

LEGAL NOTICE No. 109

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE MAXI-TAXI ACT, 1992

REGULATIONS

MADE BY THE AUTHORITY WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTER UNDER SECTION 13 OF THE MAXI-TAXI ACT, 1992

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the Maxi-Taxi Regulations, Citation 1992.

2. In these Regulations— Definitions

“the Authority” means the Administering Authority referred to in the Act;

“colour” means the colour in which a maxi-taxi is required to be painted and includes the colour bands of the specific route area as set out in the Third Schedule; Third Schedule

“normal work day” means any day except Saturdays, Sundays or public holidays

“permit” means a document in the form set out in the Second Schedule authorising a person to own and operate a maxi-taxi; Second Schedule

“route area” means the route area specified in the Fourth Schedule; Fourth Schedule

“specification” means the physical and mechanical standards set out in the Fifth Schedule which a vehicle must satisfy in order to qualify for use as a maxi-taxi. Fifth Schedule

3. For the purposes of the Act and these Regulations there shall be five route areas in Trinidad and one route area in Tobago. The route areas shall be divided in accordance with the delineation shown in the maps attached to the Fourth Schedule. Delineation of route areas
Fourth Schedule

4. (1) A maxi-taxi shall be painted off-white in colour with two colour bands, the first two hundred millimetres wide and the second fifty millimetres wide with a distance of ninety millimetres between the bands. Colour of maxi-taxi

(2) The bands shall be painted around the mid-portion of the vehicle and the colour of the band shall correspond to the colour shown opposite the respective route areas set out in the Third Schedule. Third Schedule

5. An application for a permit to own and operate a maxi-taxi in any route area shall be made to the Authority in the form set out in the First Schedule and shall be accompanied by a certificate of good character. Application for permit to own and operate maxi-taxi
First Schedule

Restriction on number of maxi-taxis to be granted to applicant
Chap. 81:03

6. The Authority shall not, except where the applicant is a society within the meaning of the Co-operative Societies Act, grant a permit to own and operate more than one maxi-taxi to a successful applicant.

Maxi-taxi to be operated in specified route areas

7. (1) A person to whom a permit is granted under these Regulations shall, on normal work days operate his maxi-taxi only on the route area specified in the permit.

(2) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred and fifty dollars and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine of twenty-five dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Tours and chartered trips outside specified route areas

8. (1) Notwithstanding Regulation 7, the operator of a maxi-taxi may operate his maxi-taxi during normal work days outside his specified route for the following purposes:

- (a) to conduct sight-seeing, cultural, recreational, familiarisation or similar tours; or
- (b) to convey members of a group—educational, sporting, religious or otherwise—on a charter basis to a named destination.

(2) A maxi-taxi operating under this regulation shall be clearly marked "chartered".

Route area may be changed with prior approval of Authority

9. (1) The holder of a permit to own and operate a maxi-taxi may, with the prior approval in writing of the Authority, change the route area specified in the permit.

(2) Where approval is given to change a route area, the colour bands of the new route area shall replace those previously used.

(3) The approval to change a route area shall be attached to the permit.

(4) A person who contravenes any of the provisions of this regulation is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars and to a further fine of fifty dollars for each day on which the offence continues after conviction.

Scale of fares to be prominently displayed

10. (1) The operator of a maxi-taxi shall prominently display in such taxi a scale of fares for the route area to which it is allocated.

(2) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of fifty dollars and to a further fine of five dollars for each day in which the offence continues after conviction.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
APPLICATION FOR OWNERSHIP OF A MAXI-TAXI

N.B.—It is an offence under the Act to give any particulars which are false or in any material respect misleading and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.

Answer must be typed or written in ink in block letters.

A Certificate of good character must accompany this application.

1. Full name of applicant Surname First Name Middle Name Maiden Name (if any)				2. Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
3. Place of Birth			4. Date of Birth Day Month Year		5. Nationality
6. Residential address in Trinidad and Tobago			7. Postal address if different from (6)		
8. Are you the holder of a Driving Permit issued in Trinidad and Tobago? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes" state number and date of Issue Number Day Month Year					
9. Are you the holder of a Taxi Driver's Licence and Badge? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes" state number and date of Issue Number Day Month Year					
10. Are you the owner of a taxi/taxis? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes" attach certified copy/copies of ownership					
11. Are you prepared to work full time as a Maxi-taxi operator? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No					
12. Tick (✓) box next to the route area you wish to operate					
<input type="checkbox"/> Route area No. 1		<input type="checkbox"/> Route area No. 2		<input type="checkbox"/> Route area No. 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Route area No. 4		<input type="checkbox"/> Route area No. 5		<input type="checkbox"/> Route area No. 6	

Date.....

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Signature of Applicant

FIRST SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

(Regulation 5)

13. DECLARATION IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION FOR OWNERSHIP OF A MAXI-TAXI

I,

ofin the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago do solemnly and sincerely declare that the information given is true and according to the Statutory Declarations Act, Chap. 7:04, and I am aware that if there is any information given 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

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this day of 19.....

Before me

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Commissioner of Affidavits

(OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

PERMIT TO OWN AND OPERATE A MAXI-TAXI

Approval is hereby granted to

of to own a Maxi-Taxi

Registration No. and to operate such taxi in Route Area subject to the condition that this permit may be cancelled for breach of the terms and conditions laid down in the Maxi-Taxi Act, 1992, and/or the regulations made under the Act.

SECOND SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

(Regulation 2)

Driving Permit No.
 Taxi Driver's Licence and Badge No.
 Chassis No.
 Dated.....
 Administering Authority

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Regulations 2, 4)

COLOUR OF BANDS

Route Area 1	...	...	...	...	...	Yellow
Route Area 2	...	...	...	...	...	Red
Route Area 3	...	...	...	...	...	Green
Route Area 4	...	...	...	...	...	Black
Route Area 5	...	...	...	...	...	Brown
Route Area 6	...	...	...	...	...	Blue

FOURTH SCHEDULE

(Regulations 2, 3)

ROUTE AREAS

Route Area (1)

- (a) Port-of-Spain/Chaguaramas
- (b) Port-of-Spain/Diego Martin
- (c) Port-of-Spain/Maraval/Maracas

Route Area (2)

- (a) Port-of-Spain/Arima/Sangre Grande/Matelot
- (b) Feeder Routes North of the Churchill-Roosevelt Highway

FOURTH SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

(Regulations. 2, 3)

Route Area (3)

(a) Port-of-Spain/Chaguanas/San Fernando

(b) San Fernando/Gasparillo/Tabaquite

Route Area (4)

(a) San Fernando/Princes Town/Rio Claro/Mayaro/Moruga/Tabaquite

(b) Sangre Grande/Manzanilla/Mayaro

(c) Sangre Grande/Biche/Rio Claro

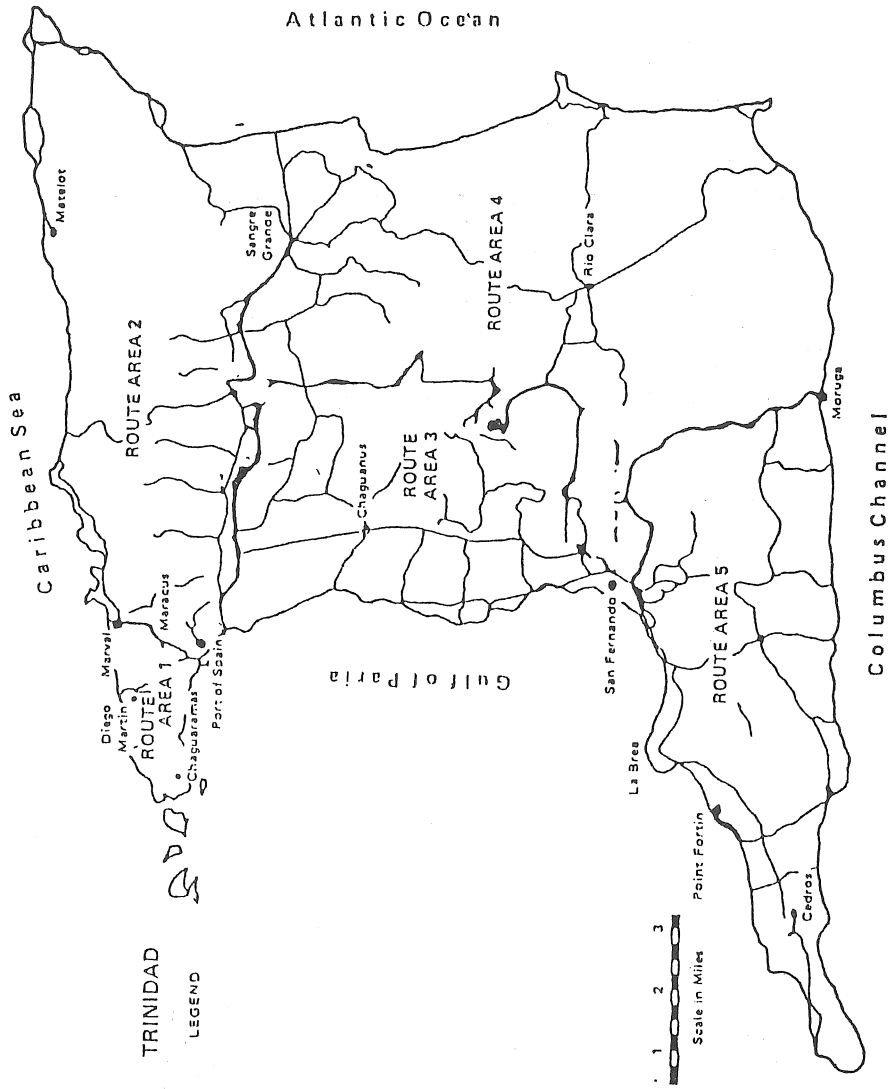
Route Area (5)

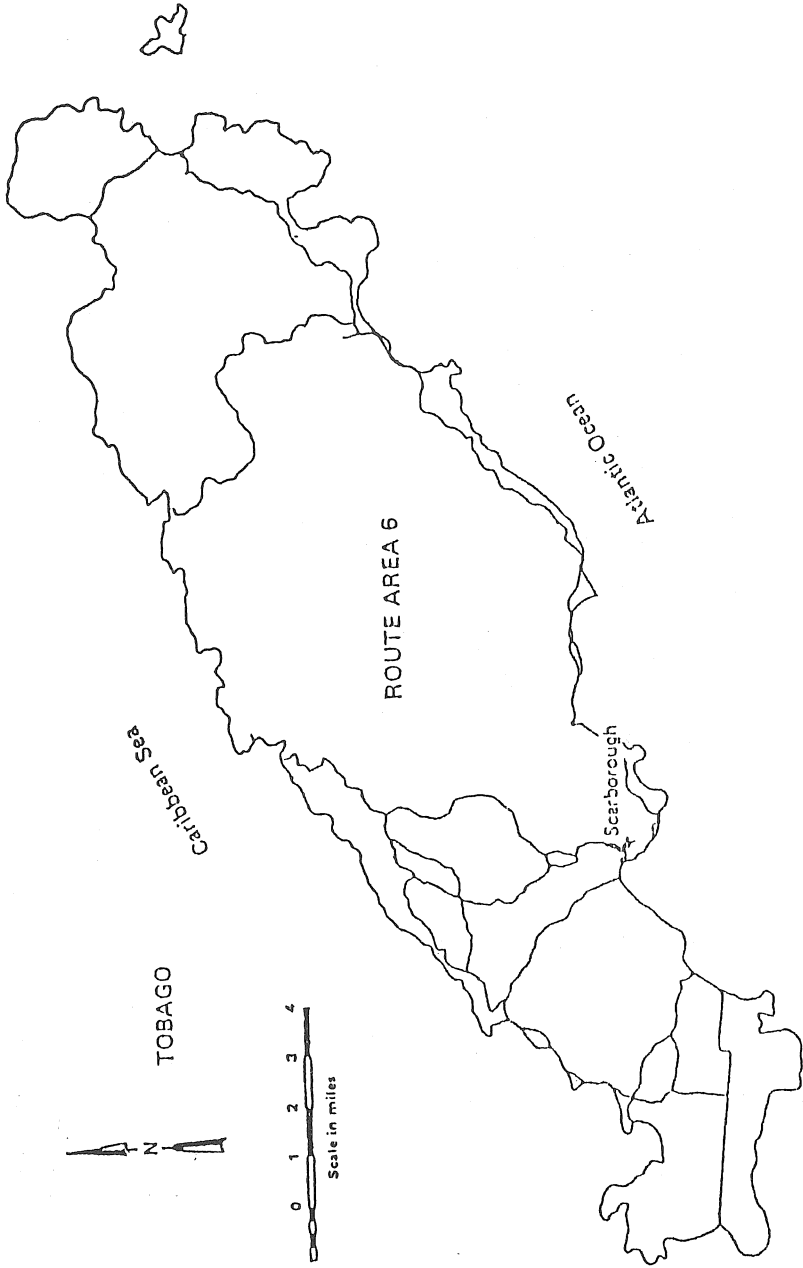
(a) San Fernando/La Brea/Point Fortin/Cedros

(b) San Fernando/Siparia/Erin/Moruga

Route Area (6)

Tobago





FIFTH SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

SPECIFICATIONS OF MAXI-TAXIS

The following specifications shall apply to all maxi-taxis. The vehicle shall have—

- (a) seating accommodation for not less than nine (9) nor more than twenty-five (25) passengers;
- (b) adequate luggage compartment approved by the Administering Authority for personal luggage of passengers;
- (c) a clear passage-way for movement of passengers;
- (d) no excess folding seats;
- (e) both its left and rear exit doors opening from both the inside and the outside;
- (f) adequate entrance step and step light;
- (g) a passenger stop buzzer;
- (h) room for not more than two (2) passengers to be seated in the front seat with the driver;
- (i) adequate windows for ventilation in the discretion of the Licensing Authority;
- (j) a sign "Taxi" on one side and "Off Duty" on the other to be illuminable and fitted on the roof of the vehicle;
- (k) a fire extinguisher;
- (l) one right side rear view mirror and an interior mirror;
- (m) hazard warning lights;
- (n) its destination sign fitted in a conspicuous position on the left front windshield of the vehicle;
- (o) an engine of not less than 16 Horse Power;
- (p) an entry and exit door on its left side.

Made by the Authority this 25th day of June, 1992.

E. GEORGE
Administering Authority

Approved by the Minister this 25th day of June, 1992.

C. IMBERT
Minister of Works and Transport

Approved by the House of Representatives this 3rd day of July, 1992.

N. COX
Acting Clerk of the House

Approved by the Senate this 14th day of July, 1992.

J. SAMPSON
Acting Clerk of the Senate