

Road Transport Licensing Committee

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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" or "the Committee") 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.

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

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.

Please remember that written correspondence setting out the objection(s) should be received by the RTLC office within 21 days of the publication in an AD&N Circular of the application which is the subject of the objection(s).

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.

NOTICES

OPERATORS WHO ARE LIMITED COMPANIES OR OWN/USE A BUSINESS NAME

As previously notified in AD&N Circular No. 568, the RTLC has become aware that a number of Public Passenger Vehicle ("PPV") operators are either operating as a limited company or are using a business or trading name.

Any PPV operator who is doing this **MUST** use the limited company or the business name as part of their Operator Registration or Operator Licence as this is the name of the entity which is operating.

As a result, any PPV operators who are in this position will need to either submit new applications for an Operator Registration or submit applications to vary their existing Operator Registration by including the business name – for example "AN Other trading as (t/a) A Cab Company".

The RTLC is aware that this is a retrospective correction and, in an effort to ensure that Parts A and B of the Register of PPVs are correct, the previous deadline of March 27th has been extended due to the extra volume of work experienced at the RTLC office which meant that some queries or applications were not able to be processed before the deadline.

As a result, any applications **received before May 13th** will be processed without charge. Any applications received after this will be subject to the standard charge as detailed in the Road Transport (Fees) Order 2023.

If you have any questions about this, including queries about whether you need to submit anything, please contact the Secretary at noel.capewell@gov.im.

If you have any doubt about whether you need to do anything on this topic please email the above address as soon as possible.

REVIEW OF FARE METER TARIFF

Following the Committee's invitation to all PPV Operators and interested parties to make proposals or representations in connection with the Committee's recent review of the fare meter tariff, the Committee hereby gives notice that it has now determined the **maximum fares** to be charged with effect from **22nd April 2024**.

The Committee is grateful to those operators and organisations that took time to present submissions. A total of 28 PPV operators made submissions to the RTLC office including members of the Isle of Man Unite Taxi Branch. Input was also received from the Manx Taxi Federation.

A summary follows below:

<u>Tariff 1</u>	
No increase	39%
No opinion	7%
Between 1% - 5%	46%
Between 5% - 8%	4%
Flag Drop £4, 30p increments	4%

<u>Tariff 2</u>	
No increase	39%
Between 1% - 5%	46%
Reduce to 33% over tariff 1	7%
Bring forward to 23:00 (last until 06:00)	14%
Flag Drop £5, 30p increments	4%

<u>Extras</u>	
No opinion	82%
£1 per extra person, £1 per bag	4%
Tariff 3 for Xmas Day (plus others, up to RTLC)	7%
£2 airport pick up charge	4%
No extras for passengers or bags	4%

The Committee noted that the tariffs had not been increased since 2022 and that inflation and the cost of living had increased markedly since then.

The Committee and the Trade are, however, also mindful of the needs of the public as well as the current economic climate which affects everyone. The danger of increasing fares to levels which could prove counterproductive to the taxi industry must be acknowledged along with rising costs.

Following careful consideration of the representations and proposals made in connection with the review, the Committee has agreed the following changes to the Tariff;

- Tariff 1 to increase by 30p at the flag drop. No change in distances or increments.
- Tariff 2 to increase by 40p at the flag drop. No change in distances or increments.
- Tariff 2 to start at 23:00 and finish at 06:00 (was 00:00 to 06:00).
- The extra charge for picking up from the Airport rank to be increased from £1.50 to £2.00.

Tariff 1 – Basic Fares

For the first 180 yards <u>or</u> the first 60 seconds	£3.80
For each subsequent 180 yards <u>or</u> 45 seconds up to a total distance of 17,640 yards	20p
For each subsequent 200 yards <u>or</u> 45 seconds above 17,640 yards	20p

Tariff 2 – Premium Rate Periods

For the first 170 yards <u>or</u> the first 60 seconds	£4.70
For each subsequent 170 yards <u>or</u> 30 seconds up to a total distance of 17,680 yards	30p
For each subsequent 200 yards <u>or</u> 30 seconds above 17,680 yards	30p

Tariff 2 to apply;

- Between 23:00 and 06:00 daily.
- After 18:00 on 24th December 2024 (Christmas Eve) and 31st December 2024 (New Year's Eve).
- All day on the following days:
 - Spring Bank Holiday – 27th May 2024
 - TT Bank Holiday – 7th June 2024
 - Tynwald Day – 5th July 2024
 - Summer Bank Holiday – 26th August 2024
 - Christmas Day – 25th December 2024
 - Boxing Day – 26th December 2024
 - New Year's Day – 1st January 2025
 - Good Friday – 18th April 2025
 - Easter Monday – 21st April 2025
 - Early May Bank Holiday – 5th May 2025
 - Spring Bank Holiday – 26th May 2025
 - TT Bank Holiday – 6th June 2025

Extras

Each passenger in addition to the hirer (two children under twelve years of age to be reckoned as one passenger).	50p
Each suitcase, perambulator, large parcel, box etc, or wheelchair stowed in the boot of the vehicle – not to be used for groceries, school backpacks, laptop bags or handbags.	50p

For every journey commencing from the Airport, Ballasalla	£2.00
Contamination fee – for fouling a ply for hire car causing it to go out of service	£100.00

Distance Miles	Distance Yards	Tariff 1	Tariff 2
1	1,760	£5.60	£7.70
2	3,520	£7.60	£10.70
3	5,280	£9.60	£14.00
4	7,040	£11.60	£17.00
5	8,800	£13.40	£20.00
6	10,560	£15.40	£23.30
7	12,320	£17.40	£26.30
8	14,080	£19.40	£29.30
9	15,840	£21.20	£32.60
10	17,600	£23.20	£35.60
11	19,360	£25.00	£38.30
12	21,120	£26.80	£41.00
13	22,880	£28.60	£43.40
14	24,640	£30.20	£46.10
15	26,400	£32.00	£48.80
20	35,200	£40.80	£62.00
25	44,000	£49.60	£75.20
30	52,800	£58.40	£88.40

Operators must ensure that fare-meters calibrated to display the new fares are checked and sealed by the PPV Inspector before the new charges can be applied. This must also happen each time a Ply for Hire car is changed for any reason.

The use of a Fare Meter in a Private Hire Car or Minibus is not prohibited by the Road Transport Act 2001 or any of its supporting Regulations. However, if a Private Hire vehicle is fitted with a meter it must be calibrated to display the new fares, and the meter must be checked and sealed by the PPV Inspector in the same way as applies to Ply for Hire cars.

Operators should note that a Public Passenger Vehicle shall not be used for hire under a Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence unless a fare meter complying with British Standards Institute specification BS EN 50148:1996 for electronic taxi meters is used to calculate the fare.

Detailed provision for the fares and fare-meters is made in the Public Passenger Vehicles (Fares and Fare-Meters) Regulations 2002. Copies of this document can be found in the "Document Library" on the RTLC website or obtained from the RTLC office.

The PPV Inspector will be conducting meter-checking sessions at times and places to be determined later. Please look out for a subsequent AD&N announcing this.

APPLICATIONS

1. NP Devereau – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of name from “NP Devereau” to “NP Devereau, t/a Bunty’s Taxis”.

The registered address of the Operator Registration is Laureston, Ballafesson Road, Port St Mary.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one ply for hire taxi in the East District as well as one ply for hire taxi in the South and Malew Districts. This application will not change this.

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.

2. S Hesketh, t/a Ronaldsway Taxi Services – New Section 29 Ply for Hire Service Licence (“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 and one Ply for Hire taxi in the South and Malew Districts.

The registered address of the operator is identified in the application as 39 Howe Road, Onchan.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one ply for hire taxi in the East District, one ply for hire taxi in the South and Malew Districts as well as 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.

3. Magic Cabs Limited – New Operator Registration and S29 Licence

To register as a new operator under Part “A” of the Register of PPVs 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.

The RTLC received notification from the previous Operator Registration of DJ McGee of the intent to terminate that Registration’s S29 licence provided that the application was approved by the RTLC. Mr DJ McGee is a Director of Magic Cabs Limited and there will be no increase in the number of S29 licences permitted to operate in the East District.

The registered address / operating centre of the operator has been identified in the application as 14 Westmoreland Court, Westmoreland Road, Douglas. An assurance from the Planning Section at the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture (“Planning”) will not 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 RTLC is able to consider objections.

4. Tower Cabs Limited – New Operator Registration and S29 Licence

To register as a new operator under Part “A” of the Register of PPVs 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 and one section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the North West District.

The RTLC received notification from the previous Operator Registration of MF Caleia Ferreira of the intent to terminate that Registration’s S29 licence provided that the application was approved by the RTLC. Mr MF Caleia Ferreira is a Director of Tower Cabs Limited and there will be no increase in the number of S29 licences permitted to operate in either the East District or the North West District.

The registered address of the operator has been identified in the application as 79 Cronk Grianagh, Braddan. 28 Cronk Grianagh, Braddan and 79 Cronk Grianagh, Braddan are identified in the application as the Registration's operating centres. An assurance from Planning will not be required as these are already approved centres.

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.

5. LK Kerr, t/a Rock Relocations Isle of Man – New Operator Registration

To register as a new operator under Part "B" of the Register of PPVs through the addition of the right to operate private hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats.

The registered address / operating centre of the operator has been identified in the application as Ballabrae, 2 Bradda Glen Close, Port Erin. An assurance from Planning will not 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 RTLC is able to consider objections.

6. J Bihari – New Operator Registration and S29 Licence

To register as a new operator under Part "A" of the Register of PPVs 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.

The RTLC received notification from the previous Operator Registration of M Versluijs of the intent to terminate that Registration's S29 licence provided that the application was approved by the RTLC. There will be no increase in the number of S29 licences permitted to operate in the East District.

The registered address of the operator has been identified in the application as 96 Buck's Road, Douglas. Unit 56, Balthane Park, Ballasalla is identified in the application as the Registration's operating centre. An assurance from Planning will not 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 RTLC is able to consider objections.

7. Real Taxi Limited – New Operator Registration and S29 Licence

To register as a new operator under Part "A" of the Register of PPVs through the addition of the right to operate one section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the East and Malew Districts as well as one private hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats.

The RTLC received notification from the previous Operator Registration of V Pitel of the intent to terminate that Registration's S29 licence provided that the application was approved by the RTLC. Mr V Pitel is a Director of Real Taxi Limited and there will be no increase in the number of S29 licences permitted to operate in either the East District or the Malew District.

The registered address of the operator has been identified in the application as Flat 2, 50 Bucks Road, Douglas. Cedar Lodge, Blackberry Lane, Douglas and St. Ninian's Church Car Park, St. Ninian's Church, Douglas are identified in the application as the Registration's operating centres. An assurance from Planning will not be required as these are already approved centres.

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.

8. BL Wicklow – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of name from “BL Wicklow” to “BL Wicklow, t/a Minibuses Isle of Man”.

The registered address of the Operator Registration is 96 Anagh Coar Road, Douglas.

The applicant currently has approval to operate two private hire cars and four private hire minibuses. This application will not change this.

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.

9. Eurasia Trading Limited – New Operator Registration and S29 Licence

To register as a new operator under Part “A” of the Register of PPVs 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, one section 29 Ply for Hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats in the Malew District and one private hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats.

The RTLC received notification from the previous Operator Registration of MN Myumyun of the intent to terminate that Registration’s S29 licence provided that the application was approved by the RTLC. Mr MN Myumyun is a Director of Eurasia Trading Limited and there will be no increase in the number of S29 licences permitted to operate in the East District.

The RTLC has also received notification from the previous Operator Registration of KJ Wilson of the intent to terminate that Registration’s S29 licence provided that the application was approved by the RTLC. There will be no increase in the number of S29 licences permitted to operate in the Malew District.

The registered address / operating centre has been identified in the application as 40 Ballacottier Meadows, Douglas. An assurance from Planning will not be required as this is already an approved centre for two vehicles.

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. CJ Eastlake – Variation of an Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre is identified in the application as Ashwood, Ballamenagh Road, Baldrine. An assurance from Planning will not be required.

Should the application be successful, the applicant will be surrendering 41 Groudle Road, Onchan as an approved operating centre.

The applicant currently has approval to operate 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.

11. AJ Eastlake – Variation of an Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre is identified in the application as Ashwood, Ballamenagh Road, Baldrine. An assurance from Planning will not be required.

Should the application be successful, the applicant will be surrendering 41 Groudle Road, Onchan 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.

12. DJ Oxtoby – New Operator Registration

To register as a new operator under Part "B" of the Register of PPVs through the addition of the right to operate private hire vehicle of up to eight passenger seats.

The registered address / operating centre of the operator has been identified in the application as 15 Peveril Road, Peel. An assurance from Planning will not 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 RTLC is able to consider objections.

13. GK Devaraj – Variation of Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of name from "GK Devaraj" to "GK Devaraj, t/a Krish Taxis".

The registered address of the Operator Registration is identified in the application as 4 Ballaughton Lane, Saddlestone, Douglas.

The applicant currently has approval to operate one ply for hire taxi in the East District. This application will not change this.

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. Tours Isle of Man Limited – New Operator Registration

To register as a new operator under Part "A" of the Register of PPVs through the addition of the right to operate eighteen buses and four minibuses.

The registered address / operating centre of the operator has been identified in the application as 4 Ackerman Court, Balthane Industrial Estate, Ballasalla. This is already an approved operating centre.

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. King William's College – Variation of an Operator Registration
To vary the Operator Registration of the applicant by moving from Part "B" of the Register of PPVs to Part "A".
The application was approved.

2. PK Davies, t/a Pauls Taxis – Variation of an Operator Registration
To vary the Operator Registration of the applicant through the addition of an operating centre.
The new operating centre was identified in the application as 6 Close Chiarn, Peel.
The application was approved.

3. NP Devereau – Variation of an Operator Registration and S29 Licence
To vary the operator registration and S29 licence of the applicant 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.
The RTLC received notification from the previous Operator Registration of TS Moore of the intent to terminate that Registration's S29 licence provided that the application was approved by the RTLC.
The registered address / operating centre of the operator was identified in the application as Laureston, Ballafesson Road, Port Erin.
The application was approved.

4. MI Cheetham – 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 Private Hire car.
The registered address / operating centre of the operator was identified in the application as Ballagarraghyn Cottages, Main Road, St Johns.
The application was approved.

5. PF Locke – 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 application was approved.

6. KR Lavery – New S29 Licence
To apply for a S29 licence through the provision of one Ply for Hire taxi in the East District.
The application was approved.

7. RN Boyde – 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 and Malew Districts and one Ply for Hire taxi in the South District.
The application was approved.

8. ME Shimmin – Variation of an Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as 8 Hillberry Heights, Douglas.

The application was approved.

9. P Kneen – Variation of an Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as 1 Appledene Court, Farmhill.

The applicant has surrendered 26 Archallagan Terrace, Foxdale and 56 Barrule Road, Willaston as approved operating centres.

The application was approved.

10. SJ Rundle – Variation of an Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of registered address / operating centre.

The new registered address / operating centre was identified in the application as Ballaholly, 35 Bray Hill, Douglas.

The applicant has surrendered Genesta, 13 Woodlea Villas, Main Road, Crosby as an approved operating centre.

The application was approved.

11. Telecabs (2002) Ltd – Variation of an Operator Registration

To vary the operator registration of the applicant through a change of operating centre.

The new operating centre was identified in the application as 37 Close Kennish, Ballavagher, Douglas.

The applicant has surrendered 15 Peveril Street, Peel and Airport Secure Parking, Ballasalla as approved operating centres.

The application was approved.

12. JE Kilic – 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 application was approved.

RTLTC MEETINGS

The next regularly scheduled meetings of the RTLTC which will be held in public are currently due to take place on 30th April, 7th May and 11th June at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St John's. The meeting due to take place on 16th April has been cancelled due to reasons beyond our control.

The applications listed in this AD&N are likely to be heard at the 7th May meeting as long as the RTLC has all of the information that it requires (e.g. assurances from Planning). All individuals that are required to attend a meeting will receive a formal invitation letter prior to the meeting.

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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