

L.N. 81 of 2003

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

Polling (Restriction of Access) Regulations, 2003

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 54 of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance, the Minister for Transport and Communications, after consultation with the Malta Transport Authority, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and
commencement.

1. These regulations may be cited as the Polling (Restriction of Access) Regulations, 2003, and shall come into force on the 8th March, 2003.

Interpretation.

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

“Chief Electoral Commissioner” includes any officer of the Electoral Commissioner’s Office duly authorised by the Chief Electoral Commissioner to act on his behalf;

“Commissioner of Police” include any officer of the Malta Police Force duly authorised by the Commissioner of Police to act on his behalf;

“poll” means the poll to be held on the 8th March, 2003 in connection with the Referendum and the Elections of Councillors;

“polling place” means a place where the poll is to be held and which is listed in the Schedule published by the Chief Electoral Commissioner in the Government Gazette on the 31st January and 21st January 2003;

“vehicle” means any vehicle, whether propelled by mechanical power or otherwise, and any animal-drawn vehicle.

Vehicles prohibited
access to Counting
Hall and polling
places.

3. Unless authorised by the Commissioner of Police or by the Chief Electoral Commissioner, no vehicle shall have access to any street leading to the Counting Hall, Ta’ Qali, or to any polling place and no vehicle shall go beyond a prohibitory sign with the words “TGHADDIX - NO ENTRY” or bypass any barrier or road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the said Counting Hall or places as from 5.00 a.m. on Saturday 8th March, 2003 until -

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall, Ta' Qali, and

(b) 2.00 a.m. on Sunday, 9th March, 2003, in the case of any polling place.

4. The transit of vehicles along Notabile Road between Mount Carmel Hospital and the roundabout leading to Zebbug Road and Mtarfa Road will be suspended on the 8th March, 2003 from 9.00 p.m. until required. Vehicles carrying ballot boxes duly authorised by the Electoral Commission, as well as other vehicles carrying Assistant Electoral Commissioner and other officials of the Electoral Commission, as well as persons duly authorised by the Chief Electoral Commissioner, will be permitted to pass.

Temporary prohibition of transit.

5. No pedestrian shall, unless in possession of a permit issued to him by the Chief Electoral Commissioner or unless otherwise authorised by the said Commissioner or by the Commissioner of Police, bypass or proceed beyond a prohibitory sign with the words "TGHADDIX - NO ENTRY", a barrier or a road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the Counting Hall, Ta' Qali, or of any polling place as from 5.00 a.m. on Saturday, 8th March, 2003 until -

Restriction on pedestrians.

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall, Ta' Qali, and

(b) 2.00 a.m. on Sunday, 9th March, 2003, in the case of any polling place,

so however that the restriction indicated in paragraph (b) shall not apply to persons in possession of the voting document entitling them to vote at that particular polling place and while such persons are on their way to that polling place to cast their vote or are returning therefrom after having cast their vote.

6. No vehicle shall be parked in the vicinity of the approaches to the Counting Hall, Ta' Qali, or of any polling place beyond a prohibitory sign with the words "TGHADDIX - NO ENTRY", a barrier or road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the said Counting Hall or polling places from 5.00 a.m. on Saturday 8th March, 2003 until -

Prohibition of parking of vehicles.

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall, Ta' Qali, and

(b) 2.00 a.m. on Sunday, 9th March, 2003, in the case of any polling place.

Prohibition of
loitering.
Act XXI of 1991.

7. Saving the provisions of subsection (2) of section 64 of the General Elections Act, 1991, the Commissioner of Police may prohibit any person from loitering in the vicinity of the approaches to the Counting Hall, Ta' Qali, or of any polling place at any point beyond a prohibitory sign with the words "TGHADDIX - NO ENTRY", a barrier or road block wherever put up by the Police at any spot in the vicinity of the said Counting Hall or polling places as from 5.00 a.m. on Saturday, 8th March, 2003 until -

(a) the publication of the final result of the poll, in the case of the Counting Hall, Ta' Qali, and

(b) 2.00 a.m. on Sunday, 9th March, 2003, in the case of any polling place.

Duration and
saving.

8. These regulations shall expire on the publication of the final result of the poll, but such expiration shall not affect anything done or omitted to be done, or any proceedings taken or to be taken thereunder.