

L.N. 85 of 2026

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

Passenger Transport Services (Amendment) Regulations, 2026

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 43 of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act, the Minister responsible for transport, after consultation with the Authority for Transport in Malta, has made the following regulations:-

1. The title of these regulations is the Passenger Transport Services (Amendment) Regulations, 2026 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Passenger Transport Services Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

Citation.

S.L. 499.56.

2. In the table of contents of the principal regulations, immediately after the words:

Amends the table of contents of the principal regulations.

"Part XII Passenger Transport Services by means of 68R",
Electric Trolley Vehicles

there shall be added the following new words:

"Part XII Passenger Transport Services by means of Public Lifts 68S
bis

Part XII Scheduled Passenger Maritime Transport Services 68T".
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3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

(a) the definition "passenger" shall be substituted by the following new definition:

" "passenger" means a person travelling in a passenger transport vehicle and who is not the driver or a person making use of a public lift or of scheduled passenger maritime services, as the case may be;"

(b) immediately after the definition "priority vehicle lane" there shall be added the following new definition:

" "public lift" means a lift which is operated for hire or reward for the transport of passengers from one public place situated at a lower level to another public place

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situated at a higher level, and vice-versa";

(c) immediately after the definition "seat belt" there shall be added the following definition:

" "scheduled passenger maritime transport services" means passenger transport services operated for hire or reward for the transport of services by sea, to and from such berthing places as may be established by the Authority from time to time, which are operated according to scheduled times;"

Adds new Parts to the principal regulations.

4. Immediately after Part XII of the principal regulations, there shall be added the following new Parts:

"PART XII *bis*

PASSENGER TRANSPORT SERVICES BY MEANS OF PUBLIC LIFTS

68S. (1) The Authority may operate, or issue authorisations for the operation of public lifts in such places as may be established by the Authority from time to time.

(2) Any authorisations issued in terms of sub-regulation (1) shall be subject to the following conditions:

(a) operators shall not charge customers a fare in excess of the maximum fare as shall be established by the Authority from time to time;

(b) operators shall make available to the public all information pertaining to fares and schedules, where applicable;

(c) operators shall abide by all the information made publicly available in terms of paragraph (b);

(d) operators shall pay the fee established by the Authority;

(e) operators shall be obliged to maintain the public lifts in good working order and to observe all rules and regulations in relation to health and safety;

(f) operators shall be obliged to ensure that the public lift operation is duly insured;

(g) operators shall comply with any other condition as

may be established by the Authority from time to time.

(3) The Authority may suspend or withdraw any authorisation issued for the operation of a public lift if the operator fails to observe any of the conditions established in this Part.

PART XII *ter*

SCHEDULED PASSENGER MARITIME TRANSPORT SERVICES

68T. (1) The Authority may operate, or issue authorisations for the operation of scheduled passenger maritime transport services between such berthing places as may be established by the Authority from time to time.

(2) Any authorisations issued in terms of sub-regulation (1) of this regulation shall be subject to the following conditions:

(a) operators shall not charge customers a fare in excess of the maximum fare as shall be established by the Authority from time to time;

(b) operators shall make available to the public all information pertaining to fares and schedules, where applicable;

(c) operators shall abide by all the information made publicly available in terms of paragraph (b);

(d) operators shall pay the fee established by the Authority;

(e) operators shall be obliged to maintain the vessels by means of which such scheduled maritime transport services are to be operated in good working order and to observe all rules and regulations relative to health and safety;

(f) operators shall be obliged to ensure that the operation of the scheduled maritime transport services is duly insured;

(g) operators shall comply with any other condition as may be established by the Authority from time to time.

(3) The crew on board the vessels by means of which the scheduled maritime transport services are to be operated are to wear a uniform provided to them by the Authority or the operator, as the case may be, and in the latter case, such uniform shall be subject to the approval of the Authority.

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(4) The Authority may suspend or withdraw any authorisation issued for the operation of scheduled passenger maritime transport services if the operator fails to observe any of the conditions established in this Part."
