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TRANSPORT AUTHORITY REGULATIONS, 2024

The Transport Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 31(1) of the *Transport Authority Act*, with the approval of the Minister, makes the following Regulations:

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Transport Authority Regulations, 2024*.

Definitions

2. In these Regulations,

“approved garage” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295.

“medical practitioner” has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the *Medical Profession Act* (Act 2011-1);

“operator” means a person who drives or has physical control of a vehicle;

“owner” means a person who has legal title of the vehicle whether or not that person lends or rents that vehicle;

“passenger” means any person other than the driver or conductor conveyed in a motor vehicle and who is required to pay a specific fare for the ensuing journey;

“ply for hire or reward” means to use a licensed motor vehicle for the purpose of conveying passengers;

“transport inspector” means any person authorised by the Transport Authority to ensure operators are in compliance with these Regulations;

“transport service provider” means a person or entity who has obtained a permit issued by the Transport Authority for the purpose of providing public transport services to a passenger for a fee.

PART II

CONDUCT OF OWNERS

General responsibilities of owners

- 3.(1)** An owner of a public service vehicle
- (a) shall provide evidence of insurance coverage for the vehicle and passengers and shall display the name of the insurers in a prominent place in the vehicle;
 - (b) shall maintain the vehicle in a sound mechanical and road worthy condition;
 - (c) shall not allow the vehicle to be driven by a person or employ a person to drive the vehicle who does not hold a driver's licence and badge issued in accordance with regulation 4 and 6;
 - (d) shall not employ a person to act as a conductor on the vehicle who does not hold a conductor's licence and badge issued in accordance with regulation 4 and 6;

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- (e) shall ensure that the driver of the vehicle is not the subject of an order under regulation 11(4);
 - (f) shall ensure that the conductor of the vehicle is not the subject of an order under regulation 12(4);
 - (g) shall not affix registration plates to the vehicle which are not authorised and approved by the Barbados Licensing Authority;
 - (h) shall, where a permit is granted to allow a vehicle to ply for hire on a specific route ensure that the permit number is marked on the left side of the vehicle; and
 - (i) shall renew the permit annually.
- (2) An owner of a public service vehicle who contravenes this regulation is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000.
- (3) Where an owner of a public service vehicle contravenes this regulation for a third time, the Transport Authority may suspend the permit for a period not exceeding 6 months.
- (4) The Transport Authority may revoke a permit where the owner to whom the permit was issued contravenes the terms of the suspension.
- (5) Where a permit has been revoked under paragraph (4), the person to whom the permit was issued may reapply for a permit after a period of one year.

Liability of owners

- 4.(1) An owner of a public service vehicle who engages the services of a driver or conductor who have been repeatedly found guilty of offences under these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000.

PART III

PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS AND
CONDUCTORS**Licences for drivers and conductors**

- 5.(1) No person shall
- (a) drive or act as a conductor of a public service vehicle on a road unless he is the holder of a licence for that purpose; or
 - (b) employ another person as a driver or a conductor of a public service vehicle if the other person is not the holder of a licence for that purpose.
- (2) A person who wishes to obtain a licence to drive or act as a conductor of a public service vehicle shall
- (a) apply in writing to the Transport Authority in the form set out in the *Second Schedule*; and
 - (b) supply 2 recent photographs of himself, one of which shall be affixed to the licence.
- (3) A person who provides false or misleading information in an application referred to in paragraph (2) shall be guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1 000.
- (4) A licence to which this regulation relates shall
- (a) subject to paragraph (2), be issued on the payment of the fee prescribed in the *Transport Authority (Fees) Order, 2024* (S.I. 2024 No. 59);
 - (b) have effect from the day on which it is issued; and
 - (c) be valid for one year from the date of issue.
- (5) The Transport Authority may require a person who wishes to obtain a licence to drive a public service vehicle to pass a driving test to show that he is

competent to drive in accordance with section 65 of the *Road Traffic Act*, Cap. 295.

(6) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000.

Production on demand of a licence

6.(1) A driver or a conductor of a public service vehicle shall produce his licence and a valid form of photo identification for examination when requested to do so by a member of the Police Service or a transport inspector in order for the member of the Police Service or transport inspector to ascertain the name and address of the holder of the licence and the date of issue.

(2) No offence is committed under paragraph (1) if, within 24 hours from the time the production of the licence and photo identification is requested, the holder produces the licence and photo identification in person at the police station specified by the member of the Police Service or the Authority.

Driver's or conductor's badge

7.(1) No person shall drive or act as a conductor of a public service vehicle without obtaining the appropriate badge from the Transport Authority.

(2) The Transport Authority shall, on application made to it by or on behalf of any person to be licensed as a driver or conductor of a public service vehicle, issue to the applicant, on payment by him of the fee prescribed in the *Transport Authority (Fees) Order, 2024* (S.I. 2024 No. 59) a driver's badge or a conductor's badge, as the case may be.

(3) A driver's badge or conductor's badge shall be valid for one year from the date of issue.

(4) A driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall, at all times when on duty, wear his badge in such a manner so that it can be easily seen.

(5) A driver or conductor of a public service vehicle who contravenes this regulation is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

Replacement of lost licences and badges

- 8.** Where the Transport Authority is satisfied that
- (a) a person who has been issued with a licence to drive or to act as a conductor of a public service vehicle has lost his licence or the licence is defaced; or
 - (b) a person to whom a driver's badge or conductor's badge has been issued has lost his badge or the badge is defaced;

the Authority shall issue to him a duplicate licence or badge, as the case may be, on payment by him of the fee prescribed in the *Transport Authority (Fees) Order, 2024* (S.I. 2024 No. 59).

Cancellation or suspension of licences for drivers and conductors

- 9.(1)** The Transport Authority may cancel or suspend the licence of a driver or conductor of a public service vehicle where the Authority is satisfied that the driver or conductor
- (a) is certified by a medical practitioner, as suffering from a mental or physical disability which renders him unfit to drive or conduct a public service vehicle;
 - (b) is in breach of the conditions of his licence; or
 - (c) has contravened regulations 11(1) or 12(1).
- (2)** A driver or conductor of a public service vehicle who
- (a) acts as a driver or conductor of a public service vehicle while his licence is cancelled or suspended; or
 - (b) fails to deliver up his licence to the Transport Authority after it has been cancelled or suspended,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

Inspector's certificate required for issue of permit

10. The Transport Authority shall not issue or renew a permit for any public service vehicle unless that vehicle

- (a) has been inspected by the Licensing Authority or an approved garage; and
- (b) has been issued a certificate of road worthiness by the Licensing Authority or an approved garage.

Driver's conduct

11.(1) A driver of a public service vehicle

- (a) shall when plying for hire in a terminal,
 - (i) remain standing by or seated in the vehicle unless he can show good and substantial cause for doing otherwise;
 - (ii) receive passengers and leave the terminal according to the vehicle's priority of position; and
 - (iii) on the departure of a vehicle from the terminal, move his vehicle forward and occupy the vacant place immediately in front of him;
- (b) shall not speak, make any noise or use a horn or other instrument for the purpose of soliciting passengers;
- (c) shall not, while waiting to pick up a passenger, race his engine or make any loud or unnecessary noise with his engine;
- (d) shall not by troublesome or frequent demands or by persistent following, hold out the vehicle for hire to the public in such manner as to constitute a nuisance;
- (e) shall not play or allow anyone to play any music in the vehicle whilst it is plying its route or is parked in a public place;

- (f) shall behave in a civil and orderly manner;
- (g) shall not use abusive language or make insulting gestures;
- (h) shall not carry weapons on his person or in the vehicle;
- (i) shall not smoke, eat or consume any type of beverage while performing his functions;
- (j) shall not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing his functions;
- (k) shall not carry passengers in excess of the number for which the vehicle is licensed;
- (l) shall maintain the vehicle in a clean and sanitary condition;
- (m) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of passengers both in and while entering or alighting from the vehicle;
- (n) shall not drive the vehicle in such a manner as to cause danger to passengers and other road users;
- (o) shall not wilfully deceive or refuse to inform any passenger or intending passenger as to the destination or route of the vehicle or as to the fare for any journey;
- (p) shall, after leaving any terminal with passengers,
 - (i) proceed directly to the places included in the route of the vehicle;
 - (ii) complete the route specified in the permit before returning to the terminal; and
 - (iii) return to the terminal on the scheduled return journey;
- (q) shall ensure that all doors of the vehicle are closed when the vehicle is in motion;
- (r) shall not, when the vehicle is in motion, speak to the conductor or any other person unless it is necessary to do so in the interest of safety;

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- (s) shall, for the purpose of picking up or setting down passengers, stop the vehicle in a designated stopping place and
 - (i) use a bus lay-by provided therefor; or
 - (ii) where there is no bus lay-by, draw the vehicle as close as possible to the left or near side of the road;
 - (t) shall not, for the purpose of picking up or setting down passengers, stop the vehicle in such a manner as to obstruct the passage of vehicular or other traffic;
 - (u) shall not, for the purpose of picking up or setting down passengers, cause the vehicle to remain stationary on a public road longer than is reasonably necessary, unless the vehicle is at a terminal or parking place where vehicles of that kind are permitted to stop for a longer time for that purpose;
 - (v) shall not, for the purpose of speaking to the driver of another public service vehicle, cause the vehicle to remain stationary on a public road in such a manner as to obstruct the passage of vehicular or other traffic;
 - (w) shall not loiter for the purpose of soliciting passengers or otherwise;
 - (x) shall not fill or allow the petrol tank of the vehicle to be filled with petrol, service or place his vehicle to be serviced while passengers are in the vehicle.
- (2) Where the Transport Authority after a hearing determines that a person has contravened paragraph (1), and the Authority considers it to be in the public interest, the Authority may order the person to pay to the State a penalty of an amount not exceeding \$5 000.
- (3) Where the Transport Authority seeks to make an order under paragraph (2), the Authority shall have due regard to the following:
- (a) the interest of the public;
 - (b) the nature and extent of the contravention of paragraph (1);

- (c) the nature and extent of any loss suffered by any person as a result of the contravention of paragraph (1);
 - (d) the circumstances of the contravention of paragraph (1); and
 - (e) any previous determination made by the Authority against the offending person.
- (4) Where a person is the subject of an order under paragraph (2) for a third time, the Transport Authority may suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 6 months.
- (5) The Transport Authority may cancel a licence where the person to whom the licence was issued contravenes the terms of the suspension.
- (6) Where a licence has been cancelled under paragraph (5), the person to whom the licence was issued may reapply for a licence after a period of one year.

Conductor's conduct**12.(1)** A conductor of a public service vehicle

- (a) shall not, while the vehicle is in motion, distract the driver's attention without reasonable cause or speak to him unless it is necessary to do so in order to give directions in respect of the stopping or moving of the vehicle;
- (b) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that every means provided for indicating the route, fares and destination of the vehicle are clearly and correctly displayed;
- (c) shall not stand on the foot board of the vehicle while it is in motion or ride otherwise than inside the vehicle;
- (d) shall not permit more passengers to be carried in the vehicle than it is licensed to carry, and if at any time there are more passengers in the vehicle than it is licensed to carry, shall, at the request of any member of the Police Service or a transport inspector in uniform, eject or cause to be ejected the passengers being carried in excess;

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- (e) shall not, except with the permission of the Transport Authority, permit baggage other than personal baggage to be carried in the vehicle to the inconvenience of other passengers;
 - (f) shall not permit any person to ride otherwise than inside the vehicle;
 - (g) shall not permit more passengers to be carried in each row of seats than is provided for;
 - (h) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of passengers both in and while entering or alighting from the vehicle;
 - (i) shall not wilfully deceive or refuse to inform any passenger or intending passenger as to the destination or route of the vehicle or as to the fare for any journey;
 - (j) shall behave in a civil and orderly manner;
 - (k) shall not use abusive language or make insulting gestures;
 - (l) shall not carry weapons on his person or in the vehicle;
 - (m) shall not smoke, eat or consume any type of beverage while performing his functions;
 - (n) shall not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or drugs while performing his functions.
- (2) Where the Transport Authority after a hearing determines that a person has contravened paragraph (1), and the Authority considers it to be in the public interest, the Transport Authority may order the person to pay to the State a penalty of an amount not exceeding \$5 000.
- (3) Where the Transport Authority seeks to make an order under paragraph (2), the Authority shall have due regard to the following:
- (a) the interest of the public;
 - (b) the nature and extent of the contravention of paragraph (1);

- (c) the nature and extent of any loss suffered by any person as a result of the contravention of paragraph (1);
 - (d) the circumstances of the contravention of paragraph (1); and
 - (e) any previous determination made by the Authority against the offending person.
- (4) Where a person is the subject of an order under paragraph (2) for a third time, the Transport Authority may suspend the licence for a period not exceeding 6 months.
- (5) The Transport Authority may cancel a licence where the person to whom the licence is issued contravenes the terms of the suspension.
- (6) Where a licence has been cancelled under paragraph (5), the person to whom the licence was issued may reapply for a licence after a period of one year.
- (7) For the purposes of this regulation, “personal baggage” means personal belongings and such other items as would reasonably be carried by a passenger for his use, comfort or convenience and includes the receptacle in which the items are being conveyed.

Duty of Transport Authority to notify

- 13.(1)** Where a driver or conductor has been found guilty of an offence under these Regulation, the Transport Authority shall by notice as set out in the form in the *Second Schedule* notify the owner of the conviction within 21 days of the conviction.
- (2) Notice given under paragraph (1) shall be by registered mail addressed to the owner at the address listed on file with the Transport Authority.

Prohibition against the use of transmitting media

- 14.(1)** No driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall use or operate any device that transmits any media while that vehicle is being used to ply trade as a public service vehicle.

(2) A driver or conductor of a public service vehicle who contravenes paragraph (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1 000.

Driver's duty where vehicle operated without a conductor

15.(1) Where a public service vehicle is operated without a conductor, the onus of complying with regulation 12 shall be on the driver.

(2) Notwithstanding regulation 5, where a public service vehicle is operated without a conductor, the driver of the vehicle is not required to be the holder of a conductor's licence.

Uniform for drivers and conductors

16.(1) Every driver and conductor of a route taxi or minibus shall, while plying for hire, wear the uniform approved by the Transport Authority as described in the *Third Schedule*.

(2) A driver or conductor who contravenes this regulation is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

Qualifications for obtaining a licence to drive a public service vehicle or motor omnibus

17.(1) No person shall be granted a licence to drive a public service vehicle or motor omnibus unless he

- (a) has been the holder of a valid driving licence for a motor car, light goods or heavy goods vehicle and has held the licence for a period of not less than 3 years;
- (b) has reached the age of 25 years;
- (c) has passed the driving test applicable for the particular category of vehicle; and
- (d) has been certified in a service related training course.

- (2) A person who is granted a licence under paragraph (1) shall be required to take a service related training course every 2 years.
- (3) For the purpose of this regulation, a "service related training course" means a training course that
- (a) is designed to enhance the level of transport service delivered to passengers by transport service providers; and
 - (b) is conducted by an institution approved by the Transport Authority.
- (4) Paragraphs (1)(d) and (2) shall come into operation on a date fixed by Notice.

Entrances and exits

- 18.(1)** The driver or conductor of a public service vehicle on any road shall not permit passengers to enter the vehicle otherwise than by the entrance or to alight therefrom otherwise than by the exit which is provided for that purpose on the left side of the vehicle.
- (2) No provision shall be made on the right side of a public service vehicle to enable passengers to enter or alight from the vehicle.

Lost property

- 19.(1)** Where a passenger leaves any property in a public service vehicle, the driver or conductor of the vehicle in which the property is found shall turn that property in to the office of the Transport Authority within 48 hours from the date of discovering the property, if it is not sooner claimed.
- (2) Where the property referred to in paragraph (1) is not claimed the Transport Authority shall publish a notice in at least one daily newspaper that is printed and published in Barbados of its intention to dispose of the property.
- (3) Where the property remains unclaimed after 3 months of the publication of the notice in accordance with paragraph (2), the Transport Authority shall dispose of the property.

PART IV

PROVISIONS RELATING TO MOTOR OMNIBUSES, MINIBUSES AND
ROUTE-TAXIS**Permit required for use of motor vehicle as a motor omnibus, minibus
or route-taxi**

20.(1) The Transport Authority shall grant a permit to operate a motor vehicle as a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi where

- (a) the owner first obtains the necessary approval to operate the motor vehicle as a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi;
- (b) the motor vehicle is in compliance with the provisions of this Part; and
- (c) the motor vehicle is examined.

(2) Where a person applies for a permit to operate a motor vehicle as a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi the following documents shall be submitted to the Transport Authority:

- (a) an application for the permit;
- (b) the non-refundable application fee prescribed in the *Transport Authority (Fees) Order, 2024* (S.I. 2024 No. 59);
- (c) in the case of an individual,
 - (i) a police certificate of character;
 - (ii) a passport sized photograph of the applicant; and
 - (iii) a copy of the front and back of the applicant's identification card issued pursuant to the *Barbados Identity Management Act, 2021* (Act 2021-3);

- (d) in the case of a company or other entity;
 - (i) a copy of the company's certificate of incorporation or the entity's certificate of registration, as the case may be; and
 - (ii) a copy of the company's By-Laws, Notice of Change of Directors and Articles of Incorporation; and
 - (e) any other relevant document which the Transport Authority may specify.
- (3) The prescribed fee shall be paid to the Barbados Revenue Authority.
- (4) An application to the Transport Authority for the issue or renewal of a permit to operate a motor vehicle as a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi shall be accompanied by evidence that the motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi to which the application relates is properly insured.
- (5) Where the Transport Authority approves an application for a permit, the permit shall be
- (a) in the form set out in the *Fourth Schedule*;
 - (b) subject to the terms and conditions as may be specified in the permit; and
 - (c) signed and sealed by the Director of Transport and the Chairman of the Transport Authority.
- (6) A permit referred to in this regulation, unless sooner suspended or revoked, remains in force for a period of 12 months from the date of issue and is renewable annually on the anniversary date.
- (7) No person shall transfer a permit issued to him except with the written approval of the Transport Authority and on the payment to the Barbados Revenue Authority of the fee prescribed in the *Transport Authority (Fees) Order, 2024* (S.I. 2024 No. 59).
- (8) The Transport Authority, a member of the Barbados Police Service or a transport inspector may cause periodic inspections to be made of any licensed

motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi and, where any motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi does not comply with the respective specifications for those vehicles, the Transport Authority may, by notice in writing, inform the owner of the defects found and suspend the permit until the defects have been remedied.

- (9) An owner of a motor vehicle who
- (a) uses, keeps for use, or causes to be used, a motor vehicle as a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi without first obtaining a permit for the purpose; or
 - (b) continues to use, keeps for use, or causes to be used, such vehicle after receiving a notice of the suspension or revocation of the permit,

is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000.

Notice to be placed in a minibus or route-taxi

21.(1) Every owner of a minibus or route-taxi shall cause a notice containing the particulars referred to in paragraph (2) to be displayed in a prominent position and manner inside the minibus or route-taxi so that it may be at all times distinctly visible and legible to any person being conveyed in the vehicle.

- (2) The notice referred to in paragraph (1) shall contain:
- (a) the name, address and telephone number of the owner of the minibus or route-taxi;
 - (b) the name of the insurers of the minibus or route-taxi; and
 - (c) the permit number authorising the use of the minibus or route-taxi as a public service vehicle.
- (3) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

Motor omnibuses, minibuses or route-taxis for which special permits are granted

22. The Transport Authority may exercise its discretion not to enforce any regulation in respect of a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi for which a special permit is granted under regulation 24.

Routes

23.(1) A motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi shall not ply for hire on any road or on any specified route or any part thereof unless the owner of the motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi has obtained from the Transport Authority a permit to ply for hire on that road or route.

(2) A driver of a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi who uses any road or route or part of a route other than that specified in the permit granted under paragraph (1) for the purpose of plying for hire or is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

Special permits

24.(1) The Transport Authority may issue a special permit to any suitably qualified person to operate a specified number of public service vehicles on routes other than the routes named in the permit under which the person operates for the following purposes:

- (a) carrying school children and such number of teachers as may be specified in the permit to and from school;
- (b) carrying persons to and from cinemas, theatres and other places of public entertainment or recreation; or
- (c) carrying passengers to and from any place, if in the opinion of the Transport Authority, there are exceptional circumstances that render the issue of a special permit necessary.

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- (2) Every special permit shall be issued in such form as the Transport Authority approves and copies shall be delivered to the applicant or his agent and to the Commissioner of Police.
- (3) An application for a special permit shall be
- (a) submitted to the Transport Authority not less than 72 hours prior to the event for which it is being sought; and
 - (b) accompanied by supporting documents specifying the reasons for the special permit.
- (4) A special permit is valid only for the period and during the hours stated in the permit, and shall only be used subject to the conditions specified in the permit.
- (5) The driver of the public service vehicle in respect of which a special permit is issued shall retain the special permit in his possession during the course of every journey specified in the permit and, on demand, produce it for inspection to any member of the Police Service or to any person authorised in writing by the Transport Authority.
- (6) The driver of a public service vehicle which is used in accordance with paragraph (1) shall ensure that during such use the vehicle bears the sign "CHARTERED" on its signboard.
- (7) A person to whom a special permit is granted shall at all times keep on the route and comply with the conditions specified in the special permit.
- (8) The prescribed fee shall be paid to the Barbados Revenue Authority in respect of each public service vehicle mentioned in a special permit.

Stopping places for motor omnibuses, minibuses or route-taxis

25.(1) The Transport Authority may, subject to these Regulations, fix, appoint and change from one point to another, stopping places for motor omnibuses, minibuses or route-taxis, at which drivers of those vehicles may stop as long as is reasonably necessary for the sole purpose of picking up and setting down passengers.

(2) Where the transport service provider for any route is dissatisfied with the fixing of any stopping place on any route, the service provider may apply in writing to the Minister who, after considering the application, may either dismiss it or order the Transport Authority to fix and appoint such stopping place as the Minister determines.

(3) Where stopping places have been fixed and appointed on any route, no driver of a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi shall stop on that route elsewhere than at such stopping place for the purpose of picking up or setting down passengers.

(4) The driver of a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi who contravenes paragraph (3) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

(5) Where parking places have been fixed and appointed for motor omnibuses, minibuses or route-taxis travelling on any specified route, no motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi travelling on that route shall be parked elsewhere than at such parking place.

Transport of passengers for hire or reward

26.(1) A driver of a motor vehicle shall not pick up and transport passengers along a public road for a fare unless the driver is authorised to do so by the Transport Authority.

(2) The Transport Authority shall not authorise a person to be a driver of a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi unless he produces a certificate from a medical practitioner confirming that he is fit to operate a public service vehicle.

(3) No person other than the driver of a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi shall pick-up or set down passengers at a stopping place designated for a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi.

(4) A person who contravenes this regulation is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$5 000.

- (5) Where the person who contravenes this regulation is
- (a) the holder of a licence to drive a public service vehicle; or
 - (b) the holder of a permit to operate a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi,

the Transport Authority may suspend or cancel the licence or suspend or revoke the permit.

PART V

CONDUCT OF PASSENGERS

Passengers' conduct

27.(1) No passenger or intending passenger of a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi which is carrying passengers or waiting to pick up passengers shall

- (a) use abusive language or conduct himself in a violent, threatening or disorderly manner;
- (b) enter the vehicle otherwise than by the entrance or alight therefrom otherwise than by the exit provided for the purpose;
- (c) while in the vehicle or when entering or attempting to enter the vehicle, wilfully or unreasonably impede a passenger seeking to enter the vehicle or to alight therefrom;
- (d) enter or remain in the vehicle when requested not to do so by the driver or conductor or when advised by an authorised person that
 - (i) the vehicle is carrying its full complement of passengers; or
 - (ii) the operator is debarred from picking up passengers at the place in question by reason of the conditions attached to his permit;
- (e) travel in or on any part of the vehicle not provided for the conveyance of passengers;

- (f) wilfully do or cause to be done with respect to any part of the vehicle or its equipment, anything that is calculated to obstruct or interfere with the working of the vehicle or to cause injury or discomfort to any person;
- (g) while the vehicle is in motion, distract the driver's attention without reasonable cause or speak to him unless it necessary to do so in order to stop the vehicle;
- (h) give any signal that might be interpreted by the driver as a signal from the conductor to proceed on the route;
- (i) spit on or wilfully damage, soil, or deface any part of the vehicle;
- (j) while in the vehicle, distribute printed matter of any description or distribute any article for the purpose of advertising;
- (k) wilfully remove, displace, deface or alter any number plate, notice board, fare table, route indicator, destination sign, or any printed or other notice in or on the vehicle;
- (l) while in the vehicle and without the use of earphones, play a radio, cassette recorder, cellular phone, compact disc player or any other device capable of playing music or operate or use any noisy instrument or make any excessive noise by singing, shouting or otherwise;
- (m) while in the vehicle, throw out of it any bottle, liquid or litter or any other article or anything likely to cause pollution or to result in danger or injury to any person or property outside of the vehicle;
- (n) while in the vehicle, throw from it or attach to or trail therefrom any streamer, balloon, flag or other article in such manner as to overhang into the road;
- (o) wilfully obstruct or impede any authorised person;
- (p) smoke or carry a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette in or on any part of the vehicle;

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- (q) while in the vehicle, beg, sell or offer any article for sale.
- (2) Where a person contravenes paragraph (1) the Authority shall impose a penalty of \$500.
- (3) When 2 or more persons are waiting to enter a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi at any stopping place or terminal, they shall
- (a) form and keep a queue so as not to cause any obstruction or disturbance; and
 - (b) comply with the lawful directions of any member of the Police Service or authorised person.
- (4) A passenger in or on a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi or attempting to board a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi who is reasonably suspected by the driver, conductor, member of the Police Service or transport inspector of contravening any part of these Regulations shall, on demand, give his name and address to the driver, conductor, member of the Police Service or transport inspector.

Payment of fares

- 28.(1)** Every passenger on a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi shall immediately on demand, declare the journey he intends to take or has taken and pay the conductor or driver, or deposit in the fare box or receptacle for the purpose, the fare for the whole of the journey.
- (2) Every passenger on a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi who has paid a fare for a journey shall leave the vehicle on completion of the journey.
- (3) No passenger shall leave or attempt to leave a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi without paying the fare for the journey he has taken.
- (4) Every passenger on a motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi is entitled to a refund of the fare paid in accordance with paragraph (1), where the driver of the motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi changes the route to the disadvantage of the passenger.

(5) Where the driver of the motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi changes the route to the disadvantage of the passenger and fails to refund the fare paid by the passenger in accordance with paragraph (1), the driver is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

(6) A passenger who contravenes this regulation is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$500.

(7) A passenger who contravenes this regulation may be removed from the motor omnibus, minibus or route-taxi by any member of the Police Service on the request of the driver or conductor.

PART VI

MISCELLANEOUS

Revocation of provisions in S.I. 1984 No. 141

29. Regulations 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 41, 42, 42A, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 47A, 48, 55A, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68 and the *Third Schedule* of the *Road Traffic Regulations, 1984* (S.I. 1984 No. 141) are revoked.

Savings and Transitional

30.(1) A licence or permit issued under the *Road Traffic Act, Cap. 295* shall remain valid for a period not exceeding 12 months from the date of the commencement of these Regulations.

(2) A person who is an existing holder of a licence or permit referred to in paragraph (1) shall apply for a licence or permit 2 months before the expiration of the period specified in paragraph (1).

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

*Application for Driver's and Conductor's Licence
for Public Service Vehicle*



*Transport Authority Regulations, 2024
(S.I. 2024 No. 68)*

1. Full name of applicant: _____
Full Name
2. Address of applicant: _____
Address

3. State date of birth of applicant: _____
Year/Month/Date
4. Are you the holder of a Conductor's licence or a driving licence, or have you at any time previously been the holder of a Conductor's licence or a driving licence? If so, state number and date of issue.

Number of licence

Date of Issue

First Schedule - (Concl'd)

5. State particulars of any endorsement on any Conductor's or Driver's licence that you hold or have previously held.

6. Have you at any time been disqualified from obtaining a Conductor's or Driver's licence? If so, particulars as to the court by whom, the date on which and the period for which the disqualification was imposed.

7. Have you ever been convicted in a Criminal Court? Yes No

Signature of Applicant

N.B. It is an offence to give particulars that are false or misleading.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 13(2))



Transport Authority Regulations, 2024
(S.I. 2024 No. 68)

Notice of Conviction

To: _____
(Name of owner of vehicle)

Address: _____

Particulars: You are hereby notified pursuant to regulation 13(2) that _____

_____, driver/conductor of public service vehicle bearing
(Name of Individual)

licence number _____ has been found guilty of _____

(Particulars of the offence)

on the _____ day of _____, 20____. Our records indicate that this is his

_____ under the *Transport Authority Regulations, 2024*.
(Number of traffic violations)

Dated this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Director of Transport Authority

THIRD SCHEDULE*(Regulation 16)**Uniform for Drivers and Conductors of Public Service Vehicles***Uniform for drivers of public service vehicles**

- 1.** A driver of a public service vehicle shall, while plying for hire, wear
 - (a)* a grey short-sleeved dress shirt of cotton or cotton/polyester blend cloth with buttons on the front, which may be worn
 - (i)* tucked into slacks or skirts; or
 - (ii)* untucked;
 - (b)* their official identification badges conspicuously displayed on the front of the shirt referred to in subparagraph *(a)*;
 - (c)* where the driver is a man, ankle-length black slacks which should be worn with a belt to secure the slacks at the waist;
 - (d)* where the driver is a woman,
 - (i)* ankle-length black slacks which should be worn with a belt to secure the slacks at the waist; or
 - (ii)* knee-length black skirts;
 - (e)* footwear which shall consist of enclosed black shoes, boots or sandals that must be capable of being strapped securely to the feet.

Uniform for conductors of public service vehicles

- 2.** A conductor of a minibus or route taxi shall, while plying for hire, wear
- (a) a yellow or cream short-sleeved dress shirt of cotton or cotton/polyester blend with buttons on the front, which may be worn
 - (i) tucked into slacks or skirts; or
 - (ii) untucked;
 - (b) their official identification badges conspicuously displayed on the front of the shirt referred to in subparagraph (a);
 - (c) where the conductor is a man, ankle-length black slacks which should be worn with a belt to secure the slacks at the waist;
 - (d) where the conductor is a woman,
 - (i) ankle-length black slacks which should be worn with a belt to secure the slacks at the waist; or
 - (ii) knee-length black skirts;
 - (e) footwear which shall consist of enclosed black shoes, boots or sandals that must be capable of being strapped securely to the feet.

Grooming

- 3.** A driver or a conductor of a public service vehicle shall be neat and well-groomed at all times and their uniforms as set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 respectively shall fit comfortably and shall not be excessively tight or loose.

FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 20(5))



Transport Authority Regulations, 2024
(S.I. 2024 No. 68)

Permit for Public Service Vehicle

Permit No.: _____

Date: _____

Motor omnibus Minibus Route-Taxi
(Please tick the appropriate box)

In accordance with Part III of the *Transport Authority Regulations, 2024*, permission is hereby granted to:

Owner's Name: _____

Address: _____

Occupation of Owner: _____

Fourth Schedule - (Cont'd)

To operate the registered number Motor Vehicle _____ as an

Motor omnibus Minibus Route-Taxi

(Please tick the appropriate box)

From this _____ day of _____, 20_____ .

to _____ day of _____, 20_____ .

For the specific purpose of transporting _____ passengers along the following route:

Details of Route

Details of Vehicle:

(a) Name of Manufacturer: _____

(b) Description of Vehicle: _____

(c) Engine Number: _____

Fourth Schedule - (Cont'd)

Details of Vehicle: (Concl'd)

(d) Chassis Number: _____

(e) Seating Capacity: _____

This permit is valid for the period stated above and is also subject to the conditions stated overleaf.

Receipt No.: _____
Fee Paid: _____
New/Renewal: _____

Director of Transport

Chairman of the Transport Authority

Fourth Schedule - (Concl'd)

CONDITIONS

1. This permit may be suspended or revoked where:
 - (a) the owner fails to comply with any of the above conditions;
 - (b) the driver of the vehicle misconducts himself while transporting passengers;
 - (c) the owner fails to comply with Parts III and IV of the *Transport Authority Regulations, 2024*;
 - (d) the owner fails to renew the permit within 3 months of the expiry date; or
 - (e) the driver fails to complete the route journey as specified where a permit is granted for a vehicle to ply for hire on a specific route.
2. This permit remains the property of the Transport Authority and may only be transferred to another operator with the written approval of the Board of the Transport Authority and on payment of the fee prescribed by the Minister of Finance.

Made by the Transport Authority this 30th day of October, 2024.

M. THEODORE

Transport Authority

Chairman of the Transport Authority

Approved by the Minister this 30th day of October, 2024.

S. BRADSHAW

Minister responsible for Transport

