



GOODS VEHICLES APPLICATIONS, DECISIONS AND NOTICES

Notice Period

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

If you wish to view an application, please contact the RTALC Secretary at noel.capewell@gov.im.

Copies of all monthly newsletters are available on the RTALC 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 an 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 RTALC website.

RTALC Office

The RTALC 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

FURTHER RTALC OFFICE CLOSURES

The RTALC office will be closed on **26th, 27th and 28th December**.

The computer licensing system currently used by the RTALC office is no longer fully supported by the company that created it. As a result, the RTALC office is moving to a new system. The old system will close on **16th January 2023** and the new system will not be open until **1st February 2023** at the earliest.

Reminder letters for all Section 23 Operator Discs have been sent out. I strongly urge anyone with a disc expiring between **16th January and 1st February** to contact the RTALC office well in advance of the expiry date printed on each licence or disc to ensure that the renewal happens before **16th January**.

There will be **no appointments** available between 16th January and 1st February inclusive as the likelihood is that there will be no active licensing system.

OPERATING CENTRE LETTERS

The RTALC and the Planning Enforcement Section of DEFA ("Planning") will shortly be sending out letters to existing operators who have not yet obtained confirmation that their operating centre(s) comply with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999 ("the 1999 Act"). Under section 75(4)(b) of the Road Transport Regulations 2018 ("the Regulations"), existing operators were granted a grace period of five years to obtain such confirmation.

The period of grace expires on 31st December 2023 and the RTLC and Planning are aware that many operators have yet to demonstrate their compliance with the 1999 Act and the Regulations. To assist in this process, these operators will be offered an appointment at a meeting with RTLC and Planning officers at Murray House in Douglas.

It is envisaged that the meetings will take place once a month. It is important to recognise that on 1st January 2024, if an operating centre does not comply with the 1999 Act, that operator will not be legally permitted to operate any goods vehicles over 3,500kg. To do so would be an offence.

VEHICLE AND TRAILER 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 goods vehicle and trailer 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 will be discontinued from **1st March 2023**. After this date, 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.

APPLICATIONS

1. Northern Parishes Refuse Collection Board

The applicant wishes to vary the Operator Registration through the addition of an operating centre and a change of registered address.

The new operating centre is identified in the application as Landrace (I.O.M.) Ltd, Technical Site, Kirk Andreas and the new registered address is identified as Glen View, Kionlough Lane, Bride. The applicant has confirmed that the operating centre complies with the Town and Country Planning Act 1999.

Should the application be successful, the applicant wishes to surrender their existing operating centres at Ballavarran Farm, Ballavarran Road, Jurby and Unit 291, Jurby Industrial Estate, Jurby.

The applicant currently has approval to operate two goods vehicles.

DECISIONS

1. Douglas Borough Council

To apply for a variation to an Operator Registration through the addition of an operating centre.

The application was approved.

COMMITTEE 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 19th December 2022, 10th January 2023 and 14th February 2023 at Thie Slieau Whallian, Foxdale Road, St John's.

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 the 10th January meeting provided that the RTALC 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 RTALC 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 RTALC 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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