

THE ROAD TRANSPORT ACT 2001

THE ROAD TRANSPORT (MARKING OF VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 2002

Approved by Tynwald

20th March 2002

Coming into Operation

1st April 2002

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Transport by sections 23(1) and (8), 36(2), (3) and (4) and 62(1) of the Road Transport Act 2001¹, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Road Transport Licensing Committee and such representative bodies as the Department thinks fit, the following Regulations are hereby made:—

1. Citation, commencement and interpretation

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Transport (Marking of Vehicles) Regulations 2002 and, subject to section 62(6) of the Act, shall come into operation on the 1st April 2002.

(2) In these Regulations —

"the Act" means the Road Transport Act 2001;

"the Committee" means the Road Transport Licensing Committee;

"operator's disc" means operator's disc issued under section 23(2) of the Act.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to a numbered form is to the form so numbered and set out in the Schedule.

2. Form of operator's disc

An operator's disc issued in respect of —

(a) registration as a passenger vehicle operator, or

(b) a passenger vehicle operator's licence,

shall be in the form prescribed for the purpose of section 23(1) of the Act.

¹ 2001 c.27

3. Display of operator's disc

An operator's disc shall be exhibited on a public passenger vehicle in the manner prescribed by section 23(1) of the Act

4. Prescribed uses of public passenger vehicles

Any use of a public passenger vehicle in connection with any business of carrying passengers, otherwise than under a service licence, is prescribed for the purpose of section 36 of the Act.

5. Issue of identification plate

(1) Whenever the Committee issues an operator's disc to a passenger vehicle operator under section 23 of the Act (otherwise than under section 23(8) of the Act or in place of a disc which has been lost, destroyed or defaced), it shall also supply to the operator a plate in the appropriate form and of the appropriate size to conform with the requirements of regulation 6, as requested by the operator.

(2) Where a plate supplied under this regulation is lost, destroyed or defaced, the Committee may, at the request of the operator, supply to him a replacement plate in the appropriate form and of the appropriate size to conform with the requirements of regulation 6.

(3) Where an operator's disc expires or otherwise ceases to have effect and a new disc is not supplied under section 23(8) of the Act, the operator shall forthwith return the plate issued with the disc (or with any disc issued to replace it or a previous replacement) or any replacement plate issued under paragraph (2).

6. Display of identification plate

Whenever a vehicle is being used in circumstances such that registration or an operator's licence is required, there shall be permanently fixed to and displayed on the vehicle a plate supplied to the operator under regulation 5 in the form and of the size, and in the position, specified in relation to that vehicle in the following table —

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Form of plate</i>	<i>Size of plate</i>	<i>Where displayed</i>
A vehicle constructed or adapted to carry not more than 8 passengers in addition to the driver: (a) where being used for the provision of a regular service or for standing or plying for hire in a road or other public place	Form 1	15 cm x 12 cm	On the left side of the vehicle
(b) where being used otherwise than as mentioned in paragraph (a)	Form 1	Either 15 cm x 12 cm	On the left side of the vehicle

		or 7.5 cm x 6 cm	Inside the vehicle and visible from outside the vehicle on the left side
A vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 and not more than 16 passengers in addition to the driver	Form 1	15 cm x 12 cm	On the left side of the vehicle
A vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 16 passengers in addition to the driver	Form 2	25 cm x 20 cm	Either on the left side of the vehicle, or inside the vehicle and visible from outside the vehicle on the left side

7. Marking of vehicle on regular service

(1) A public passenger vehicle which is being used for the provision of a regular service shall display sufficient information to identify the route or service on which it is operating, including —

- (a) the number of the route or service, and
- (b) the destination of the journey.

(2) The display required by paragraph (1) shall be by means of a blind, indicator board or electronic destination display either —

- (a) on the front of the vehicle, or
- (b) in the front-most window on the left side of the vehicle.

8. Marking of vehicle plying for hire

(1) A public passenger vehicle which is being used for standing or plying for hire in a road or other public place shall be fitted with a means of indicating to the public when the vehicle is available for hire, whether on a road or in any other public place.

(2) Such a vehicle which is being so used may also carry signs, which may be illuminated, —

- (a) containing the word "taxi";
- (b) indicating the name or trading name of the holder of the relevant service licence; and
- (c) indicating a telephone number or numbers for the purpose of effecting bookings.

9. Marking of other vehicles

(1) This regulation applies to a public passenger vehicle with seats for not more than 8 passengers in addition to the driver.

(2) No vehicle to which this regulation applies which is being used in connection with any business of carrying passengers, otherwise than under a service licence, may carry any sign or mark—

- (a) containing the word "taxi", or
- (b) indicating that it is available for hire in a road or other public place;

or any sign (whether illuminated or not) above the roof line of the vehicle.

(3) Nothing in this regulation prevents the display on the body of the vehicle, on a side or at the rear, of marks indicating —

- (a) the name or trading name of the registered passenger vehicle operator or holder of the passenger vehicle operator's licence, as the case may be, in respect of the use of the vehicle; and
- (b) a telephone number or numbers for the purpose of effecting bookings;

provided that the words "private hire" are also displayed.

10. Offences

Where a public passenger vehicle is used in contravention of regulation 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9 each of the following shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £500 —

- (a) the person by whom the vehicle is used, and
- (b) the person by whom the vehicle is driven.

11. Transitional provision

Regulations 4 to 10 shall not apply until the 1st October 2002 in the case of a vehicle which, immediately before the 1st April 2002, is used as mentioned in section 4(2) of the Act.

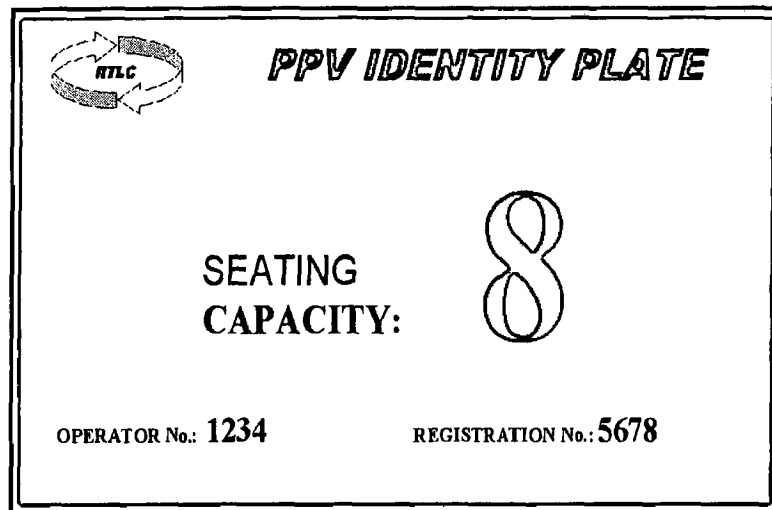
Regulation 6.

SCHEDULE

FORMS

FORM 1

VEHICLE PLATE (UP TO 16 SEATS)



PPV IDENTITY PLATE

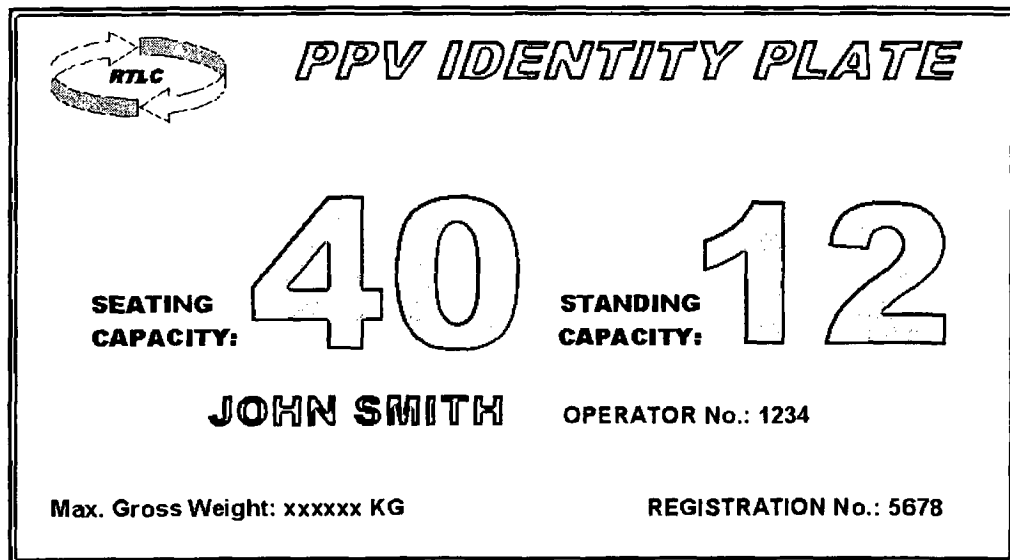
SEATING CAPACITY: 8

OPERATOR No.: 1234 REGISTRATION No.: 5678

The form is a rectangular plate with a double border. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with the letters 'RTLC' and two curved arrows. The title 'PPV IDENTITY PLATE' is centered at the top. Below the title, the text 'SEATING CAPACITY:' is followed by a large, bold number '8'. At the bottom, the operator number '1234' and registration number '5678' are displayed on the left and right respectively.

FORM 2

VEHICLE PLATE (MORE THAN 16 SEATS)



PPV IDENTITY PLATE

SEATING CAPACITY: 40 STANDING CAPACITY: 12

JOHN SMITH OPERATOR No.: 1234

Max. Gross Weight: xxxxxx KG REGISTRATION No.: 5678

The form is a rectangular plate with a double border. In the top left corner, there is a circular logo with the letters 'RTLC' and two curved arrows. The title 'PPV IDENTITY PLATE' is centered at the top. Below the title, the text 'SEATING CAPACITY:' is followed by a large, bold number '40', and 'STANDING CAPACITY:' is followed by a large, bold number '12'. Below this, the name 'JOHN SMITH' and operator number '1234' are displayed on the left and right respectively. At the bottom, the maximum gross weight 'xxxxxx KG' and registration number '5678' are displayed on the left and right respectively.

MADE

19th February 2002



Minister for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make provision for the display of operator's discs and other marks on public passenger vehicles.

Regulation 2 prescribes the form of operator's discs, and regulation 3 prescribes the manner in which they are to be exhibited. Regulation 4 prescribes any use of a public passenger vehicle in connection with any business of carrying passengers, otherwise than under a service licence, for the purpose of section 36 of the Road Transport Act 2001 (display of marks).

Regulation 5 requires an identification plate to be issued with an operator's disc, and regulation 6 requires a plate to be displayed on every public passenger vehicle when in use. Regulation 7 requires a vehicle on a regular service to display the route or service number and destination. Regulation 8 prescribes the signs and markings to be displayed on vehicles plying for hire, and regulation 9 prohibits certain signs being displayed on vehicles used otherwise than under a service licence authorising plying for hire.

Regulation 10 makes contravention of regulations 5 to 9 an offence, and regulation 11 gives a transitional exemption for 6 months in the case of vehicles already in use.