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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, CHAP. 48:50

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR PASSENGER TRANSPORT
UNDER SECTION 101 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD
TRAFFIC ACT

THE PORT-OF-SPAIN TRANSIT CENTRE (PUBLIC SERVICE
VEHICLE STATION) REGULATIONS, 1997

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Port-of-Spain Transit Centre (Public Service Vehicle Station) Regulations, 1997. ^{Citation}

2. In these Regulations—

<sup>Interpreta-
tion</sup>

“Authorised officer” means any member of the management and staff of the Corporation duly authorised by the Corporation; and includes Customer Service Representatives duly appointed by the Corporation, Automotive Licensing Officers, Traffic Wardens, Police Officers and duly precepted Security Officers;

“Corporation” means the Public Transport Service Corporation;

“Holding Bay” means that area of the Corporation’s compound immediately preceding the Ready Bay and designated for use by public service vehicles;

“Loading Bay” means that area of the Corporation’s compound designated for use by public service vehicles for the loading or taking up of passengers;

“Manager” means the person appointed as Manager of the Port-of-Spain Transit Centre;

“Off-loading platform” means that area of the Corporation’s compound designated for the dropping off or discharge of passengers from public service vehicles;

“operator” means the holder of a valid permit under section 6A of the Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Act, 1994 and includes the driver of a public service vehicle; <sup>Act No. 3 of
1994</sup>

“owner” means a registered maxi-taxi owner under section 6 of the Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Act, 1994;

“passenger” means any person who hires a public service vehicle and includes any person who enters the vehicle with the permission of its owner or operator;

“persistent offender” means any person found guilty of a breach of any of these Regulations on more than three occasions;

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“public service vehicle” means a maxi-taxi as defined under section 2 of the Maxi-Taxi Act;

“Ready Bay” means that area of the Corporation’s compound immediately preceding the Loading Bay and designated for use by public service vehicles;

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“Transit Centre” means the taxi stand as defined by the Port-of-Spain Transit Centre (Taxi Stand) Order, 1997 made under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act;

“touting” means speaking or making noises or sounds in order to attract the attention of the public or possible passengers, and includes noisome and frequent demands or the persistent following of the public or possible passenger for the purpose of holding out a public service vehicle for hire to the public or possible passenger;

“Users” include owners, operators, conductors and passengers who use the Transit Centre.

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as Public
Service
Vehicle
Station

3. (1) That area of the Corporation’s compound which is bounded by the Beetham Highway, Broadway, South Quay and St. Ann’s River is hereby appointed a station for public service vehicles.

(2) The Corporation is authorised to make reasonable charges for the use of any accommodation on its property so provided.

Issue of
permits to
owners and
operators
Schedule

4. (1) The owner or operator of a public service vehicle who desires to use the Transit Centre shall apply to the Corporation in the manner set out in Form 1 of the Schedule.

(2) Upon receipt of an application form under subregulation (1) and the payment of a fee of one hundred dollars from an owner or twenty-five dollars from an operator, the Corporation upon being satisfied that such owner or operator is a fit and proper person to use

the Transit Centre shall issue to such owner or operator a permit in the manner set out in Form 2 of the Schedule.

(3) The Corporation shall not issue a permit to an owner or operator of any public service vehicle where the vehicle is not registered or does not carry valid insurance.

(4) A permit issued under subregulation (2) shall have a duration of one year from the date of issue and shall be renewable upon application in the manner set out in Form 3 of the Schedule.

5. Any owner or operator of any public service vehicle operating within the Transit Centre who—

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- (a) takes up passengers on the designated off-loading platform or in any other area other than that specifically appointed for such purpose;
- (b) engages in touting;
- (c) employs any person as a conductor who is not the holder of a valid permit issued under these Regulations;
- (d) loiters within the Transit Centre for the purpose of taking up passengers; or
- (e) leaves or permits to be left on any roadway within the Transit Centre any vehicle which has broken down, without taking immediate steps to have it removed to an area so designated by the Corporation without reasonable excuse,

shall be guilty of an offence under these Regulations.

6. (1) A person who is the holder of a Conductor's Permit under the Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic Act shall be required to hold a Conductor's Permit to operate within the Transit Centre.

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(2) Application for such a permit shall be made in the manner set out in Form 4 of the Schedule.

(3) The Corporation on being satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to operate as a conductor on a public service vehicle within the Transit Centre, shall upon the payment of a fee of twenty-five dollars grant to the successful applicant a permit in the manner set out in Form 2 of the Schedule.

(4) A permit shall have a duration of one year from the date of issue, and shall be renewable upon application in the manner set out in Form 3 of the Schedule.

Holding Bay 7. (1) Public service vehicles whilst in the Holding Bay shall be parked in the manner prescribed by an authorised officer of the Corporation.

(2) An owner or operator of a public service vehicle shall only cause his vehicle to leave the Holding Bay for the purpose of answering calls according to its priority of position.

(3) On the departure of any public service vehicle from the Holding Bay, the vehicle immediately behind it shall move forward and occupy the vacant space and in the like manner other vehicles in the rear shall move forward in the line and occupy the vacant spaces immediately in the front of them.

Ready Bay 8. (1) An owner or operator of a public service vehicle shall only cause his vehicle to enter the Ready Bay for the purpose of answering calls according to its priority of position.

(2) An owner or operator of a public service vehicle shall not cause his vehicle to leave the Ready Bay until instructed to do so by an authorised officer of the Corporation.

Loading Bay 9. Upon leaving the Ready Bay, an owner or operator shall, prior to loading, hand in his position number to an authorised officer located in the area so designated, and then take his vehicle to the Loading Bay as indicated by its position number.

Refusal of passenger 10. An owner or operator shall not refuse to take up any passenger bound for any destination stated on a Loading Bay without reasonable excuse.

Cancellation or suspension of permits 11. The Manager may suspend or cancel the permit of any owner, operator or conductor upon being satisfied that such owner, operator or conductor is—

(a) a persistent offender; or

(b) otherwise deemed unfit by the Manager to hold a permit.

Appeals 12. The Corporation shall hear and determine any appeal submitted by an aggrieved person against any decision to cancel or suspend his permit and the decision of the Corporation thereon shall be final and conclusive.

General 13. All users of the Transit Centre shall be required to observe such operating conditions as shall be prescribed by the Corporation from time to time.

Offence 14. An owner, operator or conductor who contravenes any of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars for a first offence and one thousand dollars for each subsequent offence.

SCHEDULE

[Regulation 4(1)]

FORM 1

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE CORPORATION PORT-OF-SPAIN
TRANSIT CENTRE FACILITY

Form of Particulars to be given by Applicant for Registration for a Public Service Vehicle
Permit to use Transit Centre

1	Full name of owner	
2	Postal address or residence of owner	
3	Full name of driver/operator (1)	
4	Postal address of driver/operator (1)	
5	Full name of driver/operator (2)	
6	Postal address of driver/operator (2)	
7	Description or type of vehicle	
8	Type and colour of body and seating accommodation	
9	Make of vehicle and year of manufacture	
10	Chassis number	
11	Registration number	
12	Name of Company with which insured	
13	Number of policy	
14	Date policy expires	
15	Weight for registration purposes	
16	Are you the registered owner of a Maxi-Taxi	
17	State are you the holder of a permit to operate a Maxi Taxi	
18	If yes, state registration certificate/permit number and date of issue	

.....
Date

.....
Signature

N.B: It is an offence under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 to give any particulars which are not correct and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.

FORM 2

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE CORPORATION

BACK

Reminder Notice

This Permit is valid for one (1) year from the date of First Issue or Anniversary
Date of Renewal.

NOTES

Transaction Code:

- A FIRST ISSUE
- B RENEWAL
- C DUPLICATE
- D ENDORSEMENT

[Regulation 4(4)]

FORM 3

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE CORPORATION
 PORT-OF-SPAIN TRANSIT CENTRE FACILITY

RENEWAL OF TRANSIT CENTRE PASS

1	Type of Pass applied for	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Conductor
2	Full name of applicant	
3	Sex	
4	Place of Birth	
5	Date of Birth	
6	Nationality	
7	Residential Address	
8	Postal address if different from above	
9	Are you the holder of a Transit Centre Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Have you previously been the holder of a Transit Centre Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, state number and date of issue	
	Maxi-Taxi Registration No.	
10	Give particulars of any pass which you held or now hold	
11	Have you at any time been disqualified from obtaining a Transit Centre Pass	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
12	If yes, give particulars	

.....
Date

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Signature of Applicant

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FORM 3

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DECLARATION IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION FOR DUPLICATE
TRANSIT CENTRE PASS FOR OWNER/OPERATOR/DRIVER/CONDUCTOR

I of

.....
in the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago so solemnly and sincerely declare as
follows:

1. I am the holder of No.
which was issued/renewed for the year 19

2. The said No. was lost or
stolen, on or about the day of
and although I have made a diligent search for the said
..... I have been unable to find same.

3. The said No. was destroyed on or
about the day 19

And I make this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and
according to the Statutory Declarations Act, Chap. 7:04 and I am aware that if
there is any statement in this declaration which is false in fact, which I know or
believe to be false or do not believe to be true I am liable to fine and
imprisonment.

Declared at

this day of 19

Before Me,

.....
Commissioner of Affidavits

[Regulation 6(2)]

FORM 4

PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE CORPORATION
PORT-OF-SPAIN TRANSIT CENTRE FACILITY

Form of Particulars to be given by Applicant for Conductor's Permit

1	Full name of applicant	
2	Postal address or residence of applicant	
3	State date of birth of applicant	
4	Are you the holder of a conductor's permit, or have you at any time previously been the holder of a conductor's permit, if so state number and date of issue	
5	State particulars of any endorsement on any conductor's or driver's permit which you hold or have	
6	Have you at any time been disqualified from obtaining a conductor's or driver's permit. If so, give particulars as to the court by whom, the date on which and the period for which the disqualification was imposed	

.....
Date.....
Signature

N.B.: It is an offence under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chap. 48:50 to give any particulars which are not correct and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.

Made this 25th day of August, 1997.

S. BAKSH
Minister of Works and Transport