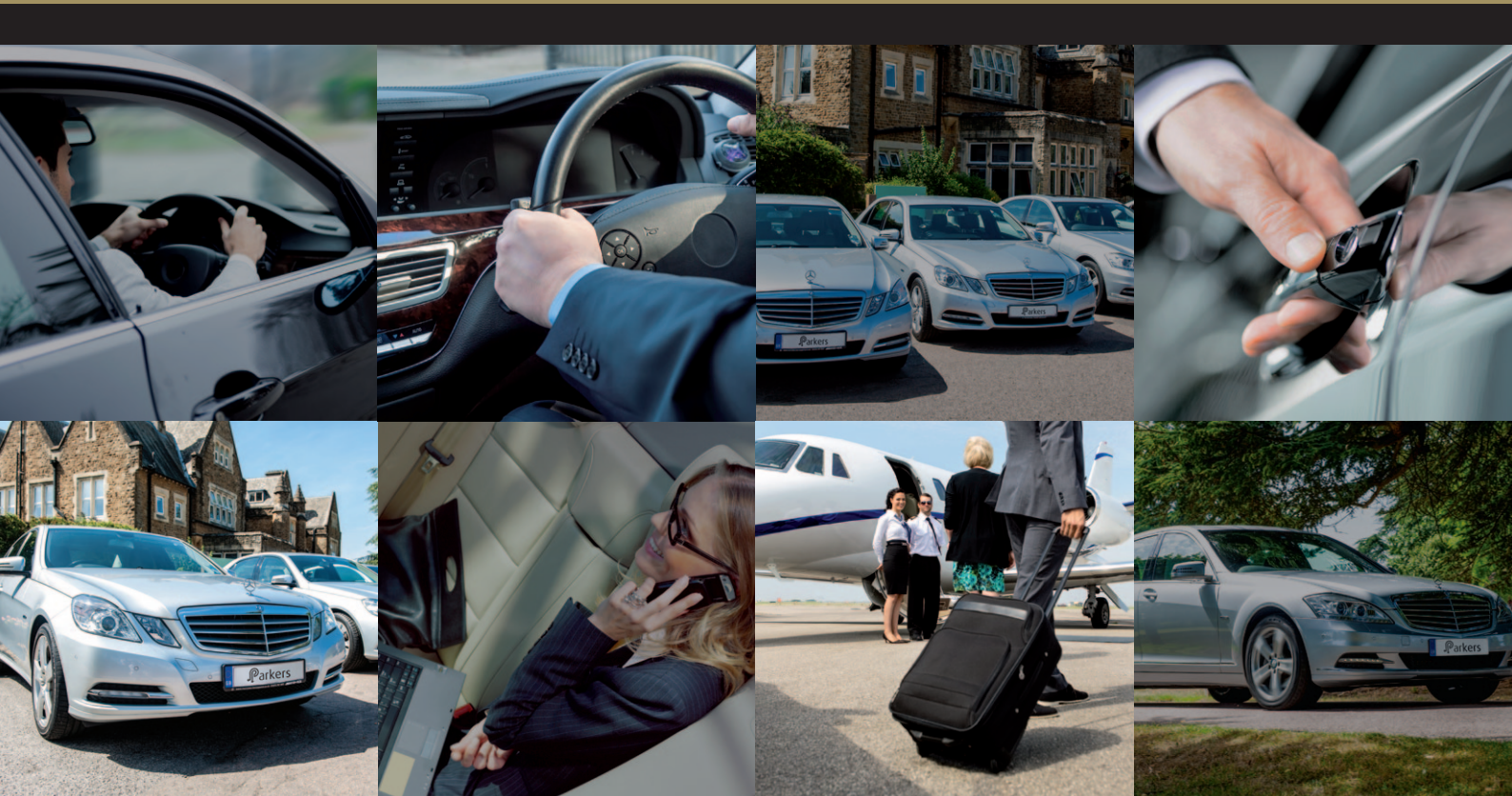


Our Driver Opportunities

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 **Parkers**
EXECUTIVE CAR SERVICE



If you enjoy driving and are looking for a career that offers something different every day, joining the Parkers' team as an executive driver or chauffeur could be just what you are looking for.

Working as an executive driver or chauffeur is not a nine to five job. You could be on duty at any time of the day or night, visiting dozens of different destinations each week and clocking up thousands of miles every year.

You'll need to think quickly, stay calm under the pressure of traffic jams and delays and be reliable and organised, so that you're always in the right place, at the right time, to collect your passengers and take them to where they need to be.

So if you are:

- already driving professionally...
- ...or are interested in a new career
- like meeting new people
- take pride in delivering great customer service
- would like to work for yourself...
- ...while also enjoying the benefits of being part of our established team of drivers...

...joining Parkers could be the right career choice for you.

Why work with Parkers?

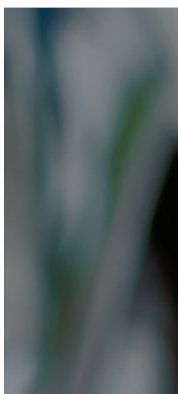
Parkers is a specialist pre-booked executive car and chauffeur service based in Reigate and operating across Surrey, London and the wider South East.

We work with businesses, public sector and private clients and have a number of regular international customers, who use our services whenever they are in the UK.

Our firm was originally established in 1958 and has been owned and run by the Leeson family since the early 1980s. At the heart of our success is attention to every detail and quality in everything we do – so our drivers need the same approach.

We currently work with a pool of around 60 self-employed drivers, from whom we expect the highest standards of customer service. In return, we offer benefits including:

- flexible working hours
- the opportunity to work seven days a week
- excellent rates
- an established and professional customer base
- training and development opportunities





Your private hire licence

If you do not already have a private hire licence, to join Parkers you will need to obtain one from Reigate and Banstead Borough Council, the local authority covering the area in which Parkers is based. This will cover you for all the assignments you undertake for Parkers.

As a quick guide, as a first time private hire licence applicant you will need:

- to be aged over 21
- to have held a full driver's licence issued by Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency (DVLA) or by a European Union country for at least 12 months.

To apply for your licence, you will need to complete an application form and provide various supporting documents including a Disclosure and Barring Service check and a medical report. You will also have to pass a knowledge test covering issues including the ability to read a map and plan a route; dealing with money and fares; the Highway Code.

You can find full details about applying for a private hire licence and the costs involved at: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/info/20119/taxi_and_private_hire_licensing

Joining our team

Quality is at the heart of Parkers' executive car and chauffeur services, so in recruiting new people to our driver team, we set the highest standards. Many of the people on our team came to us with previous experience of this type of work but we are also willing to consider people just starting out on their driving career.

If you are new to driving professionally, we will provide support and training and the opportunity to gain skills, experience and confidence with more straightforward assignments before you move on to our higher level work.

Whatever your previous experience may have been, we fully reference check all our drivers.

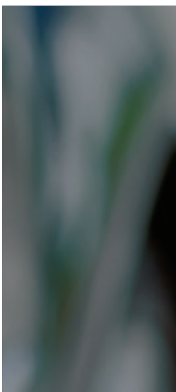
We recognise that the nature of their work means our drivers may sometimes overhear sensitive business or private conversations, so discretion and respect for confidential information are essential.

What we need from you

- A private hire licence
- Your own vehicle (a large saloon, estate or people carrier)
- Honesty and integrity
- Good communication skills
- Reliability and punctuality
- Route knowledge (London and the South East)
- Smart appearance
- Team player

What we offer you

- Flexible working hours
- Work available seven days a week
- Excellent rates
- Professional customer base
- Training and development opportunities





Jose Marinas

'Making sure the client is happy makes my job worthwhile'

For Jose Marinas, one of Parkers' most experienced drivers, the most important aspect of his job is to ensure the customer feels completely relaxed and comfortable.

Jose knows that being punctual, reliable and accommodating make Parkers' drivers stand out from their competitors and it's his commitment to this approach that also ensures that he is one of the firm's most sought after drivers. He says:

“It is pleasing to be requested again and again and to build up a regular group of clients, as it shows you are valued and that everything you do to ensure you provide the very best service is appreciated.”

Jose began his driving career more than 14 years ago with a London firm, before moving to a Banstead business. Around 12 years ago, he was introduced to Parkers through a friend at his local social club, who was working at Parkers at the time, and he has never looked back.

As one of the firm's most sought after drivers, Jose clocked up 63,000 miles in 2013 in his S-Class Mercedes and to ensure his vehicle is in first class condition for his clients, Jose adopts a rigorous cleaning and maintenance regime.

He said: "I know that to do the job properly my vehicle has to be in tip-top condition, which is why I clean it inside and out five times a week. Clients also expect a smart driver to go with their clean car, so I make sure that I am always of a smart appearance."

Since joining Parkers, Jose has had some interesting assignments, most notably involving famous sportsmen, including former England cricketers, rugby players and an Olympic gold medallist.

He added: "Driving clients to sporting events has other advantages too. There is always a great atmosphere, and sometimes you even pick up free tickets along the way! It's great to get paid to do a job I really enjoy."

A driver's job is not just about getting a client from A to B and sometimes they have to come to a client's rescue.

Jose says: "As a driver, my job is to always complete the job and be as accommodating and flexible as possible, even if that means giving up my own time. Once I was taking clients from the South Coast to Heathrow, and on arrival the client discovered they had forgotten their Russian entry visa.

"I had to rush back to their home and pick it up before driving back to the airport. Luckily, I got there just in time so they caught their flight.

"There have been many times when clients have forgotten their passports, it happens quite often particularly with regular travellers. But that is part of the job, we are there to help, making sure the client is at ease.

"Being a Parkers' driver literally means going the extra mile. High quality service leads to great client relationships. Making sure the client is happy makes my job worthwhile – and of course it's great to have some perks as well!"

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