

**L.N. 369 of 2010****AUTHORITY FOR TRANSPORT  
IN MALTA ACT  
(CAP. 499)****TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE  
(CAP. 65)****Taxi Services Regulations, 2010**

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 for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications has, after consultation with the Authority for Transport in Malta, made the following regulations:

Title and  
commencement.

**1.** (1) The title of these regulations is the Taxi Services Regulations, 2010.

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

(3) Paragraphs (h), (i) and (j) of regulation 20 and regulation 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**

Interpretation.

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

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“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;

“designated person” means a natural person who continuously and effectively manages the operation of the taxi service and who is designated as such to the Authority by an operator or an applicant for a taxi operator’s licence. The designated person may be the operator or the applicant himself;

“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 of these regulations;

“electric light quadricycle” means any electrically propelled vehicle which is used for the carriage of passengers by road and which:

(a) has a maximum speed not exceeding 45kmh;

(b) has an unladen mass not exceeding 400kg;  
and

(c) has a maximum continuous rated power not exceeding 15kW;

“electric taxi” means an electric light quadricycle vehicle registered and licensed to ply and stand for hire in terms of these regulations;

“electric taxi maximum fare” means the maximum fixed-fare to be levied for electric taxi journeys, irrespective of locality and length of journey, specified in Table 3 of the First Schedule;

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

“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;

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“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 to these regulations;

“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, 2009; L.N. 149 of 2009.

“registration certificate” has the same meaning assigned to it by the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations, 2009; L.N. 198 of 2009.

“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 taxi, to wait on an electric taxi stand, ready to accept requests for hire;

“taxi” means a passenger motor vehicle which may carry no more than five passengers in addition to the driver, 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 of these regulations;

“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 operator” means a person authorised in terms of these regulations to operate taxi services;

“taxi operator’s licence” means a licence issued by the Authority to a taxi operator in terms of Part II these regulations;

“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;

“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; and, or

(c) captures and records images inside a taxi;

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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 wireless 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

**3.** (1) No person shall carry out any taxi services unless that person is the holder of an operator’s licence granted in terms of these regulations. Taxi operator’s licence required.

(2) No person may hire a taxi which is not licensed for that purpose under these regulations.

(3) The Authority shall issue a taxi operator’s licence to any person who applies to engage in taxi operations and satisfies the requirements of regulation 4 of these regulations.

(4) A taxi operator’s licence shall remain valid unless and until it is revoked, suspended or surrendered, provided that the operator submits, within three months preceding the fifth year from the issue of the said licence, and every five years thereafter, a declaration of compliance with the requirements of regulation 4 supported by documentation mentioned in regulation 5 and the applicable fee prescribed in Part 1 of the Second Schedule to these regulations.

(5) If during the term of validity of a taxi operator’s licence, the holder thereof applies for and is granted an operator’s licence under the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, 2009, the taxi operator’s licence shall immediately be integrated within the other licence and its holder shall be authorised to operate services both under these regulations as well as under the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, 2009,

(6) The taxi operator’s licence is not transferable.

**4.** (1) An applicant for a taxi operator’s licence shall satisfy the Authority that he is of good repute and conduct. Requirements for a taxi operator’s licence.

(2) (a) Where the applicant for a taxi operator’s licence is a natural person, the requirements of sub-regulation (1)

shall be satisfied by such natural person and by the designated person.

(b) Where the applicant for a taxi operator's licence is a limited liability company, the requirements of sub-regulation (1) shall be satisfied by all the directors of the company as well as by the designated person.

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(c) Where the applicant for a taxi operator's licence is a partnership *en commandite* or a partnership *en nom collectif* as defined in the Companies Act, the requirements of sub-regulation (1) shall be satisfied by all the partners and by the designated person.

(d) Where the applicant for a taxi operator's licence is a legal person other than those identified in paragraphs (b) and (c), the requirements of sub-regulation (1) shall be satisfied by all persons having the legal and judicial representation of such legal person and by the designated person.

(3) A taxi operator's licence shall be issued in the name of a natural person authorised to represent the undertaking.

(4) Every applicant for a taxi operator's licence shall nominate a designated person. Where a designated person ceases to continuously and effectively manage a taxi service operation, the taxi operator shall within seven days from such occurrence notify the Authority in writing and the Authority shall allow a period not exceeding one month within which the taxi operator shall nominate another designated person, who shall comply with the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation.

(5) In the event of the death or physical or legal incapacity of the natural person who is the holder of a taxi operator licence, the Authority may permit the carrying on of a taxi service operation on a temporary basis for a maximum period of six months.

(6) A taxi operator shall be obliged to satisfy the conditions of this regulation at all times during the validity of the licence.

(7) Where a person, other than the designated person, who is required to fulfil the requirement stipulated in sub-regulation (1), ceases to occupy his post within a taxi service operation, the

taxi operator shall within twenty one days from such occurrence notify the Authority in writing. Any new appointments to such posts shall be likewise notified to the Authority and shall be subject to its approval, which approval shall not be granted unless the persons so appointed fulfil the requirements of sub-regulations (1) of this regulation.

**5. (1)** An application for the grant or renewal of a taxi operator's licence shall be made to the Authority and shall be in the form and contain such particulars as the Authority may require, and the applicant, if he is not already the holder of an operator's licence issued under the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, 2009, shall produce together with the application:

Application for a taxi operator's licence.

(a) a certificate issued by the Police or an equivalent authority of the country where the applicant is normally resident, detailing any criminal offences and contraventions for which the applicant may have been sentenced together with the punishment thereof:

Provided that where the applicant or the persons mentioned in sub-regulations (2) and (4) of regulation 4 are not normally resident in Malta an extract from a judicial record or, failing that, an equivalent document issued by a competent judicial or administrative authority of the country of origin or the country from which such person comes or such persons come shall suffice;

(b) particulars of the number and class or description of motor vehicles being used as a taxi, having the technical specifications laid down in these regulations, if the applicant is already in possession of any such motor vehicles:

Provided that the submission of the particulars of the vehicles, other than those that are already licensed as a taxi, shall not be considered to be a submission of an application for a taxi licence for such vehicles, and a separate application shall be filed with respect to such vehicles which shall be processed and decided upon in terms of Part V of these regulations;

(c) where the motor vehicles to be covered by the taxi operator's licence are not registered in the name of the applicant, a signed declaration from the registered owner in

favour of the taxi operator and permitting the use of the said vehicles under that particular taxi operator's licence; and

(d) particulars of the drivers, if any, employed or to be employed by the taxi service operator.

(2) Where the applicant is already the holder of an operator's licence issued under the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, 2009, he shall, together with the application form, present to the Authority the details and declaration required under paragraphs (b), (c) and (d) of sub-regulation (1).

(3) The documents prescribed in sub-regulation (1) shall not be accepted if produced more than three months after the date of issue.

(4) The Authority may require any particulars given by an applicant in relation to an application mentioned in sub-regulation (1) to be contained in a statutory declaration or in a sworn affidavit in such manner as the Authority shall specify.

(5) An application shall be accompanied by the fee established in Part 1 of the Second Schedule to these regulations.

Decision on the  
granting of a licence.

**6.** (1) An application for a taxi operator's licence shall be processed and decided by the Authority.

(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 against such decision within a period of thirty days from its notification.

7. (1) A person shall not be deemed to satisfy the condition of good repute and conduct if he: Good repute and good conduct.

(a) has been found guilty of committing any crime contemplated in 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, 213, 217, 218, 220, 238(a), 245, 248B, 248C, 248D of the Criminal Code; Cap. 10.

(b) has been sentenced in the last ten years, to imprisonment, for a term or terms, of or exceeding, in the aggregate, one month or to a fine or fines which in the aggregate amount to at least four thousand euro (€4,000) for committing one or more crimes connected with violence, or was serving such a sentence or part thereof within such ten-year period;

(c) has been sentenced, in the last five years to imprisonment, for whatever term, or to a fine or fines which in the aggregate amount to at least one thousand euro (€1,000), for committing a crime or crimes in terms of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance or a crime or crimes in terms of any regulation made thereunder or a crime or crimes in terms of the Act or a crime or crimes in terms of any regulation made under the Act; Cap. 65.

(d) has been found guilty of committing any corresponding offence under any law of a country or territory outside Malta;

(e) has been declared unfit to pursue the occupation of an operator under any rules in force; provided that an operator shall be considered to have been declared unfit to pursue the occupation of operator if:

(i) he has, in the previous two years, had a licence which was issued to him for the provision of services related to the carriage of passengers by road in Malta or in any other State, withdrawn, whether by order of a court or other adjudicating body or by the competent authority; or

(ii) he was, during the previous two years, a director, partner, designated person or a person having the legal or judicial representation of one or more

operators the licence of whom was withdrawn during his tenure, in terms of these regulations or in terms of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, 2009; or

(iii) in the last five years he has been either:

(a) sentenced to a fine or fines which in the aggregate amount to at least four thousand euro (€4,000); or

(b) convicted of committing a breach of the same provision of the law on at least five occasions:

Provided that such sentence or conviction concerns either:

(a) the pay and employment conditions in the profession or;

(b) road transport, in particular the rules relating to driving, the weights and dimensions and carrying capacity of vehicles, road or vehicles safety or damage to the environment and other rules concerning professional liability:

Provided further that where the applicant was less than eighteen years of age at the time of the commission of the offence referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) the period referred to shall be two years:

Provided further that, the term “conviction” and the term “sentence” shall include a sentence passed by the court in terms of article 28A of the Criminal Code whether or not such sentence has taken effect, but shall not include 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.

(2) An operator shall be obliged to satisfy the conditions of this regulation at all times during the validity of the licence.

(3) The Minister may, in exceptional circumstances and limitedly to persons who before the publication of these regulations already had a taxi registered in their name, exempt such persons from any or all of the requirements specified in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation.

8. (1) The Authority may carry out checks, whenever it deems necessary, in order to verify that an operator continues to fulfill the requirement of good repute and conduct.

Checks on  
Compliance and  
suspension or  
revocation of  
operator's licence.

(2) The Authority may at any time require the operator or any official or employee thereof to attend before it, or before a person appointed by it, at such time and place as it may specify, to answer questions and provide information and documentation with respect to the taxi service operation of that operator provided that:

(a) such person may be assisted by an advocate, or any other person;

(b) the Authority may take and keep copies of any documents furnished or provided under this regulation;

(c) a statement made and documentation provided in pursuance of this regulation may be used in evidence against the operator as well as against any person to whom they relate.

(3) Any such person or persons as aforesaid shall comply with any request or order made by the Authority under sub-regulation (1) within twenty four hours from such a request.

(4) A taxi operator's licence may be suspended or revoked where the holder:

(a) no longer satisfies the conditions laid down in sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4; 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 or repeated infringements of these regulations.

(5) That suspension or revocation 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 operator's licence of its own motion, it shall give the operator concerned notice in writing setting out the reasons for its intention to do so.

(6) The notice provided for in sub-regulation (4) shall state that the operator concerned may, within ten days from service thereof, make representations in writing to the Authority giving reasons why the operator's licence should not be suspended or revoked and the Authority shall consider any representations so made before arriving at a final decision.

(7) The Authority shall notify in writing its final decision to the operator concerned who shall have the right to appeal to the Tribunal within a period of thirty days from notification of the Authority's decision:

Provided that the suspension of the licence shall have immediate effect notwithstanding any appeal therefrom, unless otherwise ordered by the Tribunal or a court of criminal jurisdiction.

(8) A decision of the Authority to revoke an operator's licence shall not become final until 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, if this is the case.

### **PART III**

#### **DRIVERS**

Taxi driver permit.

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

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

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

(4) 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.

**10.** (1) An application for the grant or renewal 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.

(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 Part 2 of the Second Schedule;

(c) a medical certificate; and

(d) evidence of the skills to act as a driver required in terms of sub-regulations (1) and (2) of regulation 12, 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.

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

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

(a) is of good repute and conduct;

(b) is the holder of a category B driving licence;

(c) is medically fit;

(d) is aged 19 years or over; and

(e) possesses the requisite skills to act as a driver in terms of regulation 12 of these regulations.

(2) A person shall not be deemed to satisfy the condition of good repute and conduct if he:

(a) has been found guilty of committing any crime contemplated in 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, 213, 217, 218, 220, 238(a), 245, 248B, 248C, 248D of the Criminal Code;

(b) has been sentenced in the last ten years, to imprisonment, for a term or terms, of or exceeding, in the aggregate, for one month or to a fine or fines which in the aggregate amount to at least four thousand euro (€4,000) for committing one or more crimes connected with violence, or was serving such a sentence or part thereof within such ten-year period;

(c) has been sentenced, in the last five years to imprisonment, for whatever term, or to a fine or fines which in the aggregate amount to at least one thousand euro (€1,000), for committing a crime or crimes in terms of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance or a crime or crimes in terms of any regulation made thereunder or a crime or crimes in terms of the Act or a crime or crimes in terms of any regulation made under the Act; or

(d) 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 such a conviction referred to in paragraphs (b) and (c) the period referred to shall be two years:

Provided further that, the term “conviction” and the term “sentence” shall include a sentence passed by the court in terms of article 28A of the Criminal Code whether or not such sentence has taken effect, but shall not include 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.

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

(4) The Minister may, in exceptional circumstances and limitedly to persons who before the coming into force of these regulations were already in possession of a taxi driver licence, to exempt such persons from any of the requirements specified in sub-regulation (2) of this regulation.

**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:

Skills to act as taxi driver.

(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) 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.

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(3) A driver who holds a certificate of professional competence issued in terms of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations, 2002, shall be exempt from the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) of sub-regulation (1) and sub-regulation (2).

Decision on the granting of a taxi driver permit.

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

(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.

Suspension or revocation of a taxi driver permit.

**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.

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

(a) no longer satisfies the conditions laid down in regulations 11 and 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) Such suspension or revocation 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

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

(7) The decision of the Authority to revoke a taxi driver permit in terms of sub-regulation (2) of this regulation 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.

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

Special training for drivers of wheelchair accessible taxis.

**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 Part 3 of the Second Schedule to these regulations.

Driver's tag.

(2) Every driver shall, while driving a taxi, fix the driver's tag in the appropriate slot provided for the purpose in the certificate referred to in regulation 30. Every driver of a taxi shall, while on duty but not driving the taxi, wear the driver's tag in a conspicuous place on the left side of his chest in a manner that it may be easily seen.

(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**

Registration of  
operators, taxi drivers  
and licensed taxis.

**17.** (1) The Authority shall register, in Part II of the Register, the name and address of persons holding a taxi operator's licence, together with other particulars which the Authority may consider relevant.

(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 taxis licensed to operate and the relative operator's licence under which they can be operated.

**18.** No operator 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.

## 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.** A motor vehicle shall not be licensed as a taxi unless:

Specifications for taxis.

(a) it is a new motor vehicle:

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;

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

as specified by the Authority from time to time;

(i) it is fitted with a vehicle tracking device which conforms to the Technical Specifications for Taxi Peripheral Devices published by the Authority from time to time;

(j) it is fitted with an emergency button, or more, which is within easy reach of both passengers and the taxi driver, in accordance with the Technical Specifications for Taxi Peripheral Devices published by the Authority from time to time.

Application for a taxi licence.

**21.** (1) An application for a taxi licence, shall, *inter alia*, specify the operator's licence under which such a vehicle shall be operated and such information shall be recorded on the relative licence.

(2) A taxi shall only be used in the taxi operations of the operator under whose licence it is registered unless otherwise authorised by the Authority:

Provided that the use of the taxi for the purpose of taking an urgent action which may be necessary in order to prevent or mitigate the harm or injury caused by an emergency situation which poses an immediate risk to the health or life of a person or persons shall not be considered a breach of this provision.

(3) Taxis shall only be driven by drivers who are employees of the operator, drivers who have a contract of service with the operator, or by the operator himself where he is also a driver.

(4) An application for a taxi licence, shall, *inter alia*, specify whether the taxi will be operated 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 and operated exclusively on the island which is specified on its licence:

Provided that taxis which are registered and licensed to operate 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 operate 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.

(5) The operator 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 45 days before the date of application.

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

(7) 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.

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

(9) Where the Authority intends to refuse an application, it shall give the operator concerned notice in writing setting out the reasons for its intention to do so. Every notice of refusal shall state that the operator 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.

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

(11) The number of taxis authorised on the operator's licence may be varied at anytime upon a request in writing to the Authority.

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

(13) 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 taxis.

(14) 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) of this regulation, 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

(15) 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.

(16) 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.

(17) Where an applicant submits, together with an application for a taxi licence, an application to the Authority to de-register at least one taxi which is licensed as such before the coming into force of these regulations, the licence applied for shall not, for the purpose of this regulation, be considered as a taxi licence which is issued for the first time in terms of these regulations.

**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:

Number of taxis  
which may be  
operated.

(a) until the 31st December, 2010, the number of taxis registered to operate on the island of Malta shall not exceed 220; while the number of taxis registered to operate on the island of Gozo shall not exceed 50;

(b) throughout 2011, the number of taxis registered to operate on the island of Malta shall not exceed 240; while the number of taxis registered to operate on the island of Gozo shall not exceed 50;

(c) throughout 2012, 2013 and 2014, the number of taxis registered to operate on the island of Malta shall not exceed 250; while the number of taxis registered to operate 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 taxis the market of which is completely liberalised.

(2) As from the 1st January, 2015, the maximum number under paragraph (c) shall no longer apply; provided that the Authority shall, by the 30th June, 2014 hold consultations with representatives of operators of taxis in order to be in a position to analyse the impact if new taxi licences were to be granted.

(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.

Application for  
renewal of a taxi  
licence.

(4) The Authority shall, for the purpose of granting new licences during the years 2010 to 2014, as well as for the granting to a new operator 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 Part 4 of the Second Schedule.

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

(a) proof that the taxi is fitted with the devices required under paragraphs (e), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of regulation 20;

(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 45 days before the date of application for renewal.

(3) A taxi licence shall not be renewed where the vehicle has reached its fifteenth year from its year of manufacture.

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

(5) Every notice of refusal shall state that the operator 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 operator 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.

**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”. Registration marks.

(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 G” followed by three numbers commencing from “001” onwards.

(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.

(4) Registration marks allotted to electric taxis shall comprise the Roman Alphabet letters “CAB” followed by any three numbers as the Authority may decide or as the operator 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 operate only in the island of Malta, and in the format prescribed in Part A2 of the Fourth Schedule in respect of taxis licensed to operate only in Gozo. The said number shall be painted by the operator in black on a white background and each character of the number shall be 75 millimetres in height and 60 millimetres in width:

Provided that in the case of electric taxis 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.

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

Horn.

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

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.

Colour.

**28.** The front doors, bonnet, the front mudguards and wheel-arches of a taxi shall be painted white in colour.

Advertisements.

**29.** (1) Without prejudice to the provisions of regulation 28, a taxi may display advertisements and the taxi operations contact details in the form of printed film stuck on its exterior.

(2) Where any advertisement, lettering or other printed matter is displayed in contravention of any law or any regulation issued 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 an operator to remove any advertising whatsoever from any of his taxis.

(5) An operator 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.

**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 operator and provide him with such other information as the Authority may prescribe.

Identification certificate.

**31.** The operator 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.

**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.

Wheelchair accessible taxis.

(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 service operation, 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.

**33.** (1) Electric light quadricycles which conform with the provisions of these regulations, other than:

Electric taxis.

(a) paragraphs (b), (e), (g), (h), (i), and (j) of regulation 20;

(b) sub-regulation (5) of regulation 21;

(c) sub-regulation (2) of regulation 23; and

- (c) sub-regulation (5) of regulation 34

shall be licensed as electric taxis by the Authority in terms of these regulations.

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

- (a) regulations 35 to 46:

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

- (b) paragraph (2) of regulation 47; and

- (c) regulation 59.

Taxi sign.

**34.** (1) All taxis shall display an electrically illuminated TAXI sign which shall be fitted on the front middle part of the roof 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.

**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 on the front side doors of the taxi below the progressive number.

Wheelchair accessible taxis to be clearly marked.

(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.

(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 operator 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.

**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.

Position of taximeter.

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

Device for printing 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.

**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 operator 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.

**42.** (1) (a) The driver shall at the commencement of a hiring switch on the taximeter and cause it to start recording at the initial fare stipulated in Table 1 of the First Schedule and shall immediately on the completion of the hiring 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.

(b) For the purposes of this sub-regulation, the expression “the commencement of the hiring” shall mean the time when the passenger boards the taxi, unless otherwise clearly agreed in advance between the driver and the hirer.

(2) At the end of the hiring and provided that the hirer has not paid a fixed-fare, the taxi driver shall, on receiving payment, give a fiscal receipt to the hirer stating the amount paid by the hirer.

(3) The operator shall, without prejudice to any other obligations under any other law dealing with fiscal receipts and

financial records, ensure that copies of all fiscal receipts issued by a driver of any taxi operated by that operator are kept for a period of at least six months and such records shall be accessible to the Authority.

**43.** (1) The operator shall ensure that the tracking device installed in each of the taxis operated by him is kept in good working condition at all times and that any faults or breakdowns shall be reported immediately to the Authority. Tracking device.

(2) The operator shall not tamper with, nor allow any driver or third party to tamper with, the tracking devices installed in the taxis operated by him.

(3) When the tracking device installed in a taxi is in any way defective or tampered with, the operator 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 operator for a period of time as prescribed by the Authority from time to time.

(5) The operator 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 operator shall ensure that such seal is not tampered with or broken at any time without the approval of the Authority.

**44.** (1) Taxis shall be fitted with a surveillance camera, in accordance with the Technical Specifications for Taxi Peripheral Devices prescribed by the Authority from time to time, which shall be positioned in a way as to capture the back seat area of the taxi. Surveillance camera.

(2) Taxis 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 kept switched on at all times while the taxi is on duty and shall record and transmit the images captured to a control room designated by the Authority, which images shall, however, only be accessible to:

(a) the Police in the event that they receive a report or otherwise become aware that a criminal offence has been committed or may have been committed in the particular taxi; and

(b) the Authority in the event that it receives a report or otherwise becomes aware that an infringement of these regulations has been committed.

(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 an operator or driver for an infringement of these regulations.

Two-way  
communication  
system.

**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 operator and other drivers employed or engaged by the same operator, but shall not use the device for idle conversation.

Use of air-  
conditioning 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.

**47.** (1) While a taxi is on hire, the operator 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.

**49.** (1) The driver shall, while on duty, wear clean and appropriate clothing.

(2) The officers of the Authority, local wardens and the Police may order a driver to stop working if in their opinion, the driver is not properly dressed.

**50.** No driver shall carry a greater number of persons than that fixed in the taxi registration certificate.

**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.

**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 hands-free devices.

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

(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 operator.

(2) Every operator shall ensure that taxis operated by him, including the equipment fitted thereon, are maintained in good order and in a good state of repair at all times.

Inflammable liquids.

**56.** (1) No operator 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.

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

Smoking.

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

(2) Every operator 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.

Emergency equipment and emergency button.

**58.** (1) An operator shall ensure that every taxi operated by him 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.

(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.

Hire of taxi.

**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 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 taxi 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.

**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.

Solicitation and standing for hire.

(2) The drivers of the first three taxis standing for hire on any taxi stand or electric taxi 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 taxi 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

Plying for hire.

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.

(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.

Priority to persons  
who use wheelchair.

**62.** Drivers who drive wheelchair accessible taxis shall give priority for hire to people who use wheelchairs.

Fare levied for hire  
of taxis.

**63.** (1) No fare shall be levied for the hire of a taxi, other than an electric taxi, which is higher than the fixed-fare, when such a fixed-fare is applicable in terms of Table 2 of the First Schedule.

(2) No fare shall be levied for the hire of an electric taxi which is higher than the electric taxi maximum fare established in terms of Table 3 of the First Schedule.

(3) When no fixed-fare is applicable to the hire of a taxi, other than an electric taxi, the fare shall be the fare shown by the taximeter which fare may be:

(a) discounted by such fixed percentage as advertised by the operator; or

(b) discounted as agreed between the hirer and the driver.

Copy of tariff.

**64.** An operator 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 operator.

## PART VI

### TAXI STANDS AND TAXI BOOTHS

Designation of taxi  
stands.

**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.

(2) The Authority shall designate and mark electric taxi stands with an appropriate sign showing the number of electric taxis which may stand for hire on such electric taxi stands.

(3) Only taxis may park or wait on a taxi stand, and no other motor vehicle, including electric taxis, shall park or wait on a taxi stand.

(4) Only electric taxis may park or wait on an electric taxi stand, and no other motor vehicle shall park or wait on an electric taxi 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 taxi shall stand on an electric taxi stand while the maximum number of electric taxis indicated on the electric taxi stand sign has been reached.

**66.** (1) Taxi service operators 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. Taxi booths.

(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 taxi service operator 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 taxi service operator 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 taxis.

## PART VII

### OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Criminal proceedings  
and penalties.

- 67.** (1) Any person who commits a breach of
- (a) sub-regulation (1) of regulation 3,
  - (b) sub-regulation (1) of regulation 9,
  - (c) sub-regulation (1) of regulation 19,
  - (d) regulation 36,
  - (e) sub-regulation (2) of regulation 41, and
  - (f) regulation 43,

of these regulations 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) of this regulation 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-regulation (1) of this regulation 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 an operator or a driver.

(4) When an operator 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. Cap. 65.

**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 sub-regulation (4) of this regulation on any operator who contravenes the provisions of the regulations listed in column 1 of the Fifth Schedule. Penalty points and administrative penalties.

(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) of this regulation 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) of this regulation, 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) Where a breach of these regulations is committed by an operator who is a natural person, the Authority shall hold the designated person liable in solidum with the operator for the payment of any administrative penalty, unless the designated person proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge and that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such breach.

(8) Where a breach of these regulations is committed by a partnership, company or other legal persons, be it corporate or un-incorporate, the Authority shall hold every person who at the time of the commission of the breach was a designated person, partner, director, or other similar officer, or was purporting to act in any such capacity, or was a person having a power of representation or having an authority to take decisions on behalf of or having authority to exercise control within that partnership, company or other legal person, liable *in solidum* with the operator for the payment of any administrative penalty imposed on the operator unless such person proves that the breach was committed without his knowledge and that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of such breach.

(9) 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.

**69.** Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-regulations (3) and (4) of regulation 67, 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.

**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.

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

(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) of this regulation, 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 –

Suspension or withdrawal of any licence or permit.

(a) suspend a taxi operator's licence if, at any time, its holder accumulates five hundred penalty points in terms of these regulations and, or in terms of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, 2009; or

(b) revoke a taxi driver permit if, at any time, its holder accumulates two hundred penalty points in terms of these regulations and, or in terms of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, 2009:

Provided that such a permit shall also be revoked where the holder 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:

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.

(2) Where the Authority suspends a licence in terms of sub-regulation (1) (a), it shall, on the lapse of the suspension, cancel all penalty points imposed upon the operator, and notify him accordingly.

(3) Without prejudice to the provisions of sub-regulation (1), the Authority shall not suspend an operator's licence or a driver's permit where the operator 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 an operator or a 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 upon him, and shall notify the operator or driver accordingly.

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

**73.** Where criminal proceedings have been instituted against an operator or a driver following the conclusion of an inquiry made by the Court of Magistrates as a court of criminal inquiry, the licence of such person shall be suspended until a definitive judgment is delivered in such proceedings:

Provided that where the operator or driver is found guilty of the offence he is charged with, the Court shall order that the licence of such operator or driver, as the case may be, shall be withdrawn 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.

Driving licence to be amended by the Authority.

**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.

Prohibition to apply for a licence or permit.

## PART VIII

### GENERAL AND TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

**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.

Appeal to the Tribunal.

**77.** (1) A person who on the date of publication of these regulations is registered with the Authority as the registered owner of a taxi shall have three months from the coming into force of these regulations to apply for and obtain a taxi operator's licence in terms of these regulations provided that such person shall be allowed to operate taxis and shall be considered as being an operator for the purposes of these regulations within the said period of three months.

Taxi operator's licence transitory provision.

(2) A person who applies for a licence in terms of the provisions of sub-regulation (1) shall be exempted from:

(a) paying the initial application fee prescribed in Part 1 or Part 5 of Schedule 2;

(b) the requirements of paragraph (e) of regulation 7.

**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, 1994 shall have three 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 Part 2 of the Second Schedule and from the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 12 of these regulations.

Taxi driver permit transitory provision.

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**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 eight kilometers | €1.40 per km |
| Over eight kilometers          | €1.00 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.

Waiting charge per hour or part thereof while the taxi speed is less than 20 km/h provided that this charge shall not trigger off unless the speed of the taxi is less than 20 km/h for at least three continuous minutes. €4.20

**TABLE 2****MAXIMUM FIXED-FARES**

| <b>Departure Points</b> |                                                                                                |                                    |                               |                                               |                                       |                                                |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Destinations</b>     |                                                                                                | <b>Malta International Airport</b> | <b>Malta Seaport Terminal</b> | <b>City Gate – Valletta (1000hrs-2200hrs)</b> | <b>St. Julian's (2100hrs-0500hrs)</b> | <b>Bugibba May – October (1600hrs-0000hrs)</b> |
| Zone 1                  | Luqa, Kirkop, Safi, Gudja, Sta. Luċija, Hal Far                                                | €11.00                             | €15.50                        | €15.50                                        | €19.00                                | €25.00                                         |
| Zone 2                  | Valletta, Floriana, Pietà, Hamrun, Sta. Venera, Gwardamangia, Marsa, Albert Town, Qormi, Msida | €15.00                             | €11.00                        | €9.00                                         | €12.00                                | €20.00                                         |
| Zone 3                  | Zebbuġ, Siggiewi, Ghar Lapsi, Rabat, Dingli, Ta' Qali, Mdina                                   | €18.00                             | €20.00                        | €20.00                                        | €19.00                                | €18.00                                         |
| Zone 4                  | Paola, Fgura, Laboratory Wharf, Corradino Industrial Estate, Għajn Dwieli, Tarxien             | €13.50                             | €13.50                        | €13.50                                        | €16.00                                | €22.50                                         |
| Zone 5                  | Cospicua, Kalkara,                                                                             | €18.00                             | €18.00                        | €18.00                                        | €20.00                                | €25.00                                         |

|         |                                                                                                                                                       |        |        |        |        |        |
|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|         | Senglea, Vittoriosa, Żabbar, Xgħajra, Marsaskala                                                                                                      |        |        |        |        |        |
| Zone 6  | Żejtun, Għaxaq, Birżebbuġa, Marsaxlokk, Żurrieq, Qrendi, Mqabba                                                                                       | €15.50 | €18.00 | €18.00 | €21.00 | €25.00 |
| Zone 7  | Sliema, Gżira, Kappara, Ta' Xbiex, San Ġiljan, Paceville, San Ġwann, Swieqi, St. Andrew's, Pembroke, l-Ibraġ, Birkirkara, Lija, Balzan, Attard, Iklin | €20.00 | €18.00 | €16.00 | €8.00  | €16.00 |
| Zone 8  | Mosta, Naxxar, Għarghur, High Ridge, Madliena, Baħar iċ-Ċagħaq                                                                                        | €22.50 | €22.50 | €20.00 | €12.00 | €13.00 |
| Zone 9  | Mgarr, Wardija, Burmarrad, Għajn Tuffieħa, Golden Bay, San Pawl il-Baħar, Buġibba, Qawra, Xemxija, Bidnija, Bahrija, Żebbiegħ                         | €25.00 | €25.00 | €25.00 | €20.00 | €12.00 |
| Zone 10 | Mellieħa, Manikata                                                                                                                                    | €29.50 | €29.50 | €28.00 | €24.00 | €14.00 |
| Zone 11 | Ċirkewwa, Armier, Marfa                                                                                                                               | €32.00 | €32.00 | €30.00 | €28.00 | €20.00 |

**TABLE 3**  
**ELECTRIC TAXI MAXIMUM FARE**

Any location, irrespective of duration of trip or distance covered

A maximum of €5.00 per trip.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

(Regulations 3, 5, 10, 16, 21, 23, 78)

**FEEES****Part 1**

## Taxi Operator's Licence

|                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| Application fee        | €125 |
| Renewal fee            | €50  |
| Changes in Licence     | €25  |
| Reissuing lost Licence | €50  |

**Part 2**

## Taxi driver permit

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Application fee | €6 |
| Renewal fee     | €6 |

**Part 3**

## Driver's Tag

|                                              |     |
|----------------------------------------------|-----|
| Issue of driver's tag (valid for five years) | €12 |
| Replacement of lost driver's tag             | €12 |

**Part 4**

## Taxi Licence (other than Electric Taxi)

|                 |                           |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Application fee | €100                      |
| Renewal fee     | €250 per vehicle per year |

**Part 5**

## Electric Taxi licence

|                 |                          |
|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Application fee | €25                      |
| Renewal fee     | €25 per vehicle per year |

**THIRD SCHEDULE**

(Regulation12)

**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 identity card/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. \_\_\_\_ 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 at \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Stamp and signature

**FOURTH SCHEDULE**

(Regulations 24, 32, 35)

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

**TAXI**

**001**

PART A2: Progressive Number of taxis licensed to operate only in  
the island of Gozo

**TAXI**

**G 001**

PART B: WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE TAXI SIGN



## FIFTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 68)

## ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

| <b>Column 1<br/>Regulation</b> | <b>Column 2<br/>Administrative<br/>penalties for taxi<br/>operators</b> | <b>Column 3<br/>Administrative<br/>penalties for<br/>taxi drivers</b> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8 (3)                          | €50 per day                                                             |                                                                       |
| 14(1)                          |                                                                         | €50                                                                   |
| 15                             |                                                                         | €100                                                                  |
| 16(2), (3),<br>(5), (7)        |                                                                         | €50                                                                   |
| 18                             | €250                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 21(4)                          |                                                                         | €300                                                                  |
| 24(5)                          | €100                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 25(1)                          | €50 and in<br>addition €50 per<br>day                                   |                                                                       |
| 26                             | €30 and in<br>addition €30 per<br>day                                   |                                                                       |
| 27                             | €100                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 28                             | €100                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 29 (2)                         | €100                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 29 (3)                         | €50                                                                     | €50                                                                   |
| 29 (5)                         | €100                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 30                             |                                                                         | €50                                                                   |
| 31                             | €300                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 32                             | €150                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 34                             | €300                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 35                             | €50                                                                     |                                                                       |
| 37, 38, 39,<br>40, 41(1)       | €300                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 42(1)                          |                                                                         | €300                                                                  |
| 42(2)                          |                                                                         | €100                                                                  |
| 42(3)                          | €100                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 44(1)                          | €1,000                                                                  |                                                                       |
| 44(2)                          | €150                                                                    |                                                                       |
| 44(3)                          | €1,000                                                                  | €1,000                                                                |
| 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<br>addition €50 per<br>day |