

The Formentera Council's Office of Mobility reports that from last Friday to next (March 9), the administration is accepting applications for seasonal taxi licences on the island.

Applicants must possess a driving licence considered "permanent" and be able to attest at least five months' on-the-job experience in the last five years.

The number of this sort of seasonal chauffeur licence available this cycle has risen from eight in 2016/2017 to ten, a change that will remain unchanged in 2019.

This year and next, five drivers with seasonal permits will be allowed to operate from June 1 to August 31 while the remaining five permit-holders will operate July 1 to September 30. The measure insures that during the busiest months of the year, July and August, an additional ten taxis will join the fleet, which typically numbers 25.

Licences will be awarded by public tender. As a rule, sustainable, or hybrid, vehicles will receive a higher ranking. New cars as well. Explained mobility secretary Rafael González: "The decision to give priority to hybrid cars is a clear indication of our island's commitment to sustainable mobility".