

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 499.59**TAXI SERVICES REGULATIONS**

1st November, 2010;

1st May, 2011;

1st November, 2011

LEGAL NOTICE 369 of 2010, as amended by Legal Notices 33 of 2011, 98, 407, 426 and 457 of 2012, 189 of 2013, 433 of 2015, 126 of 2018 and 141 of 2019, 416 of 2020 and 343 of 2021.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Taxi Services Regulations.

Citation and
commencement.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011.

(2) These regulations other than paragraphs (h), (i), (j) and (k) of regulation 20 and regulations 38 and 39 shall come into force on the 1st November, 2010.

(3) Paragraphs (h), (i), (j) and (k) of regulation 20 and regulations 38 and 39 shall come into force on the 1st May, 2011.

(4) Regulations 20(e) and 23(3) shall come into force on the 1st November, 2011 in respect of motor vehicles which were licensed as taxis before the coming into force of these regulations.

PART I**PRELIMINARY**

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

"the Act" means the Authority for Transport in Malta Act;

"the Authority" means the Authority for Transport in Malta established by the Act;

"carriageway" means that part of a roadway on which traffic proceeds in a single direction;

"driver" means a person who holds a taxi driver permit in terms of these regulations;

"driver's tag" means a tag issued by the Authority to a driver in terms of Part III;

"electric mini cab" means an electrically propelled vehicle or an electric power assisted pedal cycle registered and licensed to ply and stand for hire in terms of these regulations;

"electric mini cab maximum fare" means the maximum fixed-fare to be levied for electric mini cab journeys, irrespective of locality and length of journey, specified in Table 4 of the First Schedule;

"electric mini cab stand" means an area specially designated and marked as such by the Authority, where electric mini cabs can stand for hire;

"electric power assisted pedal cycle" means, for the purposes of these regulations, an electrically propelled vehicle which is:

Interpretation.
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*L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 98 of 2012;
L.N. 407 of 2012;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 416 of 2020.
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- (a) fitted with pedals capable of propelling it;
- (b) fitted with an electric motor capable of propelling it;
- (c) capable of travelling at a speed of not less than 15 kilometres per hour and not more than 25 kilometres per hour;
- (d) has a maximum width that does not exceed 1.2m;

"electrically propelled vehicle" means an electrically propelled vehicle, which is used for the carriage of passengers by road and which -

- (a) for the purposes of these regulations, has a maximum speed which does not exceed 45 km per hour; and
- (b) has an unladen mass not exceeding 550kg;

"emergency button" means a device installed in a taxi which when pressed sends a distress signal to a control room or control rooms designated by the Authority;

"fixed-fare" means the maximum fixed-fare for taxi journeys from specified points of departure to specified destinations prescribed in Table 2 of the First Schedule;

"fixed-fare ticket" means a ticket issued from a taxi booth as a proof of receipt of payment of a fixed-fare;

"hire or reward" means payment made for the carriage of passengers other than on own account, that is to say against payment or compensation by the hirer;

"hirer" means the passenger or the person hiring the taxi;

"hybrid motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has at least two different energy converters and two different energy storage systems for the purpose of vehicle propulsion, and which, for the purpose of these regulations, may carry no more than five passengers in addition to the driver;

"initial verification" means the verification of a taximeter carried out by the Malta Standards Authority under such procedures as may be established by that Authority before such taximeter is first put into service on a taxi;

"licence holder" means the natural or legal person whose name is shown as the registered owner of the vehicle on the registration certificate of the taxi vehicle;

Provided that where a legal person is the registered owner of the vehicle, the natural person appearing for that legal person on the registration certificate shall carry all the responsibilities of the licence holder as stipulated in these regulations;

"M1 vehicle" means a motor vehicle used for the carriage of passengers and comprising no more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat;

"Malta Standards Authority" means the Malta Standards Authority established by the Malta Standards Authority Act;

"maximum tariff" means the maximum tariff for a taxi service

prescribed in the First Schedule;

"the Minister" means the Minister responsible for transport;

"motor vehicle" means any mechanically or electrically self-propelled vehicle intended for use on the road, other than a vehicle running on rails;

"new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which has never been permanently registered in any country and which has not travelled under its own power for more than 3,000 km;

"owner" means the person in whose name a motor vehicle is registered;

"passenger" means a person who is carried in a taxi for hire or reward;

"periodical verification" means the verification of a taximeter not being an initial verification, which is carried out by the Malta Standards Authority under such procedures as may be established by that Authority;

"ply for hire" means to drive a taxi on the road to search for, or be available for, hire;

"priority vehicle lane" means an area of carriageway reserved for vehicles on priority duty;

"road" has the same meaning as is given to it in the Act;

"Register" means the Road Passenger Transport Register set up in terms of regulation 24 of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations; S.L. 499.56

"registration certificate" has the same meaning assigned to it by the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations; S.L. 368.02

"registration mark" means the registration number assigned to a motor vehicle;

"registration plate" means a plate or other device displaying the registration mark of a motor vehicle;

"stand for hire" means, in the case of a taxi, to wait on a taxi stand, and in the case of an electric mini cab, to wait on an electric mini cab stand, ready to accept requests for hire;

"surveillance camera" means a camera which captures images and projects those images into an electric signal to be further processed;

"taxi" means an M1 vehicle which is fitted with a taximeter and which is licensed to stand and ply for hire as a taxi;

"taxi driver permit" means a permit issued by the Authority to drivers in terms of Part III;

"taxi licence" means a document issued by the Authority certifying that motor vehicle is authorised to carry out taxi services;

"taximeter" means a measuring instrument designed for installation in a motor vehicle that calculates and displays the fare to be paid for a trip, based on the distance travelled and the

duration of the trip;

"taxi services" means a business activity consisting in the provision and co-ordination of taxi services to passengers given for hire or reward;

"taxi stand" means an area specially designated and marked as such by the Authority, where taxis can stand for hire;

"tour" means, for the purposes of these regulations, a taxi trip with a duration of at least two hours;

"tracking device" means any individual device that, according to the operation of the device:

- (a) monitors the geographical position of a taxi; and, or
- (b) monitors the functioning or operation of a taxi and the taximeter;

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"Tribunal" means the Administrative Review Tribunal established in terms of article 5 of the Administrative Justice Act;

"two-way communication system" means any apparatus which is designed or adapted for the purpose of transmitting and receiving spoken messages;

"unladen mass" means the mass of the vehicle excluding the battery and any load;

"wheelchair accessible vehicle" means a motor vehicle that allows easy and unaided access to persons who make use of wheelchairs;

"while on duty" means the time while the driver of a taxi is waiting on a taxi stand or while exposing the taxi for hire and while the driver is driving the taxi whether when carrying passengers in the taxi or not.

PART II

TAXI OPERATOR'S LICENCE

(Part II - regulations 3 to 8, both inclusive, were deleted by L.N. 433 of 2015)

PART III

DRIVERS

Taxi driver permit.
Amended by:
L.N. 407 of 2012;
L.N. 343 of 2021.

9. (1) No person shall drive a taxi unless he holds a valid taxi driver permit in terms of these regulations:

Provided that a person may drive an electric power assisted pedal cycle if he holds either a taxi driver permit, or an electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permit in terms of sub-regulation (2).

(2) An electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permit shall be granted to a person to drive an electric power assisted pedal cycle, and unless otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of these regulations which regulate taxi driver permits shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permits, and accordingly any references which include taxi drivers in these regulations shall be deemed to include a reference to drivers of electric power assisted pedal cycles, provided that sub-regulations (3) and (4)

and regulation 12(1) shall not be applicable to drivers of electric power assisted pedal cycles.

(3) A permit granted to a driver to drive a taxi shall be noted on the driver's driving licence by the Authority.

(4) No person shall drive a taxi unless his driving licence indicates that he has a taxi driver permit.

(5) A taxi driver permit shall be valid for a period of five years from the date on which it is granted or any other shorter period, specified thereon by the Authority, unless previously revoked or suspended or surrendered and shall not be transferable.

(6) Within three (3) months preceding the date of expiry of the said taxi driver permit, and thereafter, the holder thereof shall be obliged to submit an application for renewal with the Authority in such manner and against such payment as may be prescribed by the Authority together with:

- (a) a police conduct certificate; and
- (b) a signed declaration by virtue of which he confirms that he still satisfies the condition of good conduct and repute and that since the issuance of the last certificate referred to in regulation 10(1)(a) he has not been found guilty of any criminal offence in violation of the provisions of regulation 11A.

10. (1) An application for the grant of a taxi driver permit shall be made to the Authority and shall be in the form and contain such particulars as the Authority may require and the applicant shall produce together with the application:

Application for a
taxi driver permit.
Amended by:
L.N. 416 of 2020;
L.N. 343 of 2021.

- (a) a certificate issued by the Police or an equivalent authority of the country where the applicant is normally resident, detailing any criminal offences or contraventions for which the applicant may have been sentenced together with the punishment thereof;
- (b) the relevant application fee as prescribed in the Second Schedule;
- (c) a medical certificate; and
- (d) evidence of the skills to act as a driver required in terms of regulation 12(1) and (2), where applicable.

(2) The Authority may require the applicant to confirm that he satisfies all the provisions of regulations 11 and 12 by means of a declaration or in a sworn affidavit in such manner as the Authority shall specify.

Conditions for
grant of and
retention of a taxi
driver permit.

Amended by:
L.N. 98 of 2012;
L.N. 407 of 2012;
L.N. 457 of 2012;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 126 of 2018.
S.L. 65.18

11. (1) An applicant for a taxi driver permit shall satisfy the Authority that he -

- (a) is of good repute and conduct;
- (b) is the holder of the appropriate driving licence in respect of the vehicle category being driven, in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations:

Provided that an electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permit shall not be issued unless the applicant is in possession of a driving licence in either categories AM, A1, A2 or A or category B in terms of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations;

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- (c) is medically fit;
- (d) is aged nineteen years or over, or eighteen years or over in the case of an applicant for an electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permit; and
- (e) possesses the requisite skills to act as a driver in terms of regulation 12.

(2) A driver shall be obliged to satisfy the conditions of this regulation at all times during the validity of the permit.

(3) A taxi driver shall inform the Authority in writing of any conviction against him of any offence contemplated in paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 11A within twenty-one days from that conviction or, when an appeal is entered, within twenty days from when such appeal is decided.

(4) A person who contravenes sub-regulation (3) shall be guilty of an offence.

Good repute and
good conduct.

Added by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.
Amended by:
L.N. 126 of 2018;
L.N. 141 of 2019;
L.N. 343 of 2021.

11A. (1) A person shall not be deemed to satisfy the condition of good repute and conduct as required under regulation 11 -

- (a) if he has been found guilty of committing any crime contemplated in:
 - (i) Title I of Part II of Book First of the Criminal Code or articles 198, 199, 203, 203A, 204, 204A, 204B, 204C, 205, 211, 212, 217 (in the event that the arms proper used for the commission of the offence is a fire-arm), 220, 238(a), 248B, 248C, 248D of the Criminal Code;
 - (ii) articles 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 10 of the White Slave Traffic (Suppression) Ordinance;
 - (iii) articles 40A, 40B, 120A and 120B of the Medical and Kindred Professions Ordinance.
 - (iv) articles 4, 5, 6(a), 7, 8(b), 8(c), 8(e), 11, 13(2), 14(3), 15, 15A, 16, 17, 18, 22(1)(b), (c), (d), (e), (f), 22(1C), 22(1D)(a), 22(1E) and 22(3BA)(5) of the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance; and
 - (v) articles 37, 38, 44, 50 and 61 of the Malta Armed Forces Act;

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- (b) for such period during which he is serving a sentence of imprisonment of at least one month;
- (c) for such period immediately following time spent serving a sentence of imprisonment for a term or terms of at least one month imposed on such person for a crime or crimes connected with violence committed on a person, which period shall be:
 - (i) of three months for sentences of imprisonment for a term of at least six months and not more than two years; and
 - (ii) equal to one-fourth of the term of imprisonment for which such person was sentenced for sentences for terms of imprisonment of more than two years;
- (d) if he has been found guilty of committing any corresponding offence under any law of a country or territory outside Malta:

Provided that where the applicant was less than eighteen years of age at the time of the commission of the offence the period referred to in paragraph (c) shall not be longer than two years.

(2) For the purposes of determining whether a person is of good repute and conduct in terms of sub-regulation (1), the term "sentence" shall not include:

- (a) a probation order issued in terms of article 7 of the Probation Act or article 5 of the Probation of Offenders Act and which has been complied with by the probationer or an absolute or conditional discharge issued under article 22 of the Probation Act or article 9 of the Probation of Offenders Act which has been complied with; or
- (b) a sentence for the commission of an offence for which the offender has been pardoned by the President of Malta in terms of article 93(1) of the Constitution of Malta; provided that this paragraph shall only apply from the date on which the President of Malta has granted such pardon; or
- (c) a sentence which is at the moment of application under appeal; or
- (d) a sentence for the commission of an offence which -
 - (i) was committed before the 1st November, 2010;
 - (ii) was committed by a person who had a valid taxi driver's tag issued to him by the Authority before the 1st November, 2010; and
 - (iii) was delivered at least five years before the date of application for the renewal of the taxi driver's tag and of the driver's permit.
- (e) sentence for the commission of an offence of possession for exclusive personal use mentioned in sub-paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of paragraph (1)(a) above,

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which sentence was delivered at least three years before the date of new application or renewal of tag, where the applicant has rehabilitated oneself by means of a rehabilitation program and applicant shall have no other sentence in these three years.

Skills to act as taxi driver.
Amended by:
L.N. 407 of 2012.

12. (1) An applicant for a taxi driver permit shall be considered to have the requisite skills to act as a driver of a taxi if he:

- (a) attends training courses held or approved by the Authority based on the subjects listed in Part 1 of the Third Schedule;
- (b) passes a written or oral examination held by the Authority or by a body approved by the Authority, based on the subjects listed in Part 2a of the Third Schedule;
- (c) passes a practical examination held by the Authority or by a body approved by the Authority, based on the subjects listed in Part 2b of the Third Schedule;
- (d) is the holder of a certificate issued by the Authority or by a certification body approved by the Authority attesting that the driver has attended training courses and passed the examination set after such courses, which certificate shall be in the format indicated in Part 3 of the Third Schedule and known as the Taxi Driver and Area Knowledge Certificate;
- (e) proves that he has accompanied a taxi driver while on duty for at least forty hours, which must be in periods of at least four consecutive hours each and a minimum of ten hours of which must be after sunset and before sunrise:

Provided that the Authority may exempt an applicant from this requirement if the Authority is satisfied that the applicant has undergone sufficient practical training, and was unable to find a taxi driver willing to be accompanied while on duty.

(2) An applicant for an electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permit shall be considered to have the requisite skills to act as a driver of an electric power assisted pedal cycle if he:

- (a) attends training courses held or approved by the Authority based on the subjects listed in paragraphs 2, 3(b), 4 and 5 of Part 1 of the Third Schedule;
- (b) passes a written or an oral examination held by the Authority or by a body approved by the Authority, based on the subjects referred to in the preceding paragraph.

(3) A driver permit shall be withdrawn or shall not be renewed, as the case may be, unless the driver successfully completes refresher courses once every five years held or approved by the Authority and obtains a certificate to that effect.

(4) A driver who holds a certificate of professional competence

issued in terms of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations, shall be exempt from the requirements of sub-regulation (1)(a), (b) and (d) and sub-regulation (2).

13. (1) An application for a taxi driver permit shall be processed and decided by the Authority.

Decision on the granting of a taxi driver permit.

(2) The decision of the Authority shall be communicated in writing, by registered post, to the applicant at the address specified in the application.

(3) Where the Authority intends to refuse an application, it shall give the applicant concerned notice in writing setting out the reasons for its intention to do so. Every notice of refusal shall state that the applicant has a right to make representations in writing, within ten days, to the Authority giving reasons why the application should not be refused and the Authority shall consider any representations so made before arriving at a final decision. The Authority shall notify in writing its final decision to the applicant concerned.

(4) When an application is refused by the Authority, the applicant may appeal to the Tribunal within thirty days from notification of the Authority's decision.

14. (1) The Authority may at any time require a driver to submit evidence that he continues to fulfill the requirements of regulations 11 or 12 or the relevant parts thereof and the driver shall produce any information and documents requested by the Authority within three working days from the date on which he receives the request by the Authority.

Suspension or revocation of a taxi driver permit.
Amended by:
L.N. 457 of 2012;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 126 of 2018;
L.N. 416 of 2020.

(2) A taxi driver permit may be suspended or revoked where the holder:

- (a) no longer satisfies the conditions laid down in regulation 11(1)(b), (c), (d) and (e) and regulation 12; or
- (b) has supplied incorrect information to the Authority; or
- (c) has breached any of the conditions of the licence; or
- (d) has committed serious infringements of these regulations.

(3) A taxi driver's permit shall be revoked where the holder no longer satisfies the conditions laid down in regulation 11A.

(4) A suspension or revocation in terms of this regulation shall be effected by the Authority of its own motion or by order of a court of criminal jurisdiction; provided that where the Authority intends to suspend or revoke a taxi driver permit of its own motion, it shall give the driver concerned notice in writing setting out the reasons for its intention to do so.

(5) Every notice given shall state that the driver concerned may, within ten days from service thereof, make representations in writing to the Authority giving reasons why the taxi driver permit should not be suspended or revoked and the Authority shall consider any representations so made before arriving at a final decision.

(6) The Authority shall notify in writing its final decision to the driver concerned and that driver shall have the right to appeal to the Tribunal against the decision of the Authority to suspend or revoke the taxi driver permit within thirty days from notification of the Authority's decision.

(7) The suspension of the permit in terms of sub-regulation (2) shall have immediate effect notwithstanding any appeal therefrom, unless otherwise ordered by the Tribunal or a court of criminal jurisdiction.

(8) The decision of the Authority to revoke a taxi driver permit in terms of sub-regulations (2) and (3) shall become final on the expiration of the period within which an appeal may be made under this regulation and, if an appeal is made within such period, the decision shall become final on the date of the decision of the Tribunal dismissing the appeal or the date on which the appeal is abandoned:

Provided that during the periods referred to in the previous paragraph, the taxi driver permit shall be suspended in terms of sub-regulation (7).

Special training for
drivers of
wheelchair
accessible taxis.

15. Drivers shall, before driving wheelchair accessible taxis, undergo special training offered by the Authority, free of charge to drivers.

Driver's tag.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 416 of 2020.

16. (1) The Authority shall, upon granting a taxi driver permit, issue to the successful applicant a driver's tag following the payment of the fee prescribed in the Second Schedule.

(2) Every driver of a taxi shall, at all times while on duty, carry the driver's tag by means of a lanyard in a manner that the driver may be easily identified.

(3) Every driver shall produce the driver's tag whenever requested to do so by an enforcement officer of the Authority.

(4) In the event that the driver's tag becomes discoloured, disfigured or is torn, the driver shall immediately return such tag to the Authority and the Authority shall issue a replacement driver's tag free of charge:

Provided that the holder of the driver's tag shall pay to the Authority the fee prescribed in the Second Schedule for the fourth and any subsequent replacement of a driver's tag made within the tag's validity period.

(5) A driver's tag shall not be transferable.

(6) A driver who loses his driver's tag shall immediately, and without delay, inform the Authority of such fact, and if the Authority is satisfied that such tag was lost, the Authority shall issue a replacement tag on the payment of the fee prescribed in Part 3 of the Second Schedule.

(7) Upon the revocation or the suspension a taxi driver permit or upon the expiration of the said permit when such permit has not been renewed for any reason, the driver shall return the driver's tag to the Authority within forty-eight hours from such revocation, or

suspension or expiration and the Authority shall give due receipt for the driver's tag so returned.

PART IV

THE REGISTER

17. (1) The Authority shall register, in Part II of the Register, the name and address of licence holders, together with other particulars which the Authority may consider relevant.

Registration of licence holders, taxi drivers and licensed taxis.

Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) The Authority shall register, in Part III of the Register, the name and address of persons holding a taxi driver permit in terms of these regulations together with other particulars which the Authority may consider relevant.

(3) The Authority shall register, in Part IV of the Register, the list of vehicles registered as a taxi.

18. No licence holder shall employ or engage the services of any person to drive a taxi, unless that person holds a taxi driver permit and is registered in Part III of the Register.

Employment of drivers.

Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

PART V

TAXIS AND TAXI SERVICES

19. Only motor vehicles which have been granted a taxi licence by the Authority may ply or stand for hire.

Only taxis to ply or stand for hire.

20. (1) A motor vehicle shall not be licensed as a taxi unless:

Specifications for taxis.

(a) it is a new motor vehicle:

Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011.

Provided that this condition shall not apply to vehicles that are already licensed as taxis on the day of coming into force of these regulations*;

Substituted by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(b) it has an engine capacity of at least 1400cc provided that this condition shall not apply to hybrid vehicles or electric vehicles;

(c) it has ample leg space and head room;

(d) it is fitted with adequate internal lighting;

(e) it is equipped by a fully functional air-conditioning system;

(f) it is a right-hand drive motor vehicle;

(g) it is fitted with a taximeter in a place which is clearly visible to passengers;

(h) it is fitted with a two-way communication system;

(i) it is fitted with a vehicle tracking device; and

(j) it is fitted with an emergency button, or more, which is within easy reach of both passengers and the taxi driver.

(2) Vehicles registered as taxis may also be fitted with a surveillance camera.

*refers to the coming into force of L.N. 433 of 2015 - 24th December, 2015.

(3) The devices mentioned in paragraphs (g), (h), (i) and (j) of sub-regulation (1) and in sub-regulation (2) shall conform to the Technical Specifications for Taxi Peripheral Devices published by the Authority from time to time.

Application for a taxi licence.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 416 of 2020.

21. (1) An application for a taxi licence shall be made to the Authority by the person in whose name the motor vehicle is to be registered and licensed as a taxi.

(2) Taxis shall only be driven by the licence holder himself where he is also a holder of a driver's permit, or by a holder of a driver's permit who is employed by the licence holder or who has a contract of service with the licence holder.

(3) An application for a taxi licence, shall, *inter alia*, specify whether the taxi will be used on the island of Malta or on the island of Gozo and, such information shall be recorded on the relative licence if and when this is issued. A taxi shall be used exclusively on the island which is specified on its licence:

Provided that taxis which are registered and licensed to be used in the island of Gozo, may also carry passengers directly -

- (a) from any place in Gozo to the Malta International Airport, or from the Malta International Airport to any place in Gozo; and
- (b) from any place in Gozo to any hospital in Malta or from any hospital in Malta to any place in Gozo:

Provided further that while carrying out such trips, the taxi driver shall not, while driving in any road in the island of Malta pick up or drop off any other person:

Provided further that taxis registered and licensed to be used in the island of Malta shall not be used to convey any person from any place in Malta to any place in Gozo or from any place in Gozo to any place in Malta.

(4) The vehicle licence holder shall when applying for a taxi licence:

- (a) present to the Authority proof that the initial verification of the taximeter has been carried out; and
- (b) present the vehicle to the Authority, or a body approved by the Authority, for a visual and technical inspection to ensure that the vehicle fulfils all the technical specifications, constructional requirements and other requirements laid down in these regulations:

Provided that such verification or inspection shall not have been carried out earlier than forty-five days before the date of application.

(5) An application for a taxi licence shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in the Second Schedule.

(6) The decision of the Authority to grant or refuse a taxi licence shall be communicated in writing, by registered post, to the applicant at the address specified in the application.

(7) Where the Authority refuses an application, it must specify the reasons for its refusal.

(8) Where the Authority intends to refuse an application, it shall give the applicant concerned notice in writing setting out the reasons for its intention to do so. Every notice of refusal shall state that the applicant has a right to make representations in writing, within ten days, to the Authority giving reasons why the application should not be refused and the Authority shall consider any representations so made before arriving at a final decision.

(9) The Authority shall notify in writing its final decision to the applicant concerned and when an application is refused by the Authority, the applicant may appeal to the Tribunal against the decision within a period of thirty days from notification of the Authority's decision.

(10) A taxi licence shall be valid for a period of one year and shall be renewed every year thereafter.

(11) A taxi licence may only be transferable together with the taxi in respect of which it is issued:

Provided that taxi licences issued for the first time after the coming into force of these regulations shall not be transferable *inter vivos* for a period of five years from when they are first issued. This proviso shall not apply to electric mini cabs.

(12) Where a taxi is transferred *inter vivos* from one person to another as aforesaid within five years from when its taxi licence is issued in breach of sub-regulation (13), the taxi licence shall be forfeited and that motor vehicle shall no longer be licensed as a taxi. This sub-regulation shall not apply to taxis which were licensed as such at the date of coming into force of these regulations

(13) For the purposes of this regulation, where a taxi is registered in the name of or on behalf of a company, any transfers of shares within that company resulting in a share transfer of the controlling interest, whether in one transfer, or in a number of separate share transfers, shall be considered to constitute a transfer of the taxi.

(14) For the purpose of sub-regulation (14) "transfer of controlling interest" shall be considered to mean one or more transfers *inter vivos* which singly or in total amount to fifty per cent of the shareholding or of the voting rights of the company.

(15) Where the licence holder of a motor vehicle submits to the Authority, together with an application for a taxi licence, a request for the deletion of the licence of another taxi of which he is the registered licence holder, the taxi licence being applied for shall be considered as a replacement of the licence being deleted.

(16) The Authority may, upon payment of the fee stipulated in the Second Schedule, issue a temporary taxi licence to a licence holder -

- (a) for a period not exceeding six months in respect of a motor vehicle which would have to be used instead of a licensed taxi operated by that licence holder where

- that licensed taxi has been damaged in an accident or has been written-off following an accident, or
- (b) for that period in which a licensed taxi remains out of service due to technical faults in respect of a motor vehicle which would have to be used instead of a licensed taxi operated by that licence holder where that licensed taxi has to undergo repairs for such technical faults, or
 - (c) for a period not exceeding six (6) months in respect of a motor vehicle which would have to be used instead of a licensed taxi operated by that licence holder where that licensed taxi can no longer be so used for a reason which the Authority may, in its absolute discretion and after considering the circumstances of each case, determine to be valid:

Provided that the vehicle being temporarily licensed as a taxi under paragraphs (a) or (b) or (c) conforms to the provisions of these regulations other than regulation 20(1)(a), (h), (i) and (j), and is not more than ten years old:

Provided further that where the temporary taxi licence is required for less than one month the vehicle temporarily licensed as taxi under paragraphs (a) or (b) may not conform to regulation 20(1)(g) on condition that such vehicle is operated as a taxi exclusively from taxi booths where fixed fares shall be applied in accordance with regulations 42(1) and 66.

Number of taxis
which may be
licensed.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015.

22. (1) The granting of new taxi licences under regulation 21 shall be subject to the following number of taxis registered and licensed with the Authority not being exceeded:

- (a) until the 31st December, 2010, the number of taxis registered to be used on the island of Malta shall not exceed 220; while the number of taxis registered to be used on the island of Gozo shall not exceed 50;
- (b) throughout 2011, the number of taxis registered to be used on the island of Malta shall not exceed 240; while the number of taxis registered to be used on the island of Gozo shall not exceed 50;
- (c) between 2012 and 2021, the number of taxis registered to be used on the island of Malta shall not exceed 250; while the number of taxis registered to be used on the island of Gozo shall not exceed 50:

Provided that the said numbers of taxis -

- (i) shall be inclusive of wheelchair accessible taxis; and
- (ii) shall not include electric mini cabs the market of which is completely liberalised.

(2) As from the 1st January, 2022, the maximum number under sub-regulation (1)(c) shall no longer apply; provided that the Authority shall seek an agreement with the representatives of licence holders before implementing any changes in the number of taxi licences after

the 1st January, 2022.

(3) Notwithstanding a vehicle's compliance with the provisions of these regulations, the Authority shall not issue a taxi licence, which is not a replacement licence, where the maximum number of taxis has been reached.

(4) The Authority shall, for the purpose of granting new licences during the years 2010 to 2021, as well as for the granting any taxi licence which shall have been withdrawn or surrendered during the said period, issue a public call for competitive tendering.

23. (1) An application for the renewal of a taxi licence shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in the Second Schedule.

Application for renewal of a taxi licence.

(2) No taxi licence shall be renewed unless the licence holder presents to the Authority together with the application for renewal:

Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 416 of 2020.

- (a) proof that the taxi is fitted with the devices required under regulation 20(1)(e), (g), (h), (i) and (j);
- (b) proof that the periodical verification of the taximeter has been carried out; and
- (c) proof that the tracking device has been inspected by the Authority or a body approved by the Authority;

Provided that such verification or inspection shall not have been carried out earlier than forty-five days before the date of application for renewal.

(3) A taxi licence shall continue to be renewed annually until the vehicle has reached its twentieth year from the date of first registration, unless that vehicle has been withdrawn from service earlier:

Provided that such vehicles shall not have reached the twenty-second year from the year of manufacture.

(4) Where the Authority intends to refuse an application for renewal, it shall give the applicant notice in writing setting out the reasons for its intention to do so.

(5) Every notice of refusal shall state that the applicant has a right to make representations in writing, within ten days, to the Authority giving reasons why the application should not be refused and the Authority shall consider any representations so made before arriving at a final decision.

(6) The Authority shall notify in writing its final decision to the applicant concerned and when an application is refused by the Authority, the applicant may appeal to the Tribunal against the decision within a period of thirty days from notification of the Authority's decision.

(7) The refusal to renew the taxi licence in terms of these regulations shall have immediate effect notwithstanding any appeal therefrom, unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal or a Court of criminal jurisdiction.

(8) The decision of the Authority not to renew a taxi licence

shall become final on the expiration of the period within which an appeal may be made under this regulation and, if an appeal is made within such period, the decision shall become final on the date of the decision of the Tribunal dismissing the appeal or the date on which the appeal is abandoned.

Registration marks.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 98 of 2012;
L.N. 407 of 2012;
L.N. 433 of 2015.

24. (1) Registration marks allotted to vehicles which were already registered and licensed as a taxi on the island of Malta on the date of the coming into force of these regulations shall comprise the Roman Alphabet letters "TAXI" followed by three numbers from "001" to "200" followed by the letter "M".

(2) Registration marks allotted to vehicles which are registered and licensed as a taxi on the island of Gozo on the date of the coming into force of these regulations shall comprise the Roman Alphabet letters "TAXI" followed by three numbers commencing from "001" onwards followed by the letter "G".

(3) Registration marks allotted to vehicles which shall be granted a new taxi licence to be used on the island of Malta after the coming into force of these regulations shall comprise the Roman Alphabet letters "TAXI" followed by three numbers commencing from "201" onwards followed by the letter "M".

(4) Registration marks allotted to electric mini cabs shall comprise the Roman Alphabet letters "CABS" followed by any three numbers as the Authority may decide or as the licence holder may request.

(5) The registration number allotted to each taxi in terms of the preceding sub-regulations shall also be painted on the side of the front doors of the taxi in the format prescribed in Part A1 of the Fourth Schedule in respect of taxis licensed to be used only in the island of Malta, and in the format prescribed in Part A2 of the Fourth Schedule in respect of taxis licensed to be used only in Gozo. The said number shall be painted by the licence holder in black on a white background in respect of taxis licensed to be used only in Malta and in red on a white background in respect of taxis licensed to be used only in Gozo and each character of the number shall be 75 millimetres in height and not more than 60 millimetres in width:

Provided that in the case of electric mini cabs which do not have rigid doors, such a number shall be painted wherever the Authority may prescribe.

Fitness and safety.

25. (1) Every taxi shall be fit and safe in every respect for the conveyance of passengers.

(2) If at any time during the validity of its licence, a taxi is found to be in a state which is not fit and safe for the conveyance of passengers, the taxi licence shall be suspended, until such state is remedied to the satisfaction of the Authority.

Inspections.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

26. The Authority may conduct and call in taxis for inspections, in which case the licence holder shall comply without delay with such requests.

27. No other horn other than that installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle shall be used on a taxi: Horn.

Provided that where the horn installed by the manufacturer of the vehicle needs to be replaced due to malfunction or damage caused thereto, it shall only be replaced by a horn of the same make. If this is not possible, the prior written approval of the Authority must be sought for the installation of a horn of a different make.

28. A taxi, other than an electric mini cab, shall be white in colour at the time it is being licensed as a taxi.

*Colour.
Substituted by:
L.N. 33 of 2011.*

29. (1) Without prejudice to the provision of regulation 28, a taxi may display advertisements and the taxi operations contact detail on any part of its body other than, in the case of a taxi which is not an electric mini cab, on the bonnet, the front doors, the front mudguards and wheel-arches which shall remain at all times painted white in colour.

*Advertisements.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 416 of 2020.*

(2) Where any advertisement, lettering or other printed matter is displayed in contravention of any law or any regulation made thereunder, the Authority may suspend the licence of such taxi unless and until the matter is regularised.

(3) Without prejudice to the above provisions, nothing shall be permitted to obstruct or otherwise interfere with the view of the driver or substantially hinder the view of passengers.

(4) The Authority may order a licence holder to remove any advertising whatsoever from any of his taxis.

(5) A licence holder shall only use the word "taxi" in advertising or marketing taxi services provided by him and shall refrain from using the said word to promote other types of passenger transport operations.

(6) The word "taxi" shall not be used to advertise any service delivered through the use of any vehicle which is not registered and licensed as a taxi.

(7) The sign prescribed in the Sixth Schedule, in any colour or form, shall not be used to advertise any service delivered through the use of any vehicle which is not registered and licensed as a taxi.

(8) No vehicle used for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward other than vehicles licensed as taxis in terms of these regulations may display any sign of whatsoever nature on any part of its roof.

30. Every taxi driver shall, while on duty, affix in the place designated by the Authority, the identification certificate issued by the Authority to enable the hirer to identify the driver and licence holder and provide him with such other information as the Authority may prescribe.

*Identification
certificate.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.*

31. The licence holder shall not, without the prior written approval of the Authority, carry out or allow or procure to be carried out any modifications to a taxi.

*Modifications to
vehicles.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.*

Wheelchair
accessible taxis.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

32. (1) The Authority shall only register and license as wheelchair accessible taxis, vehicles which allow easy and unaided access to persons who make use of wheelchairs.

(2) No motor vehicle other than those duly licensed as a wheelchair accessible taxi shall carry the sign prescribed in Part B of the Fourth Schedule or any similar sign which may mislead the public to believe that the particular motor vehicle is a wheelchair accessible taxi.

(3) No person shall use, in the course of marketing his taxi services, the sign prescribed in Part B of the Fourth Schedule, or any similar sign which can create confusion with the said sign, unless it truly operates wheelchair accessible taxis in terms of these regulations.

Electric mini cabs.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 98 of 2012;
L.N. 407 of 2012;
L.N. 433 of 2015.

33. (1) Only new electrically propelled vehicles which conform with the provisions of these regulations, other than -

- (a) regulation 20(1)(a), (b), (e), (g) to (j);
- (b) regulation 20(f) in respect of electric power assisted pedal cycles;
- (c) regulation 21(3) and (4);
- (d) regulation 23(2); and
- (e) regulation 34(5),

shall be licensed as electric mini cabs by the Authority in terms of these regulations:

Provided that electric power assisted pedal cycles shall only be registered with the Authority in terms of the Low-Powered Vehicles and Pedal Cycles Regulations.

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(2) Unless otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of these regulations which regulate taxis shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to the licensing and operation of electric mini cabs and accordingly any references which include taxis in these regulations shall be deemed to include a reference to electric mini cabs, provided that the following regulations shall not be applicable to the operation of electric mini cabs:

- (a) regulations 34, and 35 to 46:

Provided that the driver of an electric mini cabs shall comply with the requirements of regulation 42(2) and (3) and shall give to the hirer a fiscal receipt at the end of any hire;

- (b) regulation 47(2); and
- (c) regulation 58(2) to (4).

Taxi sign.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015.

34. (1) All taxis shall display an electrically illuminated TAXI sign which shall be fitted on the roof centrally between the front doors.

(2) The sign shall display the word TAXI in black letters on a white background in the case of taxis which are registered and licensed to provide taxi services in the island of Malta and the word

TAXI in red letters on a white background in the case of taxis which are registered and licensed to provide taxi services in the island of Gozo.

(3) The dimensions of the sign shall be such that the surface of the sign which is capable of being illuminated shall be at least 110 millimetres in height, at least 150 millimetres in width and at least 450 millimetres in length.

(4) The sign shall be constructed of a durable material, be weatherproof and be securely mounted on the roof of the vehicle.

(5) The taxi sign shall be connected to the taximeter in such a way that it shall automatically be switched off when the taximeter is switched on, and shall automatically be switched on when the taximeter is switched off.

(6) When lit, the sign shall emit a white or light yellow light.

(7) Different designs of taxi signs may be approved by the Authority provided they comply with the provisions of this regulation.

34A. (1) Electric mini cabs shall display an electrically illuminated MINI CAB sign fitted on the front middle part of the roof between the front doors:

Electric mini cab sign.
Added by:
L.N. 33 of 2011.
Amended by:
L.N. 407 of 2012.

Provided that in the case of electric power assisted pedal cycles, this sign may be fitted in an alternative place on the vehicle as shall be determined by the Authority.

(2) The sign shall display the words MINI CAB in black letters on a white background.

(3) The dimensions and design of the sign, which shall be made from durable material, shall be subject to the approval of the Authority.

35. (1) Wheelchair accessible taxis shall be clearly marked as such by means of a sign measuring 20cm by 20cm, as prescribed in Part B of the Fourth Schedule, which sign shall be marked as may be approved by the Authority.

Wheelchair accessible taxis to be clearly marked.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011.

(2) In the case of wheelchair accessible taxis, the illuminated taxi sign prescribed by regulation 34 shall, next to the word TAXI bear a representation of the sign prescribed in Part B of the Fourth Schedule.

36. (1) Taximeters shall be initially and periodically verified by the Malta Standards Authority in accordance with regulations issued by the Minister responsible for that Authority which may from time to time be in force.

Taximeters.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) If any alteration is made to a taximeter which has been initially verified or periodically verified, such taximeter shall no longer be considered as verified by the Malta Standards Authority and shall be required to be verified once again by that Authority.

(3) Upon initial or periodical verification of the taximeter in terms of regulations which may from time to time be in force, an official seal shall be placed by the Malta Standards Authority on

such taximeter. That taximeter may be removed and replaced only by persons approved by the Malta Standards Authority.

(4) The licence holder shall ensure that the seal placed on the taximeter in terms of sub-regulation (3) is not tampered with or broken at any time without the approval of the Malta Standards Authority.

(5) Taximeters shall, with effect from the 1st May, 2011 comply with the Technical Specifications for Taxi Peripheral Devices published by the Authority.

Position of taximeter.

37. Taximeters shall be fitted in such a position and in such manner as required by the Authority, so as to be clearly legible by the hirer in the taxi and by the driver.

Device for printing fiscal receipts.

38. The taximeter shall have a device which enables the printing of fiscal receipts.

Tests to be carried on taximeter.

39. Before a taximeter is used for the first time in a taxi, it shall be presented properly affixed to the taxi on which it is to be used, in order that the initial verification may be made by the Malta Standards Authority.

Taximeter to be affixed to taxi with which it has been approved.

40. (1) A taximeter or taximeter-gearbox may be fitted only to the taxi for which it has been tested and approved as aforesaid.

(2) Where a taximeter or a taximeter-gearbox is fitted on a taxi which is different from that for which it has been tested and approved, the taximeter or taximeter-gearbox shall no longer be considered as verified by the Malta Standards Authority and shall only be considered to be verified once it is tested and approved by the Malta Standards Authority on the vehicle on which it has been fitted.

Defective or tampered taximeter.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

41. (1) No taximeter which is in any way defective or tampered with may be used on a taxi and the vehicle to which it is fitted shall be immediately withdrawn from service by the licence holder until the taximeter is repaired or replaced by another taximeter and verified by the Malta Standards Authority.

(2) No person shall tamper with a taximeter.

Operation of a taximeter.
Amended by:
L.N. 98 of 2012.
Substituted by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

42. (1) When a hirer has paid a fixed-fare at a taxi-booth in accordance with regulation 66, the driver shall, at the commencement of the hiring, switch on the taximeter and cause it to indicate that the taxi is hired on a prepaid fixed-fare. At the end of such hiring the driver shall switch off the taximeter.

(2) When a hirer hires a taxi from a place where there is no taxi-booth, the taxi driver shall, at the commencement of the hiring, switch on the taximeter and cause it to start recording in accordance with the fares stipulated in Table 1 of the First Schedule. Immediately on the completion of the hiring the taxi driver shall cause the taximeter to cease recording, but the amount of fare recorded shall remain displayed on the taximeter so as to permit the hirer to have a reasonable opportunity of examining the said amount. Upon receiving the payment, the taxi driver shall give a fiscal receipt to the hirer stating the amount paid by the hirer.

(3) When a hirer wishes to hire a taxi for a tour, the hirer and taxi driver shall agree on the duration of the tour, as stipulated in Table 3 of the First Schedule. At the commencement of the hiring the taxi driver shall switch on the taximeter and cause it to start recording the duration of the trip. At the end of the agreed duration of the tour the taxi driver shall cause the taximeter to cease recording and show the tour fare in accordance with Table 3 of the First Schedule. Upon receiving the payment, the taxi driver shall give a fiscal receipt to the hirer stating the amount paid by the hirer:

Provided that if following the payment for the tour the hirer wishes to hire the taxi again, the conditions in sub-regulations (2) or (3) shall apply depending on the required duration of the new trip requested by the hirer.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation, the expression "the commencement of the hiring" shall mean the time when the passengers board the taxi, unless otherwise clearly agreed in advance between the driver and the hirer.

(5) A licence holder shall, without prejudice to any other obligation under any other law dealing with fiscal receipts and financial records, ensure that Z readings printed from all taximeters installed in taxis owned by that licence holder are kept for a period of at least six months and such records are accessible to the Authority.

43. (1) The licence holder shall ensure that the tracking device installed in each of the taxis registered in his name is kept in good working condition at all times and that any faults or breakdowns shall be reported immediately to the Authority.

Tracking device.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) The licence holder shall not tamper with, nor allow any driver or third party to tamper with, the tracking devices installed in the taxis registered in his name.

(3) When the tracking device installed in a taxi is in any way defective or tampered with, the licence holder shall immediately withdraw such taxi from service until the tracking device is repaired or replaced.

(4) The driver shall keep the tracking device switched on at all times while on duty, and shall cause the device to record and transmit all such information as may be prescribed by the Authority. This information shall be retained by the licence holder for a period of time as prescribed by the Authority from time to time.

(5) The licence holder shall, at the request of the Authority, submit to the Authority the information recorded by the tracking device in any reasonable form as the Authority may request.

(6) The tracking device shall be inspected by the Authority or a body approved by the Authority, to ensure that it conforms to the Technical Specifications for Taxi Peripheral Devices published by the Authority from time to time and upon establishing such conformity, an official seal shall be placed on such tracking device by the Authority or by a body approved by the Authority, and the

	licence holder shall ensure that such seal is not tampered with or broken at any time without the approval of the Authority.
Surveillance camera. <i>Amended by:</i> <i>L.N. 433 of 2015.</i>	44. (1) Where a taxi is fitted with a surveillance camera, in accordance with regulation 20(2), the camera shall be positioned in a way as to capture the back seat area of the taxi. (2) Taxis fitted with a surveillance camera shall have affixed, on a place within the taxi which is clearly visible to a person who hires the taxi, a sticker denoting that the taxi is fitted with a surveillance camera. (3) The surveillance camera shall be operated as specified in the technical specifications issued by the Authority. (4) The Police and the Authority may use any such recording as evidence in any case brought before the courts of criminal jurisdiction or in any case brought against a licence holder or driver for an infringement of these regulations.
Two-way communication system. <i>Amended by:</i> <i>L.N. 433 of 2015.</i>	45. A driver of a taxi shall keep the two-way communication system switched on while on duty in such a way that enables him to receive and impart communications from and to the Authority and from and to the licence holder and other drivers employed or engaged by the same licence holder, but shall not use the device for idle conversation.
Use of airconditioning system.	46. The driver shall ensure that the temperature within the taxi is kept at a comfortable ambient temperature at all times while on duty, unless otherwise specifically agreed with the hirer.
Carriage of persons or things while on hire. <i>Amended by:</i> <i>L.N. 433 of 2015.</i>	47. (1) While a taxi is on hire, the licence holder and the driver shall not allow any person or thing to be carried in, on or about the taxi without the consent of the hirer. (2) The taxi driver shall ensure that the luggage compartment of the taxi is not kept open in such a way as to hinder the view of the taxi driver while he is driving and shall moreover ensure that the luggage is stored securely in the luggage booth.
Lost property.	48. The driver shall, immediately after the termination of any hiring, search the taxi and, if any property which may have been left therein is found, surrender such property to the Police within twenty four hours from finding such property.
Appropriate clothing. <i>Amended by:</i> <i>L.N. 433 of 2015.</i>	49. (1) The driver shall, while on duty, wear a uniform of the pattern and colour as established by the Authority in consultation with the recognised representatives of licence holders, the specifications of which shall be published by the Authority from time to time. (2) The officers of the Authority, community officers and the Police may order a driver to stop working if the driver is not wearing the said uniform.
Prohibition of overloading.	50. No driver shall carry a greater number of persons than that fixed in the taxi registration certificate.
Control of vehicle.	51. (1) A driver shall at all times conduct the taxi under the power of its own motor and shall in no circumstances resort to free-

wheeling along any stretch of road either in the forward or in the reverse direction, beyond a distance of six metres.

(2) Drivers shall drive the taxi in a prudent manner so as not to make the passengers feel, in any way, unsafe, or in such a way that causes anxiety to such passengers.

52. Drivers may, when driving a taxi, use the lane of a carriageway indicated as a priority vehicle lane.

Use of priority vehicle lane.

53. No driver shall drive any taxi while wearing, or using on both ears, earphones or headphones or any other device which may hinder or is likely to hinder that person from hearing properly, with the exception of two-way communication systems and handsfree devices.

Use of apparatus while driving.

54. (1) Drivers shall not hold lengthy discussions while driving a taxi.

No disturbances while driving.

(2) Drivers shall not play any audio device while carrying passengers in a taxi unless this has been agreed to with the hirer.

55. (1) Every taxi shall be kept constantly clean by the licence holder.

Vehicle to be clean and in good order.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) Every licence holder shall ensure that taxis registered in his name, including the equipment fitted thereon, are maintained in good order and in a good state of repair at all times.

56. (1) No licence holder or driver shall permit petrol or any other inflammable liquid or material to be carried in a taxi except in the fuel-tank of the said vehicle.

Inflammable liquids.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) No driver shall permit any weapons or loaded firearms to be carried in the taxi.

57. (1) No passenger or driver may smoke while he is in a taxi.

Smoking.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) Every licence holder shall keep affixed within the taxi in a place which is clearly visible to the passengers, a notice stipulating that smoking is not allowed within the taxi.

58. (1) A licence holder shall ensure that every taxi registered in his name shall, at all times, carry a fire extinguisher, a security triangle, and a first-aid kit, in such a position as to be available for immediate use in cases of emergency.

Emergency equipment and emergency button.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) In cases of emergency, the driver shall, if possible, press the emergency button.

(3) The emergency button shall bear a sticker clearly indicating the words "use in cases of emergency only".

(4) No person shall intentionally push the emergency button unless there exists an emergency situation.

59. (1) No driver shall without reasonable cause refuse to hire the taxi being driven by him to any given place, or, at the choice of the person requiring the hiring of the taxi, for a specified or

Hire of taxi.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 416 of 2020.

unspecified time not exceeding four hours.

(2) A driver who has agreed or has been hired to be in attendance with a taxi, at an appointed place and time, shall attend with such taxi at such appointed time and place.

(3) During the continuance of the hiring of a taxi by a hirer, a driver of a taxi other than an electric mini cab shall wait with the taxi at such places and for such time as the hirer may lawfully direct.

(4) A driver of a taxi when asked to drive to any particular destination shall, subject to any directions given by the hirer, proceed to that destination by the most expeditious route and shall drop off the hirers at the nearest possible point of the agreed destination.

Solicitation and
standing for hire.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011.

60. (1) It shall not be lawful for a taxi driver to pass through the streets at a very slow speed, for the purpose of letting out the taxi, or to annoy any person by soliciting hire, either personally or through others.

(2) The drivers of the first three taxis standing for hire on any taxi stand or electric mini cab stand, as the case may be, shall not leave their taxi while it is so standing for hire. The drivers of any other taxi standing for hire as aforesaid shall remain within easy reach and shall immediately take charge of their taxi as soon as their turn comes to take their place among the first three taxis:

Provided that either the Police or the officers of the Authority may, when it appears to either of them that the enforcement of the provisions of this regulation may cause hardship through long exposure to the sun, dispense such drivers from compliance therewith.

(3) No person shall hire a taxi from any taxi stand or an electric mini cab stand, as the case may be, nor shall the driver of a taxi on any stand accept a hire, unless, in each case, such taxi is the first on the stand:

Provided that if the driver of the first taxi is not in the taxi, the first taxi on the stand with a driver in it shall be deemed to be the taxi first available for hire:

Provided further that where a person who uses a wheelchair wishes to hire a taxi from a stand and a wheelchair accessible taxi is standing for hire on such stand, such wheelchair accessible taxi shall be deemed to be the taxi first available for hire for such purpose.

(4) Where a driver of a taxi which is the first in line on any stand refuses to hire a taxi in contravention of this regulation, the taxi of such driver shall, without prejudice to any other fine or punishment, lose its place on the stand and be replaced by the next taxi.

(5) While a taxi is standing for hire, its driver shall not call or otherwise importune any person to hire such a taxi and shall not make use of the services of any other person for such purpose.

- 61.** (1) A taxi may ply for hire, provided that the driver shall not offer its services or accept a hire from any person within a radius of one hundred metres from a taxi stand and, or within a radius of fifteen metres from any bus stop or fare stage. Plying for hire.
- (2) While a taxi is plying for hire, the driver shall not call or otherwise importune any person to hire such a taxi and shall not make use of the services of any other person for such purpose.
- 62.** Drivers who drive wheelchair accessible taxis shall give priority for hire to people who use wheelchairs. Priority to persons who use wheelchair.
- 63.** (1) No fare shall be levied for the hire of a taxi, other than an electric mini cab, which is higher than the fixed-fare, when such a fixed-fare is applicable in terms of Table 2 of the First Schedule. Fare levied for hire of taxis.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 416 of 2020.
- (2) No fare shall be levied for the hire of an electric taxi which is higher than the electric mini cab maximum fare established in terms of Table 4 of the First Schedule.
- (3) When no fixed-fare is applicable to the hire of a taxi, other than an electric mini cab, the fare shall be the fare shown by the taximeter which fare may be:
- (a) discounted by such fixed percentage as advertised by the licence holder; or
 - (b) discounted as agreed between the hirer and the driver.
- (4) Where a taxi, other than an electric mini-cab, is hired for more than five (5) passengers, the applicable maximum fares established in Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the First Schedule shall be increased by fifty percent (50%).
- 64.** A licence holder shall keep affixed within the taxi in the manner determined by the Authority, a copy issued by the Authority of the maximum tariffs together with any percentage discount of the said tariff established by the licence holder. Copy of tariff.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.
- 64A.** (1) No person shall soil or damage the interior of a taxi. Soiling and damaging of taxis.
Added by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.
- (2) No person shall litter the interior of a taxi.
- (3) A taxi driver may charge the passenger or passengers a maximum of fifty euro (€50) for soiling or causing damage to the interior of a taxi during a hire if such soiling or damage requires the taxi to be taken out of service for cleaning or repairing.

PART VI

TAXI STANDS AND TAXI BOOTHS

- 65.** (1) The Authority shall designate and mark taxi stands with an appropriate sign showing the number of taxis which may stand for hire on such stands. Designation of taxi stands.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 407 of 2012.
- (2) The Authority shall designate and mark electric mini cab stands with an appropriate sign showing the number of electric taxis which may stand for hire on such electric mini cab stands.
- (3) Only taxis may park or wait on a taxi stand, and no other motor vehicle, including electric mini cabs, shall park or wait on a taxi stand.

(4) Only electric mini cabs may park or wait on an electric mini cab stand, and no other motor vehicle shall park or wait on an electric mini cab stand.

(5) No other taxi shall stand on a taxi stand while the maximum number of taxis indicated on the taxi stand sign has been reached.

(6) No other electric mini cab shall stand on an electric mini cab stand while the maximum number of electric mini cabs indicated on the electric mini cab stand sign has been reached.

Taxi booths.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015.

66. (1) Licence holders may, subject to the permission of the possessor of the land and to any requirement stipulated in any other law, set up and operate taxi booths in the places prescribed as departure points in Table 2 of the First Schedule.

(2) Where a taxi-booth is in operation, a hirer shall purchase a pre-paid fixed-fare ticket from such booth and present it to the driver when boarding the taxi.

(3) Where a taxi-booth is in operation, no driver shall hire a taxi under his charge unless he is first presented with the pre-paid fixed-fare ticket by the hirer when boarding the taxi.

(4) Fixed-fare tickets shall consist of two parts, one being a fiscal receipt to be kept by the hirer and a counterfoil which is to be given to the driver of the taxi.

(5) On presentation of the fixed-fare ticket counterfoil by the licence holder to the booth operator, the booth operator shall pay the value of such ticket to the taxi service operator less a pre-agreed commission which is to be retained by the booth operator.

(6) The licence holder shall, without prejudice to any other obligations under any other law dealing with fiscal receipts and financial records, ensure that counterfoils of all fixed-fare tickets are kept for a period of at least six months and such records shall be accessible by the Authority.

(7) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to electric mini cabs.

PART VII

OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Criminal
proceedings and
penalties.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015;
L.N. 416 of 2020.

67. (1) Any person who commits a breach of -

- (a) regulation 9(1),
- (b) regulation 19,
- (c) regulation 36,
- (d) regulation 41(2), and
- (e) regulation 43,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (*multa*) not exceeding ten thousand euro (€10,000), or to imprisonment for a period of not more than six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the court may order the immediate revocation of any authorisation, or licence or permit

held in terms of these regulations by the person found guilty of such an offence.

(2) A person who is found guilty of breaching regulation 36 , or regulation 41(2) shall, in addition to the penalty prescribed in sub-regulation (1) and the penalty points in terms of the provisions of regulation 68, be liable:

- (a) for a first offence, to the confiscation of the taxi for a period of not less than one month but not exceeding three months;
- (b) for a second offence, to the confiscation of the taxi for a period of not less than three months but not exceeding six months; and
- (c) for a third or any subsequent offence to the confiscation of the taxi for a period of not less than six months but not exceeding one year.

The confiscation of the taxi shall take place irrespective of whether the offender is the owner of the motor vehicle or otherwise.

(3) A person who contravenes any of these regulations other than those stipulated in sub-regulations (1) and (4) shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (*ammenda*) not exceeding three thousand euro (€3,000). Furthermore, the court shall order the Authority to impose on such person one penalty point for every ten euro (€10) or part thereof imposed on such person by way of a fine (*ammenda*) in terms of this sub-regulation, where such person is a licence holder or a driver.

(4) A person who is found guilty of contravening the provisions of regulation 29(6) or 29(7) or 29(8) shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (*ammenda*) of five hundred euro (€500).

(5) A person who is found guilty of contravening the provisions of regulation 64A(3) shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (*ammenda*) of one hundred euro (€100) in addition to the charge provided for in regulation 64A(3).

(6) When a licence holder or driver is found guilty of contravening any of the provisions of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance or any regulations made thereunder, or the Act or any regulations made thereunder, the Court, Local Tribunal or other adjudicating authority shall notify the Authority of such fact, and the Authority shall impose on such person one penalty point for every ten euro (€10) or part thereof imposed on such person by way of a fine in terms of this sub-regulation.

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68. (1) The Authority shall impose the administrative penalties prescribed in column 2 of the Fifth Schedule and the corresponding penalty points calculated in terms of subregulation (4) on any licence holder who contravenes the provisions of the regulations listed in column 1 of the Fifth Schedule.

Penalty points and administrative penalties.
Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.

(2) The Authority shall impose the administrative penalties prescribed in column 3 of the Fifth Schedule and the corresponding

penalty points calculated in terms of sub-regulation (4) on any driver who contravenes the provisions of the regulations included in column 1 of the Fifth Schedule.

(3) Where a licence or permit holder contravenes the same provision of these regulations on five different occasions within a period of twelve consecutive months, the Authority shall impose upon that licence or permit holder, in addition to the administrative penalties prescribed in the Fifth Schedule and the corresponding penalty points calculated in terms of sub-regulation (4), an additional twenty penalty points.

(4) The Authority shall impose one penalty point for every ten euro (€10) or part thereof imposed on a person by way of an administrative penalty in terms of this regulation.

(5) Penalty points and administrative penalties shall be imposed by the Authority without recourse to a court hearing and may be imposed either as a one-time penalty or on a daily cumulative basis until compliance, provided that in the latter case the accumulated penalty shall not exceed ten thousand euro (€10,000).

(6) The Authority shall not impose administrative penalties on a person for a breach of these regulations where criminal proceedings have already been instituted in court against such person with respect to the said breach.

(7) The Authority shall, before imposing an administrative penalty in terms of these regulations, inform the person on whom the penalty is imposed of its intention to do so by notice in writing. Every such notice shall state that the person concerned has a right to make representations in writing within ten days to the Authority, giving reasons why the administrative penalty should not be imposed and the Authority shall consider any such representations before arriving at a final decision. The Authority shall notify in writing its final decision to the applicant concerned.

Commission of same offence more than once in a six-month period.
Amended by:
L.N. 416 of 2020.

69. Notwithstanding the provisions of regulation 68(3) and (4), where a person contravenes the same provision of these regulations more than once within a period of six consecutive months, there shall be imposed upon him two penalty points for every ten euro (€10) imposed upon him by order of the court or a local tribunal in terms of regulation 67 or by the Authority in terms of regulation 68, as the case may be.

Right of appeal from imposition of penalty points and administrative penalties.

70. (1) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Authority to impose administrative penalties and the corresponding penalty points may within thirty days from the date when such decision is communicated to him, lodge an appeal therefrom with the Tribunal.

(2) The Tribunal may confirm, revoke or alter the administrative penalty and the corresponding penalty points imposed by the Authority. The administrative penalty, if any, as confirmed or modified by the Tribunal, and, or by the Court of Appeal, where an appeal on a point of law is lodged in terms of the Act, shall be recoverable by the Authority as a civil debt and the decision of the Tribunal or the Court of Appeal, as the case may be, shall constitute an executive title for all intents and purposes of the Code of Organization and Civil Procedure.

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(3) If upon the renewal of any licence or permit granted in terms of these regulations, the person in whose name such licence or permit is granted owes the Authority a civil debt in terms of sub-regulation (2), such licence or permit shall not be renewed unless and until such debt is settled in full.

71. (1) In the event that the Authority imposes an administrative penalty in terms of regulation 68, and the person on whom such penalty is imposed, pays such penalty to the Authority within thirty days from the date of receipt of intimation to pay, no criminal proceedings shall be instituted against such person in relation to the relative breach.

No criminal action when an administrative penalty is paid.

(2) No criminal proceedings for the prosecution of a breach of these regulations shall be instituted while an appeal therefrom is pending before the Tribunal.

72. (1) The Authority shall suspend for a period of one year a taxi licence if, at any time, its registered licence holder accumulates five hundred penalty points in terms of these regulations:

Suspension or withdrawal of any licence or permit. Substituted by: L.N. 433 of 2015.

Provided that when a taxi licence is suspended, the licence holder shall submit, for the length of the suspension, the registration certificate and the registration plates of the taxi to the Authority; at which point the Authority shall provide the licence holder with a document confirming that he is the licence holder of the suspended taxi licence:

Provided further that if the suspended taxi licence is transferred to a new licence holder, the new licence holder shall be entitled to use the taxi licence only at the end of the suspension period:

Provided further that on the lapse of the suspension, the Authority shall reissue the registration certificate and registration plates to the licence holder, cancel the penalty points, and notify him accordingly.

(2) The Authority shall revoke a taxi driver permit if, at any time, the driver accumulates two hundred penalty points in terms of these regulations and, or in terms of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations:

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Provided that such a permit shall be revoked where the driver of the permit accumulates one hundred penalty points in terms of these regulations and, or in terms of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations during the first five years from the date on which that person is granted a taxi driver permit:

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Provided further that the preceding proviso shall not apply to drivers who had been granted a taxi driver's tag by the Authority before the coming into force of these regulations*.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-regulations (1) and (2), the Authority shall not suspend a taxi licence or revoke a taxi driver permit where the licence holder or the driver, as the case may be, has entered an appeal before the Tribunal or a court from a decision of the Authority on the imposition of any of the accumulated penalty points.

(4) Where a licence holder or driver incurs less than sixteen penalty points within a period of thirty-six consecutive months, the Authority shall, on the lapse of such period, cancel all penalty points imposed on him, and shall notify the licence holder or driver accordingly.

Suspension or withdrawal of licence or permit upon institution of criminal proceedings.

73. *(Deleted by Legal Notice 433 of 2015).*

Driving licence to be amended by the Authority.

74. Where a taxi driver permit has been suspended or revoked or is no longer in force, for any reason, the driver shall immediately forward his driving licence to the Authority and the Authority shall amend that driving licence accordingly.

Prohibition to apply for a licence or permit.
*Amended by:
L.N. 457 of 2012.*

75. Any person whose licence and, or permit has been withdrawn under these regulations may not apply for a new licence and, or permit before the lapse of a period of two years from such withdrawal, and the Authority shall not consider any application made in contravention of this regulation:

Provided that the provisions of this regulation shall not apply in cases where the licence or permit, as applicable, has been withdrawn due to the fact that the applicant was not considered to be of good repute and conduct in terms of these regulations or the Passenger Transport Services Regulations.

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PART VIII

GENERAL AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Appeal to the Tribunal.

76. Any person aggrieved by a decision taken by the Authority under these regulations shall have the right to appeal therefrom to the Tribunal within thirty days from the date the decision on which the appeal is entered is communicated to the person concerned.

Taxi operator's licence transitory provision.
*Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011.*

77. *(Deleted by Legal Notice 433 of 2015).*

*refers to the coming into force of L.N. 433 of 2015 - 24th December, 2015.

78. Persons who, on the coming into force of these regulations, are authorised by the Authority to drive taxis and who hold a tag in terms of regulation 131 of the Motor Vehicles Regulations, shall have six months from the entry into force of these regulations to apply and obtain a taxi driver permit under these regulations, and shall be exempted from paying the initial application fee prescribed in the Second Schedule and from the provisions of regulation 12(1).

Taxi driver permit
transitory
provision.
Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 416 of 2020.
S.L. 65.11

79. A person who had his taxi driver permit withdrawn by the Authority between the 1st November, 2010 and the 30th November, 2012, due to the fact that such a person was not considered to satisfy the conditions of good repute and conduct in terms of these regulations as then in force, shall be exempt -

Exemptions.
Added by:
L.N. 457 of 2012.

- (a) from the requirement of paying the initial application fee prescribed in Part 2 of the Second Schedule, and
 - (b) from the provisions of regulation 12(1).
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FIRST SCHEDULE
(Regulations 42, 63, 66)

Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015.
Substituted by:
L.N. 416 of 2020.

MAXIMUM TARIFF OF TAXI FARES

TABLE 1

MAXIMUM FARES CHARGEABLE WHEN A FIXED-FARE IS NOT APPLICABLE

Initial Fare	€3.50
For the first kilometer	€2.50 per km
Over one kilometer up to five kilometers	€1.60 per km
Over five kilometers up to ten kilometers	€1.40 per km
Over ten kilometers up to fifteen kilometers	€1.30 per km
Over fifteen kilometers up to twenty kilometers	€1.00 per km
Over twenty kilometers	€0.85 per km

Provided that on the 25th December and on the 1st January of each year there shall be a flat additional charge of €4.50 for every trip.

Traffic charge per hour or part thereof which is triggered when the taxi travels more than 100m but less than 1km over three consecutive minutes and which shall keep being applied until such moment when the said taxi travels more than 300m in one minute. €4.20

Waiting charge per hour or part thereof which is triggered when a taxi travels less than 100m over three consecutive minutes and which shall keep being applied until such moment when the said taxi travels more than 100m in one minute. €25.00

TABLE 2
MAXIMUM FIXED FARES

Booths Destinations	Buġibba	Ċirkewwa	Cruise PT*	Gianp-ula	MDH* *	MIA** *	Sliema	St. Julians	Valletta
Albert Town	€24.00	€37.00	€12.00	€19.00	€14.00	€13.00	€16.00	€16.00	€12.00
Armier	€24.00	€13.00	€37.00	€29.00	€32.00	€37.00	€34.00	€32.00	€37.00
Attard	€20.00	€30.00	€19.00	€12.00	€18.00	€20.00	€19.00	€19.00	€19.00
Bahar lċ-Ċaghaq	€16.00	€29.00	€22.00	€21.00	€18.00	€24.00	€16.00	€12.00	€20.00
Bahrija	€24.00	€29.00	€28.00	€18.00	€27.00	€30.00	€29.00	€28.00	€29.00
Balzan	€18.00	€31.00	€17.00	€14.00	€12.00	€20.00	€15.00	€16.00	€17.00
Bidnija	€12.00	€24.00	€23.00	€17.00	€20.00	€27.00	€22.00	€20.00	€23.00

Bingemma	€18.00	€24.00	€28.00	€18.00	€22.00	€26.00	€24.00	€25.00	€28.00
Birkirkara	€18.00	€31.00	€16.00	€15.00	€12.00	€20.00	€14.00	€15.00	€16.00
Birżebbugia	€31.00	€37.00	€19.00	€26.00	€21.00	€18.00	€23.00	€23.00	€20.00
Bugibba	€12.00	€24.00	€25.00	€20.00	€20.00	€28.00	€23.00	€20.00	€25.00
Burmarrad	€12.00	€24.00	€24.00	€18.00	€18.00	€27.00	€20.00	€20.00	€24.00
Ċirkewwa	€24.00	n/a	€37.00	€30.00	€32.00	€37.00	€35.00	€33.00	€37.00
Corradino	€26.00	€37.00	€13.00	€21.00	€16.00	€15.00	€18.00	€18.00	€14.00
Bormla	€27.00	€37.00	€15.00	€22.00	€18.00	€17.00	€19.00	€20.00	€16.00
Cruise PT*	€25.00	€37.00	n/a	€20.00	€14.00	€17.00	€18.00	€18.00	€12.00
Delimara	€32.00	€37.00	€20.00	€27.00	€22.00	€16.00	€24.00	€24.00	€21.00
Dingli	€22.00	€32.00	€25.00	€13.00	€24.00	€23.00	€26.00	€25.00	€25.00
Fgura	€27.00	€37.00	€15.00	€22.00	€17.00	€14.00	€19.00	€19.00	€16.00
Floriana	€24.00	€37.00	€12.00	€21.00	€14.00	€17.00	€14.00	€16.00	€12.00
Ghajn Dwieli	€26.00	€37.00	€14.00	€21.00	€16.00	€16.00	€18.00	€18.00	€14.00
Ghajn Tuffieha	€17.00	€20.00	€30.00	€20.00	€25.00	€29.00	€28.00	€26.00	€30.00
Ghar Lapsi	€27.00	€37.00	€23.00	€18.00	€24.00	€21.00	€26.00	€26.00	€24.00
Gharghur	€16.00	€29.00	€20.00	€20.00	€12.00	€22.00	€15.00	€14.00	€19.00
Ghaxaq	€28.00	€37.00	€17.00	€23.00	€19.00	€12.00	€20.00	€21.00	€17.00
G'Mangia	€22.00	€34.00	€12.00	€19.00	€12.00	€16.00	€12.00	€13.00	€12.00
Golden Bay	€18.00	€20.00	€30.00	€21.00	€26.00	€29.00	€28.00	€27.00	€31.00
Gudja	€28.00	€37.00	€17.00	€22.00	€19.00	€12.00	€20.00	€21.00	€18.00
Gżira	€21.00	€34.00	€17.00	€21.00	€12.00	€20.00	€12.00	€12.00	€13.00
Hal-Far	€34.00	€37.00	€22.00	€26.00	€24.00	€16.00	€26.00	€26.00	€23.00
Hamrun	€22.00	€34.00	€12.00	€19.00	€12.00	€16.00	€12.00	€13.00	€12.00
High Ridge	€18.00	€31.00	€20.00	€21.00	€13.00	€22.00	€14.00	€12.00	€18.00
Iklin	€17.00	€30.00	€18.00	€17.00	€12.00	€20.00	€15.00	€15.00	€16.00
Kalkara	€28.00	€37.00	€17.00	€23.00	€19.00	€19.00	€20.00	€21.00	€17.00
Kappara	€19.00	€32.00	€16.00	€21.00	€12.00	€19.00	€12.00	€12.00	€14.00
Kirkop	€29.00	€37.00	€18.00	€19.00	€20.00	€12.00	€21.00	€22.00	€19.00
Lab Wharf	€27.00	€37.00	€15.00	€22.00	€17.00	€17.00	€19.00	€19.00	€15.00
Lija	€18.00	€31.00	€17.00	€13.00	€12.00	€20.00	€16.00	€16.00	€17.00
Luqa	€26.00	€37.00	€14.00	€19.00	€17.00	€12.00	€18.00	€19.00	€15.00
Madliena	€18.00	€31.00	€20.00	€22.00	€14.00	€22.00	€14.00	€12.00	€18.00
Manikata	€17.00	€18.00	€31.00	€21.00	€25.00	€30.00	€27.00	€26.00	€31.00
Marfa	€23.00	€12.00	€36.00	€29.00	€31.00	€37.00	€33.00	€32.00	€36.00
Marsa	€23.00	€36.00	€12.00	€18.00	€12.00	€15.00	€14.00	€15.00	€12.00
Marsascala	€33.00	€37.00	€21.00	€29.00	€23.00	€20.00	€25.00	€24.00	€22.00
Marsaxlokk	€31.00	€37.00	€19.00	€26.00	€21.00	€15.00	€23.00	€23.00	€20.00
MDH**	€20.00	€32.00	€14.00	€20.00	n/a	€18.00	€12.00	€15.00	€14.00

Mdina	€19.00	€29.00	€22.00	€12.00	€21.00	€22.00	€23.00	€22.00	€22.00
Mellicha	€18.00	€16.00	€31.00	€24.00	€26.00	€33.00	€29.00	€27.00	€31.00
Mġarr	€17.00	€22.00	€27.00	€18.00	€22.00	€26.00	€24.00	€24.00	€28.00
MIA***	€28.00	€37.00	€17.00	€21.00	€18.00	n/a	€20.00	€21.00	€17.00
Mosta	€16.00	€28.00	€21.00	€14.00	€15.00	€24.00	€18.00	€18.00	€19.00
Mqabba	€28.00	€37.00	€20.00	€17.00	€20.00	€12.00	€21.00	€22.00	€20.00
Msida	€21.00	€34.00	€12.00	€21.00	€12.00	€19.00	€12.00	€12.00	€12.00
Mtahleb	€22.00	€29.00	€26.00	€16.00	€25.00	€25.00	€27.00	€26.00	€26.00
Mtarfa	€19.00	€29.00	€23.00	€12.00	€23.00	€22.00	€24.00	€24.00	€24.00
Naxxar	€14.00	€28.00	€21.00	€18.00	€14.00	€23.00	€17.00	€15.00	€19.00
Paceville	€20.00	€32.00	€18.00	€22.00	€12.00	€20.00	€12.00	n/a	€16.00
Paola	€25.00	€37.00	€12.00	€20.00	€15.00	€12.00	€17.00	€18.00	€13.00
Pembroke	€19.00	€32.00	€17.00	€23.00	€14.00	€21.00	€13.00	€12.00	€17.00
Pieta	€23.00	€35.00	€12.00	€20.00	€12.00	€16.00	€12.00	€15.00	€12.00
Qawra	€12.00	€25.00	€24.00	€21.00	€20.00	€28.00	€22.00	€21.00	€25.00
Qormi	€23.00	€34.00	€12.00	€16.00	€12.00	€15.00	€14.00	€14.00	€13.00
Qrendi	€27.00	€37.00	€21.00	€17.00	€21.00	€14.00	€23.00	€23.00	€21.00
Rabat	€20.00	€28.00	€22.00	€12.00	€22.00	€22.00	€23.00	€23.00	€23.00
Safi	€30.00	€37.00	€19.00	€20.00	€21.00	€12.00	€22.00	€23.00	€20.00
Salini	€12.00	€24.00	€24.00	€21.00	€18.00	€27.00	€20.00	€19.00	€23.00
San Ġwann	€18.00	€31.00	€17.00	€20.00	€12.00	€20.00	€12.00	€12.00	€15.00
Santa Lucia	€26.00	€37.00	€14.00	€21.00	€17.00	€12.00	€18.00	€19.00	€15.00
Santa Venera	€21.00	€34.00	€13.00	€18.00	€12.00	€16.00	€12.00	€12.00	€13.00
Senglea	€28.00	€37.00	€16.00	€23.00	€18.00	€18.00	€20.00	€20.00	€17.00
Siggiewi	€25.00	€34.00	€18.00	€13.00	€19.00	€19.00	€21.00	€21.00	€19.00
Sliema	€23.00	€35.00	€18.00	€22.00	€12.00	€20.00	€12.00	€12.00	€15.00
St Andrew's	€18.00	€31.00	€17.00	€22.00	€14.00	€21.00	€12.00	€12.00	€17.00
St Julian's	€20.00	€33.00	€18.00	€23.00	€15.00	€21.00	€12.00	€12.00	€17.00
St Paul's Bay	€12.00	€22.00	€25.00	€20.00	€20.00	€29.00	€23.00	€21.00	€25.00
Swatar	€20.00	€33.00	€13.00	€20.00	€12.00	€18.00	€12.00	€12.00	€13.00
Swieqi	€19.00	€32.00	€18.00	€22.00	€12.00	€20.00	€12.00	€12.00	€16.00
Ta I-Ibragġ	€19.00	€31.00	€17.00	€22.00	€12.00	€21.00	€13.00	€12.00	€17.00
Ta'Qali	€18.00	€28.00	€20.00	€12.00	€17.00	€21.00	€19.00	€20.00	€21.00
Tarxien	€27.00	€37.00	€15.00	€22.00	€17.00	€12.00	€19.00	€19.00	€15.00
Ta'Xbiex	€21.00	€34.00	€17.00	€21.00	€12.00	€20.00	€12.00	€12.00	€13.00
Valletta	€25.00	€37.00	€12.00	€22.00	€14.00	€17.00	€15.00	€17.00	€12.00
Vittoriosa	€28.00	€37.00	€16.00	€23.00	€18.00	€18.00	€20.00	€20.00	€17.00
Wardija	€12.00	€22.00	€26.00	€19.00	€22.00	€28.00	€24.00	€21.00	€27.00
Wied iż-Żurrieq	€28.00	€37.00	€22.00	€19.00	€24.00	€16.00	€26.00	€26.00	€23.00

Xemxija	€13.00	€19.00	€27.00	€22.00	€23.00	€31.00	€25.00	€23.00	€27.00
Xghajra	€31.00	€37.00	€19.00	€27.00	€21.00	€20.00	€23.00	€23.00	€20.00
Żabbar	€29.00	€37.00	€18.00	€26.00	€20.00	€18.00	€21.00	€22.00	€18.00
Żebbiegh	€17.00	€22.00	€26.00	€16.00	€20.00	€25.00	€23.00	€23.00	€27.00
Żebbuġ	€22.00	€32.00	€17.00	€12.00	€19.00	€19.00	€20.00	€21.00	€18.00
Żejtun	€29.00	€37.00	€18.00	€25.00	€19.00	€15.00	€21.00	€21.00	€18.00
Żurrieq	€29.00	€37.00	€21.00	€19.00	€23.00	€15.00	€24.00	€25.00	€21.00

*Cruise PT = Cruise Passenger Terminal;

**MDH = Mater Dei Hospital;

*** MIA = Malta International Airport.

TABLE 3
TOUR FARES

Tour duration (hours and part thereof)Fares

2 €50

3 €65

4 €80

5 €95

6 €110

7 €125

8 €140

Any additional hour€20

TABLE 4
ELECTRIC MINI CAB MAXIMUM FARE

Any location, irrespective of duration of trip or distance covered:A maximum of €5.00 per trip.

SECOND SCHEDULE
(Regulations 10, 16, 21, 23, 78)

*Amended by:
L.N. 33 of 2011;
L.N. 433 of 2015.
Substituted by:
L.N. 416 of 2020.*

FEES

Part 1

Driver's Tag

Issue of driver's tag (valid for five (5) years): €12

Replacement of lost driver's tag: €12

Part 2

Taxi Licence (other than Electric Mini Cab)

Application fee: €100

Renewal fee: €200

per taxi licence*

Part 3

Electric Mini Cab licence

Application fee: €25

Renewal fee: €25 per vehicle per year

Part 4

Temporary taxi licence

Administration fee: €8

* To be paid with the circulation licence fee of the vehicle on a pro-rata basis.

Amended by:
L.N. 426 of 2012.

THIRD SCHEDULE
(Regulation 12)

PART 1:

List of subjects to be covered in the training to obtain a Taxi Driver and Area Knowledge Certificate referred to in regulation 12

1. Knowledge of vehicle characteristics and safety features including, *inter alia*:
 - a. Knowledge of the characteristics of the transmission (gear) systems enabling a driver to make the best possible use of them;
 - b. Knowledge of the technical characteristics and operation of the safety controls in order to control the vehicle (compliance with safety and security procedures), minimize wear and tear and prevent vehicle malfunction;
 - c. Ability to optimise fuel consumption.
2. Safety of driver, passengers and other road users including:
 - a. Ability to ensure passenger comfort and safety including particular behaviour with elderly and passengers with special needs;
 - b. Knowledge of legislation regulating the carriage of passengers, including a thorough knowledge of the Taxi Services Regulations;
 - c. Ability to assess and deal with emergency situations, including
 - i. First aid/CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)
 - ii. Aggressive or drunken behaviour by passengers
 - iii. Dealing with accidents
 - d. Ability to prevent and deal with criminality, including
 - i. Refusal by the passenger to pay the fare or tariff
 - ii. Passengers requesting information on illegal activities
 - iii. Passengers requesting over-speeding
 - iv. Passengers requesting overloading of passengers
 - e. Correct use of speed
 - f. Physical fitness to drive a taxi
 - g. Awareness of the risks on the road and accidents at work
3. Routes and destinations
 - a. Thorough knowledge of routes, including the ability to provide shortest route and alternate routes
 - b. Basic knowledge of prime tourist and commercial locations across Malta and Gozo
 - c. Knowledge of basic functions of the taximeter and other equipment installed in the taxi in pursuance of the Taxi Services Regulations
4. Interpersonal skills including:
 - a. Customer Care
 - b. Politeness

- c. Personal cleanliness
- 5. Languages
 - a. Fluency in Maltese and the ability to communicate in basic English
- 6. Optional training with respect to the use of a wheelchair accessible taxis:
 - a. Maintaining wheel belts or wheel clamps in good working order
 - b. Ability to safely install the wheelchair in the taxi, backing the chair to the "fold down" seats, then securing both wheelchair brakes, secure seat belts/safety harness and also secure wheel belts/clamps if fitted to vehicle, ensure that the wheelchair and disabled person are secure.

Minimum duration of training - 46 hours

PART 2:

Organisation of the Examination

The examination shall consist of two parts, the theory examination and the practical examination. The applicant shall only be allowed to sit for the practical examination within twelve months from when he passes the theory examination.

Part 2a - Theory Examination

The Authority shall organise a compulsory examination which may be written or oral to establish whether applicant has achieved the required level of knowledge in the subjects listed in Part I. Where the examination is in writing and the applicant is unable to read and write, the Authority shall provide the applicant with a person who will read the paper set and write down the replies stated by the applicant.

Duration: 45 minutes

Part 2b - Practical Examination

The Authority shall also organize a compulsory practical examination in which the applicant must demonstrate:

- Driving a route chosen by the Authority to ensure respect for road safety regulations, and adoption of the most effective route, including at least one prime tourist and one prime commercial locations;
- A safety check of the vehicle
- A compliance check of vehicle
- Ability to use the Taximeter and other peripheral equipment

If 10 or more errors are committed, the applicant will fail the practical examination. Any serious or dangerous errors will result in failure notwithstanding the fact that less than 10 errors are accumulated.

Duration: 45 minutes

PART 3: TAXI DRIVER AND AREA KNOWLEDGE CERTIFICATE

We,, hereby certify that holder of legally valid identification document/passport, and residing at

- i. has passed the examination set to him on the organised for the award of a Taxi Driver and Area Knowledge Certificate in accordance with the Taxi Services Regulations (L.N. 369 of 2010); and
- ii. is professionally competent to undertake the profession of a taxi driver in Malta.

This certificate constitutes sufficient proof that the above-mentioned person has the required skills to act as a taxi driver in Malta in terms of the Taxi Services Regulations.

Issued aton

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Stamp and signature

FOURTH SCHEDULE
(Regulations 24, 32, 35)

*Amended by:
L.N. 433 of 2015.*

Part A: Progressive Number of taxis licensed to be used only in the island of Malta

TAXI
M 001

Part A2: Progressive Number of taxis licensed to be used only in the island of Gozo

TAXI
G 001

Part B: WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SIGN



FIFTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 68)

ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Regulation	Administrative penalties for Licence Holders	Administrative penalties for Taxi Drivers
14(1)		€50
15		€100
16(2), (3), (5), (7)		€50
18	€250	
21(3)		€300
24(5)	€100	€100
25(1)	€50 and in addition €50 per day	
26	€30 and in addition €30 per day	
27	€100	
28	€100	
29(2)	€100	
29(3)	€50	€50
29(5)	€100	
30		€50
31	€300	
32	€150	
34	€300	€300
34A	€300	€300
35	€50	

37	€300	
38	€300	
39	€300	
40	€300	
41(1)	€300	
42(1)		€300
42(2)		€300
42(3)		€300
42(5)	€100	
45		€100
46		€50
47		€100
48		€100
49		€100
50		€300
51		€50
53		€50
54		€10
55(1)	€100	
55(2)	€150	
56(1)	€50	€50
56(2)		€300
57(1)		€100
57(2)	€100	
58(1)	€100	
58(3)	€50	
59		€60
60		€100
61		€100
62		€100
63		€200
64		€100
65(5), (6)		€60
66(3), (4)		€100
66(6)	€100	
74		€50 and in addition €50 per day

SIXTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 29)

Taxi Sign


