Road Transport Licensing Committee

Notice Period

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

Copies of all applications are available on the RTLC website: www.gov.im/rtlc.

Within a period of twenty one days from the date of this publication, any person may write to the Committee making any objections or representations with respect to the application.

Written objections can be received by letter or email. They should include the name and address of the sender and include the reasons why the objection or representation is made. For the full procedure detailing the submission of objections please see the RTLC website.

NOTICES

Cancellation of Senior Race Day Bank Holiday – June 12th 2020

As you are probably already aware, June 12th is no longer a Bank Holiday and so Tariff 1 will be applicable on that day between 06:00 and midnight. If you are operating on June 12th please ensure that you and your drivers charge Tariff 1 during the day.

I am aware that a number of PPVs have calendar controlled meters in them which will be programmed to automatically charge Tariff 2 on June 12th and these meters cannot be altered.

If you are driving a vehicle with such a meter, when the meter gives you the Tariff 2 fare I would ask you to estimate what the Tariff 1 fare would be and charge the passenger that. Tariff 2 is roughly 1.5 times Tariff 1 and so it should be possible to make an approximate calculation of Tariff 1 based on the Tariff 2 reading.

In order to assist the drivers of vehicles with calendar controlled meters, I have listed some conversions from Tariff 2 to Tariff 1:

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If you are driving with a calendar controlled meter, it would be advisable to inform your passengers of the situation so they are not taken by surprise by a larger than expected meter reading.

The Council of Ministers has decided that there will be an additional August Bank Holiday on August 28th instead of Senior Race Day. This Bank Holiday will be Tariff 1 as well.

**Guidelines for Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles as Restrictions are Loosened**

A number of Operators and Drivers have approached the RTLC office for updated guidance relating to PPVs given that some Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed.

Public Health, who had previously submitted guidance for distribution to the RTLC office, were approached to provide this updated guidance for PPV Drivers which follows below:

- Regularly wash hands with soap and water, or if not possible use sanitiser gel, to kill germs – particularly following cash transactions.

- Regularly clean surfaces with sanitising wipes or spray to get rid of germs – preferably between fares and between driver changes and at end of day.

- Regularly clean card payment devices.

- Licensees who share a taxi or private hire vehicle should consider regularly cleaning/sanitising the steering wheel and instruments, inside of windscreen and high touch points between driver changes.

- Always carry tissues and use them to catch coughs and sneezes. Dispose of used tissues in a suitable bin as soon as possible.

- Simple face masks/coverings should be considered for drivers and passengers to reduce risk of unwitting spread by asymptomatic people. It is up to the driver to decide whether they wish to make this a condition of accepting passenger(s). Gloves are not recommended in this context as hand washing is a much better protection.

- Up to 2 passengers from different households can now be carried in line with guidance for car sharing. If passengers are from the same household, the regular passenger limit for the vehicle applies.

- If a repatriated passenger is picked up at the Sea Terminal or Airport, the driver does not have to self-isolate for 14 days as long as the vehicle is sanitised and unless the driver develops symptoms (new continuous cough and/or continuous high temperature), in which case they should contact 111.

- Ask any questions that you feel you need to and if you are in doubt, you may refuse the fare.

**RTLC Office**

The RTLC office is still closed and access is by appointment only. If you turn up without an appointment you will not be allowed in as there may be no one to assist you.
Vehicle Testing Centre
The Vehicle Testing Centre is now open which means that you are now able to submit your PPV for its annual roadworthiness test or book such an appointment.

Driver Badges
Over the past few years the RTLC has received a number of requests from Drivers and Operators to remove names from PPV Driver badges. Such a move would be in line with PPV identification badges in many other jurisdictions. An example of how such a badge would look as follows:

![Example of a PPV Driver badge]

It has been decided that unless the RTLC receives a number of relevant objections to this proposed course of action, all new PPV Driver badges will be produced without the Driver’s name from August 3rd. Should you have a reservation or objection to this please send it in writing to the Secretary either by email to noel.capewell@gov.im or by post to the RTLC office address.

E-MAIL NEWSLETTERS
In order to reduce the amount of administration being performed it is requested that, if the RTLC office does not already have an email address for you, one should be submitted as soon as possible.

Going forward fewer and fewer AD&N Circulars will be posted out and so if you do not submit an email address to the RTLC office it cannot be guaranteed that you will continue to receive AD&N Circulars.

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