



## APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS AND NOTICES

The Road Transport Act 2001 ("the Act") and the Road Transport Regulations 2018 require the Road Transport Licensing Committee ("the RTLC") to publish details of applications, meetings and decisions.

If you wish to view an application, please contact the RTLC Secretary at [noel.capewell@gov.im](mailto:noel.capewell@gov.im).

Copies of all monthly newsletters are available on the RTLC website: [www.gov.im/rtlc](http://www.gov.im/rtlc).

### OBJECTIONS

The Act provides for the RTLC to consider objections to applications in certain circumstances. Any person considering submitting an objection should first read the "Note on the submission by members of the public of objections to applications made to the RTLC" ("the Note") which is published in the "Downloadable Documents" section on front page of the RTLC website [here](#).

The Note sets out the procedure for submitting an objection, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections. Please be aware that the RTLC has no power to consider objections outside of the circumstances outlined in the Note.

### RTLC OFFICE

The RTLC office operates on an appointment only basis. If you come to the office without an appointment you may have a wasted journey as there might not be anyone available to assist you.

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## NOTICES

### PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLES

The RTLC has been a wide ranging review of all its policies and procedures. As part of this review, the RTLC has decided that the approved list of Class A Executive Private Hire cars should be removed. If you have any questions about this, please send an email to [rtlc@gov.im](mailto:rtlc@gov.im).

### OPERATORS MOVING HOUSE

The RTLC has continued to receive applications to vary an Operator Registration from operators who have moved house. A few of these applications have come in after the operator has moved and has been keeping their vehicle at their new address with the application being submitted years after the operator has moved house.

Operators that do this are not complying with section 14(1) of the Act unless the new address has already been approved by the RTLC as an operating centre.

#### "14 Operating centres

(1) A person may not use a place in the Island, or cause or permit such a place to be used, as an operating centre for a passenger vehicle used as mentioned in section 5(1) unless that place is specified as an operating centre in an entry relating to him in the register of passenger vehicle operators or in a passenger vehicle operator's licence held by him."

Operators that do not comply with section 14(1) are guilty of an offence which could result in a prosecution with a possible fine of up to £5,000 upon summary conviction.

There is an easy solution to this – as soon as an operator knows that he or she will be moving house they need to send in a variation application. If this is done, the likelihood is that the application will be advertised and considered **before the operator actually moves house**.

Ensuring that a PPV is kept at an approved operating centre is one of the basic responsibilities of all operators and questions may be asked about the fitness of operators who do not comply with section 14(1) of the Act for months or even years.

If there is any doubt that the new residence is suitable to be an operating centre, if there is nowhere to park a car for example, then I would recommend that the operator contacts the RTLC office as soon as they can to discuss the situation

## VEHICLE TESTING

Following the Covid-19 pandemic, which saw the Driving Test & Vehicle Examination Centre (“DTVEC”) close for several months in 2020, a backlog of vehicles waiting for annual tests developed. The RTLC adopted an approach which allowed operators to renew their section 23 operator discs on receipt of a confirmed future booking date at the DTVEC.

However, this approach was only ever intended as a temporary measure and was discontinued from **1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**. Going forward, Section 23 Operator Discs will only be renewed on receipt of a test Certificate of Approval from the operator obtained within the past 12 months.

It is the RTLC’s understanding that you are now able to book your annual test at the DTVEC up to a year in advance so this will mitigate the effects of any remaining backlog.

## APPLICATIONS

The following information is relevant to applications 1 to 6.

Department of Infrastructure, t/a Bus Vannin (“Bus Vannin”) currently has approval to operate 90 buses and 90 minibuses.

There are no new operating centres identified in any of these applications. A complete list of all Bus Vannin operating centres is available at the RTLC office. All applications are also available for inspection at the RTLC office.

The registered address for Bus Vannin is Transport Headquarters, Banks Circus, Douglas.

Information regarding specific timetables can be found on the Bus Vannin website or by contacting Bus Vannin at its registered address.

### 1. Department of Infrastructure, t/a Bus Vannin (“Bus Vannin”) – Application for a Variation of a Regular Service Licence (“RSL”)

RSL No. 02/08 – Services 1, 1A, 1H, 2, 2A, 11, 11A, 12, 12A, N1

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Willaston/Hailwood Avenue/Birch Hill and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (11, 11A).
- Nobles Hospital/Hailwood Avenue and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (1, 1A, 1H).

- Onchan, Ballachrink and Port Erin/Port St Mary via the Airport & Castletown (2, 2A).
- Douglas and Port Erin/Port St Mary (N1).

The service currently operates;

- On Mondays to Saturdays between the Promenades, Central Douglas and Port Erin at least every 20 minutes during the day, 30 minutes during the early evening and hourly during the later evening.
- On Sundays it operates every 20 minutes, with slightly reduced early morning and evening frequency.
- Night Owl (N1) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- A re-timing of daytime journeys.
- A partial renumbering of some services.
- The operation of an extra limited stop bus from Port St Mary/Port Erin to the Grandstand and the TT Course on TT Race Days (Service TT1)

Why are the variations required?

- Minor adjustments to journey times following the re-opening of Castle Street in Castletown and operational experience.
- Comments and confusion (especially in Lower Douglas) following the previous reduction in the amount of service numbers used.
- To provide a direct service on TT Race Days for residents and visitors from the South of the Island.
- There is no change to the general level of service provision.

## 2. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a RSL

RSL No. 02/13 – Services 5, 5A, 5C, 6, 6A, 6C, N5, and N6.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Ramsey via Crosby, St. John's, Peel, Kirk Michael and Ballaugh.

The service currently operates;

- Between Douglas and Peel approximately every 30 minutes during the day with alternate journeys providing an hourly service between Peel and Ramsey.
- Hourly between Douglas and Peel during the later evening with some journeys between Peel and Ramsey.
- Half hourly on Sundays between Douglas and Peel and every 2 hours between Peel and Ramsey during the day with infrequent journeys during the evening.
- Night Owl (N5) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- Operation of a schoolday Service 6C Ramsey to Douglas via QEII High School five minutes earlier between Ramsey and Peel.
- An evening journey from Peel to Douglas at 22:45 operating from Mondays to Thursdays only.

- A Fridays and Saturdays journey from Peel to Douglas operating as Service 6F via Foxdale and Glen Darragh Road.
- An extra Fridays and Saturdays journey from Ramsey to Douglas via Peel at 23:10.

Why are the variations required?

- The late arrival at QEII and Peel due to passenger numbers as well as traffic congestion.
- To provide a late journey to Foxdale on Fridays and Saturdays. On Fridays and Saturdays travel to Greeba and Crosby is available on the existing 23:15 departure from Peel.
- To provide a later departure from Ramsey to the Lezayre and west coast as well as a later journey from Peel to Douglas.

### 3. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a RSL

RSL No. 02/09 – Services 22, 22H, 25, 25B and 25H.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Nobles Hospital and Willaston/Birch Hill via Central Douglas & Bucks Road (22/22H) or via Victoria Road (25/25H).
- Schooldays journey between Central Douglas and Bemahague School via Victoria Road (25B).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- To operate a five minute advancement of the daytime provision.
- Slightly revised intermediate stop times.

Why is the variation required?

- To provide a more regular service to Bucks Road and Woodbourne Road (in connection with the Douglas to Ramsey service) and to avoid stand congestion at Lord Street.
- Operational experience and other road traffic.

### 4. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a RSL

RSL No. 02/10 – Services 44, 4B, 4R, 14, 14B, 8, 8R, N8.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Peel via Foxdale & Patrick (4, 4B).
- School day only journeys between Peel & Niarbyl and Braaid/Foxdale to Castletown (4, 14).
- Infrequent Monday to Friday journeys between Peel & Niarbyl and Douglas/Foxdale to Castletown (4, 14).
- Limited Mondays to Fridays journeys to Ballaughton Manor Hill and Cooil Road (14B).
- Infrequent Summer Saturday and Sunday service between Peel and Castletown or Peel and Port Erin (4R, 8, 8R).
- Approximate hourly Summer Saturday and Sunday service between Port Erin and The Sound (28).
- Occasional journeys between Peel and Port Erin via St Johns & Foxdale (N8).

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- A change of provision of Mondays to Fridays social inclusion buses to Niarbyl and Ballamodha.

- The re-introduction of a Mondays to Fridays service to Groudle and Kind Edward Road on limited days only (Service 15) and transfer of these buses to this RSL.
- The re-introduction of a Mondays to Fridays service to Ballabrooie on limited days only (Service 15B).
- The re-introduction of a Summer Saturday and Sunday journeys to Niabyl, Round Table, Peel to Castletown and Port Erin to Cregneash/Sound.

Why are the variations required?

- Better use of existing resources which also provides extra Douglas to Foxdale (& return) journeys.
- Public requests for a resumption of a social inclusion – the Groudle/King Edward Road/ Ballabrooie journeys to only operate on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays in conjunction with a Tuesdays and Thursdays provision between Foxdale and Castletown.
- Customer and business requests and to cater for weekend leisure travel (local and visiting).

#### 5. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a RSL

RSL No. 02/19 – Services 3, 3A, 3B, N3, X3.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Ramsey via Laxey.

The service currently operates;

- Between Douglas and Ramsey via Laxey – operating every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday daytime and hourly evenings and Sundays (3, 3A, X3).
- Night Owl (N3) journeys only operate on Friday and Saturday nights.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- A slight retiming between timetable points – no change to overall times.
- A change of 08:00 Ramsey to Douglas journey from 3A to 3 (via St Ninians instead of Victoria Road).
- Additional Fridays and Saturdays journey at 2140 from Douglas to Ramsey.

Why are the variations required?

- Operational experience and other road traffic.
- To achieve the Douglas arrival time due to Victoria Road/Ballaquayle Road traffic congestion and a significant section of the passengers on this service wish to travel to Willaston (Grandstand stop).
- To provide an additional Fridays & Saturdays Douglas to Ramsey journey (in connection with 02/13 Ramsey to Douglas application) at a time currently not operated (21:40).

#### 6. Bus Vannin – Application for a Variation of a RSL

RSL No. 02/47 – Service 29.

A regular service of stage vehicles between;

- Douglas and Port Soderick via White Hoe on Schooldays only.

To operate the service by making the following amendments;

- To include the Douglas Town section within this service number.

Why is the variation required?

- To remove service number change currently applied mid journey (29 to 35 & vice versa).

7. ME Shimmin – New Operator Registration

To register as a new operator under Part “A” of the Register through the addition of the right to operate one Private Hire car.

The registered address and operating centre is identified in the application as The Flat, Kings Haven, Ballaragh Road, Laxey. An assurance from the Planning Section at the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (“Planning”) may be required.

Any potential objectors should refer to the “Objections” section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTALC is able to consider objections.

8. KD Enchev – Variation of Operator Registration and Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence (“S29 Licence”)

To vary the operator registration under Part “A” of the Register through the addition of the right to operate one section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the Malew and South Districts.

The RTALC has received notification from the current Operator Registration of Premier Taxis of the intent to surrender part of that Registration’s S29 Licence provided that the application is approved by the RTALC.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East Districts and one Private Hire car.

Should the application be successful, the applicant intends to combine his existing right to Ply for Hire in the East District with the right to Ply for Hire in the South and Malew Districts. This will mean that the East, South and Malew Districts will all be included on the same Ply for Hire plate and the same vehicle being allowed to operate in all three Districts. There will be no overall increase in the number of service licences in use.

The registered address is identified in the application as 3 Drinkwater Street, Douglas. No new operating centres are identified in the application.

Any potential objectors should refer to the “Objections” section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTALC is able to consider objections.

9. SJ Leech – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part “A” of the Register through the addition of an operating centre.

The registered address is identified in the application as 11 Olafs Close, Douglas.

The proposed operating centre is identified in the application as 15 Peveril Road, Peel. An assurance from Planning may be required.

The applicant currently has approval to operate three Ply for Hire taxis in the East District (one being wheelchair accessible), two Private Hire cars and one Private Hire minibus.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

10. JG McConville – New S29 Licence

To apply for a S29 Licence which would replace the existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

11. M Teare – New S29 Licence

To apply for a S29 Licence which would replace the existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District (wheelchair accessible).

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

12. TW Kneen – New S29 Licence

To apply for a S29 Licence which would replace the existing licence on expiry, through the provision of two Ply for Hire taxis in the East District.

The applicant currently has approval to operate two Ply for Hire taxi in the East District (one being wheelchair accessible) and one Private Hire car.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

13. TS Moore, t/a Master Cabs – New S29 Licence

To apply for a S29 Licence which would replace the existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

14. S Osman – New S29 Licence

To apply for a S29 Licence which would replace the existing licence on expiry, through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the South and Malew Districts.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the South and Malew Districts.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

15. P Storry – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register through a change of registered address and operating centre.

The new registered address is identified in the application as 26 Lhon Dhoo Close, Onchan.

The proposed operating centre is identified in the application as 25 Greeba Drive, Onchan. An assurance from Planning may be required.

Should the application be successful, 11 Hillcroft, Douglas will be surrendered as an approved operating centre.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

16. SJ Leech – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register through the addition of an operating centre.

The registered address is identified in the application as 11 Olafs Close, Douglas.

The proposed operating centre is identified in the application as Flat 4, 1-3 Elm Drive, Onchan. An assurance from Planning may be required.

The applicant currently has approval to operate three Ply for Hire taxis in the East District (one being wheelchair accessible), two Private Hire cars and one Private Hire minibus.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.

17. BL Wicklow – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register through the addition of an operating centre.

The registered address is identified in the application as 96 Anagh Coar Road, Douglas.

The proposed operating centre is identified in the application as 7 Darragh Passage, Anagh Coar. An assurance from Planning may be required.

The applicant currently has approval to operate four Private Hire minibuses and one Private Hire car.

Any potential objectors should refer to the "Objections" section on page 1 of this AD&N Circular for information on the correct procedure for making objections, including the circumstances in which the RTLC is able to consider objections.



## DECISIONS

### 1. CM Magee – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as 10 Stonecrop Grove, Douglas.

The applicant has surrendered 9 Oakdale, Governor's Hill, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

**The application was approved.**

### 2. J Yao – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as 11 Central Drive, Onchan.

The applicant has surrendered 29 Summerhill Village, Douglas as an approved operating centre.

**The application was approved.**

### 3. GC Power, t/a Powerwheels – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through a change of registered address and the addition of two operating centres.

The new registered address was identified in the application as 1 Colooneys Farm Cottages, Santon.

A second operating centre was identified as the Buchan School, Castletown.

The applicant has surrendered Rowany Golf Club, Port Erin and 6 Belgravia, Governors Hill, Douglas as approved operating centres.

**The application was approved.**

### 4. AT Kneen – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as 1 Ballabrooie Gardens, Douglas.

**The application was approved.**

### 5. D Cleary – New Operator Registration

To register as a new operator under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of the right to operate one Class A – Modern Style Executive Private Hire car.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as Palmlea, Glen Road, Laxey.

**The application was approved.**

6. JP Heavey, t/a Island Taxis Limited – Variation of S29 Licence

To vary the applicant's S29 Licence through the addition of the right to operate one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the Malew District. If approved this will result in a transfer of business, under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from Funspot Ltd and there will be no increase in the number of ply for hire taxis able to operate in the Malew District.

No new operating centres were listed in the application.

It is the applicant's intention to combine the Ply for Hire service licence being transferred, should the application be approved, with his existing service licence in the North West District so both the North West and Malew Districts will be included on the same Ply for Hire plate. This will result in the same vehicle being allowed to operate in both Districts but there will be no overall increase in the number of service licences in use.

**The application was approved.**

7. BS Hesketh – Variation of S29 Licence

To vary the applicant's S29 Licence through the addition of the right to operate one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the South and Malew Districts. If approved this will result in a transfer of business, under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from Premier Taxis and there will be no increase in the number of ply for hire taxis able to operate in the South and Malew Districts.

No new operating centres were listed in the application.

It is the applicant's intention to combine the Ply for Hire service licence being transferred, should the application be approved, with his existing service licence in the East District so all three Districts will be included on the same Ply for Hire plate. This will result in the same vehicle being allowed to operate in all three Districts but there will be no overall increase in the number of service licences in use.

**The application was approved.**

8. PJ Langridge – Variation of Operator Registration and S29 Licence

To vary operator registration under Part "A" of the Register of Public Passenger Vehicles through the addition of the right to operate one Section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the East District. If approved this will result in a transfer of business, under the provisions of the Road Transport Regulations 2018, from GC Thwaites and there will be no increase in the number of ply for hire taxis in the East District.

The registered address is identified in the application as 18 Campion Way, Douglas.

The applicant further applied to vary his operator registration through the addition of an operating centre – 3 Thomas Keig Road, Willaston.

**The application was approved.**

## **RTLC MEETINGS**

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the RTLC for public passenger vehicles which will be held in public are currently due to take place on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 18<sup>th</sup> April and 9<sup>th</sup> May at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St John's. The applications listed in this AD&N are scheduled to be heard at either the 18<sup>th</sup> April or 9<sup>th</sup> May meetings as long as the RTLC has all of the information that it requires.

All individuals that are required to attend a meeting will receive a formal invitation letter prior to the meeting. It is likely, although not guaranteed, that the applications advertised in this AD&N Circular will be heard at this meeting provided that the RTLC has all the information that it needs (e.g. assurances from Planning).

Should you require information on the timetables for any upcoming meetings, please contact the RTLC office. If you intend to observe any meeting in public that you are not specifically invited to, it would be appreciated if you could inform RTLC staff of your intentions prior to the meeting. This information is required to ensure that there is sufficient space at the meeting to accommodate any observers. Should there not be sufficient space at Thie Slieau Whallian, a different venue for the meeting would have to be found and this could delay proceedings.

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