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

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

Taxi Services (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2012

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:-

Citation.

S.L.499.59.

Amends
regulation 2 of
the principal
regulations.

1. The title of these regulations is the Taxi Services (Amendment No. 2) Regulations, 2012 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Taxi Services Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

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

(a) the definition " 'category L5e vehicle', 'category L6e vehicle' and 'category L7e vehicle' " shall be deleted;

(b) in the definition "electric mini cab", immediately after the words "electrically propelled vehicle", there shall be added the words "or an electric power assisted pedal cycle";

(c) immediately after the definition "electric mini cab stand" there shall be inserted the following new definition:

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

(a) fitted with pedals capable of propelling it;

(b) fitted with an electric motor capable of propelling it;

(c) capable of travelling at a speed of not less than 15 kilometres per hour and not more than 25 kilometres per hour;

(d) has a maximum width that does not exceed 1.2m;"

(d) in the definition "electrically propelled vehicle", paragraph (a) shall be deleted, and paragraphs (b) and (c) thereof shall be renumbered as paragraphs (a) and (b) respectively.

3. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 9 of the principal regulations.

(a) in sub-regulation (1) thereof the words "in terms of these regulations." shall be substituted by the words "in terms of these regulations:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following proviso:

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

(b) sub-regulations (2) to (4) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-regulations (3) to (5) respectively;

(c) immediately after sub-regulation (1) thereof, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

"(2) An electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permit shall be granted to a person to drive an electric power assisted pedal cycle, and unless otherwise specifically provided, the provisions of these regulations which regulate taxi driver permits shall *mutatis mutandis* apply to electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permits, and accordingly any references which include taxi drivers in these regulations shall be deemed to include a reference to drivers of electric power assisted pedal cycles, provided that sub-regulations (3) and (4) and regulation 12(1) shall not be applicable to drivers of electric power assisted pedal cycles."

4. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 11 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 11 of the principal regulations.

(a) in paragraph (b) thereof, the words "(Driving Licences) Regulations;" shall be substituted by the words "(Driving Licences) Regulations:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following proviso:

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

(b) paragraph (d) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(d) is aged nineteen years or over, or eighteen years or over in the case of an applicant for an electric power assisted pedal cycle driver permit; and".

Amends
regulation 12 of
the principal
regulations.

5. Regulation 12 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) sub-regulations (2) and (3) thereof shall be renumbered as sub-regulations (3) and (4) respectively;

(b) immediately after sub-regulation (1) thereof, there shall be added the following new sub-regulation:

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

(a) attends training courses held or approved by the Authority based on the subjects listed in paragraphs 2, 3(b), 4 and 5 of Part 1 of the Third Schedule;

(b) passes a written or an oral examination held by the Authority or by a body approved by the Authority, based on the subjects referred to in the preceding paragraph."

Amends
regulation 24 of
the principal
regulations.

6. Regulation 24 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-regulation (1) thereof, the words " "TAXI M" followed by three numbers from "001" to "200" ", shall be substituted by the words " "TAXI" followed by three numbers from "001" to "200" followed by the letter "M" ";

(b) in sub-regulation (2) thereof, the words " "TAXI G" followed by three numbers from "001" onwards", shall be substituted by the words " "TAXI" followed by three numbers

commencing from "001" onwards followed by the letter "G" ";

(c) in sub-regulation (3) thereof, the words " "TAXI M" followed by three numbers commencing from "201" onwards", shall be substituted by the words " "TAXI" followed by three numbers commencing from "201" onwards followed by the letter "M" ".

7. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 33 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends
regulation 33 of
the principal
regulations.

(a) in paragraph (b) thereof, the words "of electric mini cabs in category L5e" shall be substituted by the words "of electric power assisted pedal cycles"; and

(b) the words "in terms of these regulations." shall be substituted by the words "in terms of these regulations:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following proviso:

S.L. 65.26. "Provided that electric power assisted pedal cycles shall only be registered with the Authority in terms of the Low-Powered Vehicles and Pedal Cycles Regulations."

8. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 34A of the principal regulations the words "between the front doors." shall be substituted by the words "between the front doors:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following proviso:

Amends
regulation 34A
of the principal
regulations.

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

9. In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 61 of the Maltese text of the principal regulations, the words "ħamsin metru" shall be substituted by the words "ħmistax-il metru".

Amends
regulation 61 of
the Maltese text
of the principal
regulations.

10. In regulation 65 of the principal regulations, the words "electric taxi stand" and "electric taxi stands" wherever they occur, shall be substituted by the words "electric mini cab stand" and "electric mini cab stands" respectively.

Amends
regulation 65 of
the principal
regulations.

