

L.N. 416 of 2020

**AUTHORITY FOR TRANSPORT IN MALTA ACT
(CAP. 499)**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE
(CAP. 65)**

Taxi Services (Amendment) Regulations, 2020

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 43 of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act and by article 54 of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance, the Minister responsible for Transport, Infrastructure and Capital Projects has, after consultation with the Authority for Transport in Malta, made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Taxi Services (Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Taxi Services Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

Citation.

S.L. 499. 59.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

(a) immediately after the definition "licence holder" there shall be added the following new definition:

" "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;" and

(b) the definition "taxi" thereof shall be substituted by the following new definition:

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

3. In paragraph (b) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 10 of the principal regulations, the words "Part 2 of" shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 10 of the principal regulations.

4. In sub-regulation (8) of regulation 14 of the principal regulations, the word "abandoned." shall be substituted by the word "abandoned:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

Amends regulation 14 of the principal regulations.

"Provided that during the periods referred to in the previous paragraph, the taxi driver permit shall be suspended in

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terms of sub-regulation (7).".

Amends
regulation 16 of
the principal
regulations.

5. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 16 of the principal regulations, the words "Part 3 of" shall be deleted.

Amends
regulation 21 of
the principal
regulations.

6. Sub-regulation (16) of regulation 21 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately after the words "The Authority may" there shall be added the words ", upon payment of the fee stipulated in the Second Schedule,";

(b) in paragraph (b) thereof, the word "faults:" shall be substituted by the words "faults, or" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new paragraph:

"(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:"; and

(c) in the first and second provisos thereof, the words "(a) or (b)", wherever they occur, shall be substituted by the words "(a) or (b) or (c)".

Amends
regulation 22 of
the principal
regulations.

7. Regulation 22 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (c) of sub-regulation (1) thereof, the words "throughout 2012, 2013 and 2014" shall be substituted by the words "between 2012 and 2021";

(b) sub-regulation (2) thereof shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(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.";

(c) immediately after sub-regulation (2) thereof the following new sub-regulation shall be added:

"(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."; and

(d) in sub-regulation (4) thereof, the words "to 2019" shall be substituted by the words "to 2021".

8. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 23 of the principal regulations, the words "Part 4 of" shall be deleted.

Amends regulation 23 of the principal regulations.

9. Immediately after sub-regulation (7) of regulation 29 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

Amends regulation 29 of the principal regulations.

"(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."

10. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 33 of the principal regulations, in the Maltese text, immediately after the words "Huma biss il-vetturi", there shall be added the word "għodda".

Amends regulation 33 of the principal regulations.

11. In sub-regulation (3) of regulation 34 of the principal regulations, in the Maltese text, the words "bejn wieħed u ieħor", wherever they occur, shall be substituted by the words "għall-anqas".

Amends regulation 34 of the principal regulations.

12. In sub-regulation (4) of regulation 59 of the principal regulations, immediately after the word "route", there shall be added the words "and shall drop off the hirers at the nearest possible point of the agreed destination".

Amends regulation 59 of the principal regulations.

13. Immediately after sub-regulation (3) of regulation 63 of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

Amends regulation 63 of the principal regulations.

"(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%)."

14. Regulation 67 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 67 of the principal regulations.

(a) paragraph (a) of sub-regulation (1) thereof shall be deleted and paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) thereof shall be

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renumbered as paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e) respectively;
and

(b) in sub-regulation (4) thereof, the words "29(6) or 29(7)" shall be substituted by the words "29(6) or 29(7) or 29(8)".

Amends
regulation 69 of
the principal
regulations.

15. In regulation 69 of the principal regulations, the words "regulation 67(3) and (4)" shall be substituted by the words "regulation 68(3) and (4)".

Amends
regulation 78 of
the principal
regulations.

16. In regulation 78 of the principal regulations, the words "Part 2 of" shall be deleted.

Substitutes the
First Schedule
to the principal
regulations.

17. The First Schedule to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new Schedule:

**"FIRST SCHEDULE
(Regulations 42, 63, 66)**

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	Bugibba	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
Baħar Iċ- Ċagħaq	€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
Buġibba	€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
Għajn Dwieli	€26.00	€37.00	€14.00	€21.00	€16.00	€16.00	€18.00	€18.00	€14.00
Għajn Tuffieħa	€17.00	€20.00	€30.00	€20.00	€25.00	€29.00	€28.00	€26.00	€30.00
Għar Lapsi	€27.00	€37.00	€23.00	€18.00	€24.00	€21.00	€26.00	€26.00	€24.00
Għarghur	€16.00	€29.00	€20.00	€20.00	€12.00	€22.00	€15.00	€14.00	€19.00
Għaxaq	€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

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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
Marsascalea	€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
Mgarr	€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 l-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."

Substitutes the
Second
Schedule to the
principal
regulations.

18. The Second Schedule to the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new Schedule:

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

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."