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L.N. 172 of 2026

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

**Passenger Transport Services (Amendment No. 2)
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:-

Citation and
commencement.

S.L. 499.56.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Passenger Transport Services (Amendment No. 2) 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".

(2) These regulations shall come into force within two (2) months from their publication in the Gazette.

Amends
regulation 2 of
the principal
regulations.

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations immediately after the definition "authorisation" there shall be added the following new definition:

" "authorised parking disc" means a cardboard device as indicated in the Seventeenth Schedule having a revolving disc which displays, through a window in the outer cover, a twelve (12)-hour clock with indicators for segments of fifteen (15) minutes each inscribed on the inner disc, and which is collected free of charge from the offices of the Authority upon the collection of the relative licence for the operator or driver or from an authorised service provider indicated by the Authority on its official website;"

Substitutes
regulation 62 of
the principal
regulations.

3. Regulation 62 of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new regulations:

"Garaging.

62. (1) An operator shall ensure that any passenger transport vehicle used in his operations in accordance with his operator's licence shall at all times while not in use be:

- (a) garaged; or
- (b) parked-off street:

Provided that the Authority may, when granting a temporary permit to an operator for the provision of a special trackless train service in accordance with regulation 68A(6), exempt the trackless train with respect of which such temporary permit is granted from the provisions of this regulation for the period in which that special service shall be provided, and may when doing so, impose any conditions as to the garaging and parking of the trackless train as the Authority may consider appropriate.

(2) Without prejudice to sub-regulation (1), a passenger transport vehicle that is not in use may be left parked legally on the road:

(a) insofar as the passenger transport vehicle is any M2 vehicle, for a limited time not exceeding sixty (60) minutes, provided that the driver of the vehicle shall exhibit the authorised parking disc on the surface of the dashboard in a clear and visible position from the outer side of the windscreen and the driver shall set the authorised parking disc to show as correctly as possible the time of his leaving the vehicle parked; and

(b) insofar as the passenger transport is an M3 vehicle, subject to said vehicle being parked not less than fifteen (15) metres measured as a straight-line distance from the last residential building or dwelling in a residential area, such vehicle may be left legally parked in the street for a limited time not exceeding three (3) hours, insofar as the driver of the vehicles displays the authorised parking disk in the manner described in paragraph (a):

Provided that without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (b), it shall not be permitted that a passenger transport vehicle also being an M3 vehicle, be parked in any residential area:

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Provided further that for the avoidance of any doubt, a "residential area" shall be construed as any area in Malta and Gozo where the concentration of residential edifices and dwelling units is significant and includes all residential areas, both within designated Residential Areas and Residential Priority Areas, Mixed-Use Areas that are predominantly residential, Urban Conservation Areas, Local Centres and Villa (D/SD) and Bungalow areas, as defined from time to time within the relevant policies published by the Planning Authority in accordance with the Development Planning Act:

Provided further that this sub-regulation shall not apply to that time during which the driver of the vehicle is boarding passengers onto the vehicle or alighting passengers from the vehicle:

Provided further that the time requirement stipulated in this sub-regulation shall not apply for as long as the driver is and remains in the vehicle:

Provided further that the time limit referred to in paragraph (a) shall be extended to three (3) hours insofar as the passenger transport vehicle is legally parked on the road between 05:01 and 16:59.

(3) Whenever the driver of a passenger transport vehicle parks such vehicle and leaves it unattended, he shall set the authorised parking disc to display as correctly as possible the time of his leaving the vehicle parked on the road.

(4) The authorised parking disc shall be displayed on the surface of the dashboard in a clear and visible position from the outer side of the windscreen.

(5) Any person who parks and leaves unattended a passenger transport vehicle, inside which an authorised parking disc is not clearly displayed, or has an incorrect parking time indicated on such authorised parking disc, shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine of not less than five hundred euro (€500)."

Amends
regulation 108
of the principal
regulations.

4. Regulation 108 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-regulation (3) thereof the words "twenty penalty points" shall be substituted by the words "by such number of additional penalty points as the Authority may, in its sole discretion, deem appropriate having regard to the gravity of

the breaches committed by the offender:" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following new proviso:

"Provided that the imposition of additional penalty point deductions shall not apply to those regulations related to the contraventions listed in the Sixteenth Schedule.";

(b) immediately after sub-regulation (10) thereof there shall be added the following new sub-regulations:

"(11) Whenever an administrative penalty is imposed by the Authority in accordance with these regulations, and no appeal is filed within the stipulated time or where an appeal is filed and the Tribunal confirms the administrative penalty, the said penalty shall be paid within two (2) years from the date on which the decision imposing the penalty becomes *res judicata*:

Provided that the failure by the Authority to serve a written notice upon the offender requesting the immediate payment of the administrative penalty within the two (2) year period shall exonerate the offender from the payment of the administrative penalty and the offence shall, for all intents and purposes, be considered to be time-barred.

(12) Whenever an operator is found to be in breach of these regulations and an administrative penalty is imposed in accordance with these regulations, and the decision to impose such penalty becomes *res judicata*, the operator shall be barred from renewing the circulation licence of the respective vehicle that was in use at the time of the breach, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act, until the administrative penalty is paid or settled in accordance with these regulations."

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5. Immediately after regulation 114 of the principal

Adds a new regulation to the principal regulations.

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regulations there shall be added the following new regulation:

"Enforcement.
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114A. Without prejudice to the rights contained in the Transport Enforcement Officers Regulations, these regulations shall not be construed as prohibiting any authorised official from the Local Enforcement System Agency or any Police officer from enforcing any provisions of these regulations, and whenever an official of the Local Enforcement System Agency or the Police investigates or acts upon a breach of these regulations, such official shall, by virtue of this regulation, be vested with all the powers and rights conferred to the Authority's enforcement officers, and the Authority shall, without delay, exchange all necessary information with the said official and facilitate their investigations or enforcement actions."

Amends the
Ninth Schedule
to the principal
regulations.

6. In the Ninth Schedule to the principal regulations the row with the words "62", "€100" shall be deleted.

Adds new
Schedules to the
principal
regulations.

7. Immediately after the Fifteenth Schedule to the principal regulations there shall be added the following new Schedules:

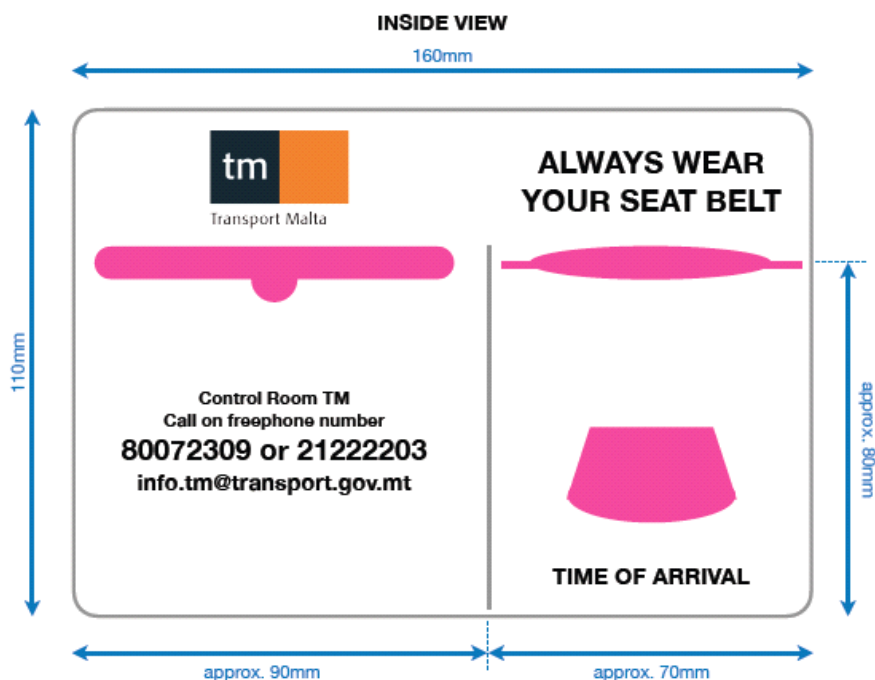
" SIXTEENTH SCHEDULE
(regulation 62)

CONTRAVENTIONS
(garaging and parking violations)

Number of breaches in the preceding twelve (12) months	Fine	Payable by
1-4	€100	Operator's licence holder (associated with the vehicle registration number (number plate)) of the defaulting vehicle.
5-6	€200	
7-8	€300	
9-10	€400	
11 or more	€500	

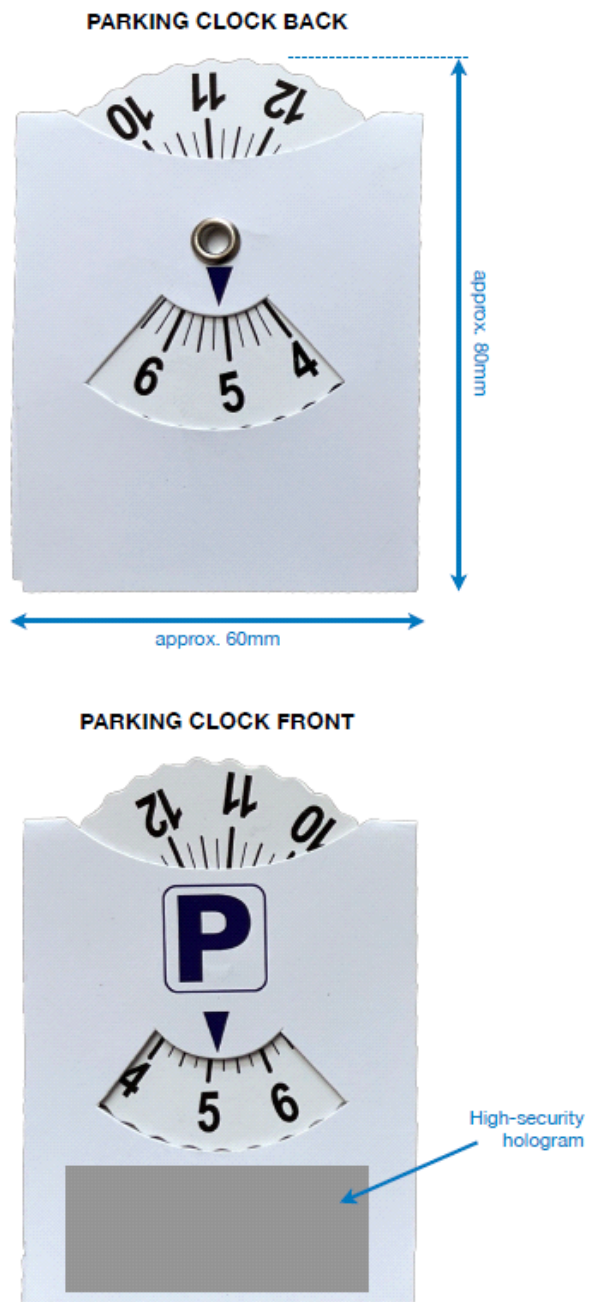
All contraventions shall be associated with the vehicle registration number and the number in the first column shall be reset at the start of every calendar year.

SEVENTEENTH SCHEDULE
(regulation 62)



Notes: 1) Objects in pink represent the cutouts for inserting the licence disc, for inserting the parking clock and for viewing the clock time.
2) Objects in green represent the cutouts on the inside of the holder, as viewed from the windscreen side.

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