

LEGAL NOTICE No. 172

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

THE MAXI-TAXI ACT, 1992

REGULATIONS

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

THE MAXI-TAXI (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1994

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Regulations, 1994.

2. In these Regulations, "the Regulations" means the Maxi-Taxi Regulations. Interpretation
L.N. No. 109
of 1992

3. Regulation 2 of the Regulations is amended by deleting the definition of "permit". Regulation 2
amended

4. Regulation 5 of the Regulations is revoked and the following regulations are substituted: Regulation 5
revoked and
substituted

"Forms 5. (1) An application to be registered as an owner of a maxi-taxi shall be made to the Authority in the form set out as Form 1A in the **First Schedule** and shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars.

(2) An application for a permit to operate a maxi-taxi shall be made to the Authority in the form set out as Form 1B in the First Schedule and shall be accompanied by a fee of one hundred dollars and the recommendation of two persons who—

- (a) are not related to the applicant;
- (b) have known the applicant for at least three years; and
- (c) hold a responsible position in a company, organization or the Public Service.

(3) A certificate issued under regulation 5A shall be in the form set out as Form 1C in the First Schedule.

(4) A permit to operate a maxi-taxi shall be in the form set out in the Second Schedule.

Second
Schedule

Certificate to
acquire a
maxi-taxi

5A. Subject to section 6(5) of the Act and regulation 6, where a person applies to be registered as the owner of a maxi-taxi, the Authority shall, on being satisfied that the applicant has complied with section 6 of the Act and regulation 5(1), issue to the applicant a certificate authorizing the applicant to acquire a maxi-taxi pending the grant of registration.”.

Regulation 6
amended

5. Regulation 6 of the Regulations is amended by deleting from the words “grant a permit” to the end and substituting the words “register a person as the owner of more than one maxi-taxi.”.

Regulation 7
revoked and
substituted

6. Regulation 7(1) of the Regulations is revoked and the following subregulation is substituted:

“ (1) Subject to regulation 8, the operator of a maxi-taxi shall, on normal working days, operate the maxi-taxi only in the route area for which the maxi-taxi is registered.”.

Regulation 8
amended

7. Regulation 8(1) is amended by deleting from the word “Notwithstanding” to the words “specified route” and substituting the words “A maxi-taxi may, on normal work days, be operated outside of the route area for which it is registered”.

Regulation 9
amended

8. Regulation 9 of the Regulations is amended—

(a) by revoking subregulation (1) and substituting the following subregulation:

“ (1) The registered owner of a maxi-taxi may, with the prior approval in writing of the Authority, change the route area for which the maxi-taxi is registered.”;

(b) by revoking subregulation (3) and renumbering subregulation (4) as subregulation (3).

Regulations 11
to 18 inserted

9. After regulation 10 of the Regulations, the following regulations are inserted:

“Operator to
display
permit

11. The operator of a maxi-taxi shall prominently display his permit in the maxi-taxi and shall produce it on the request of a Transport Officer or a Police Officer in uniform.

Windscreens

12. (1) Subject to subregulation (2) and regulation 13, no maxi-taxi shall have painted, written or otherwise displayed on its front or rear windscreen or its windows, any picture, painting, advertisement or caption of any sort.

(2) The owner of a maxi-taxi may display his name or the name of the maxi-taxi on the front or rear windscreen of the vehicle, within an area not exceeding fifteen centimetres from the top of the windscreen.

Destination sign

13. The operator of a maxi-taxi standing for hire at a taxi-stand or plying for hire shall prominently display a destination sign in the lower left-hand corner of the front windscreen of the maxi-taxi.

Passengers and luggage

14. The operator of a maxi-taxi shall not, without reasonable excuse—

(a) refuse to be hired by a passenger when the maxi-taxi is standing for hire at a taxi-stand;

(b) refuse to accept a passenger with a reasonable amount of luggage.

Maxi-taxis at a public stand

15. (1) Where a maxi-taxi is at a public stand, the operator of the maxi-taxi shall, unless he can show good and substantial cause for doing otherwise, remain standing by or seated in the maxi-taxi.

(2) Maxi-taxis standing for hire in a public stand shall receive passengers and leave the stand according to their priority of position in the stand.

(3) On the departure of a maxi-taxi from a public stand, the maxi-taxi next in rear thereto shall move forward and occupy the vacant place, and in like manner other maxi-taxis in rear shall move forward in the line and occupy the vacant spaces immediately, in front of them.

(4) The operator of a maxi-taxi shall not receive passengers within one hundred metres from the public stand for the route along which he is plying for hire.

Duties of operator

16. The operator of a maxi-taxi shall ensure that—
- (a) all the doors of the maxi-taxi are closed while the maxi-taxi is in motion;
 - (b) all passengers, including the conductor are properly seated;
 - (c) no one stands on the footboard of the maxi-taxi, while the maxi-taxi is in motion;
 - (d) no passenger in excess of the number for which the maxi-taxi is licensed to carry, is carried in the maxi-taxi;
 - (e) the maxi-taxi is not used for any indecent or immoral purpose;
 - (f) his Taxi Driver's badge is conspicuously displayed in the maxi-taxi while he is standing, plying or driving for hire;
 - (g) he is suitably attired.

Conductors

18. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), an operator of a maxi-taxi may engage the services of a conductor at such times as he thinks fit.

(2) An operator shall not employ a person as a conductor unless that person is the holder of a maxi-taxi conductor's permit.

(3) The Authority shall, upon application in writing, issue a maxi-taxi conductor's permit to a person who has attained the age of eighteen years and who has a police certificate of good character.

(4) A conductor of a maxi-taxi shall not—

- (a) use obscene or abusive language or make insulting gestures;

- (b) call out or otherwise attempt to influence a person to travel by maxi-taxi;
 - (c) stand on the footboard of the maxi-taxi, while the maxi-taxi is in motion;
 - (d) consume or be under the influence of any alcoholic or narcotic substance while on duty.
- (5) A conductor shall be suitably attired.

Offences

19. A person who contravenes any of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of—

- (a) five hundred dollars for the first offence; or
- (b) five hundred dollars and the cancellation of his permit for any subsequent offence.

Cancellation of permit

20. (1) The Authority may cancel the permit of any person who is convicted of any offence against these Regulations or section 12A of the Act.

(2) Where the Authority proposes to cancel a permit, the Authority shall inform the operator of the substance of what is alleged against him and shall consider any explanations or representations made by the operator in writing in connection with any such proposed cancellation within seven days thereafter.

(3) If the operator notifies the Authority that he wishes to make oral representations or adduce witnesses in connection with a proposed cancellation, the Authority shall hear such representations or witnesses or shall direct his Deputy or such other officer as he may appoint to hear and determine the matter in dispute.

(4) Cancellation may be effected by notice to the operator and on any such cancellation it shall be in the discretion of the Licensing Authority to refuse any further licensing of the vehicle as a maxi-taxi whilst in the same ownership.”

First
Schedule
revoked and
substituted

10. The First Schedule to the Regulations is revoked and the following Schedule is substituted:

"FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 5(1) to (4)]

FORM 1A

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
APPLICATION TO BE REGISTERED AS OWNER OF A MAXI-TAXI

N.B.—It is an offence under the Statutory Declarations Act, Chap. 7:04 to give any particulars which are false or in any material respect misleading and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.

Answers MUST be typed or written in ink in block letters.

A certificate of good character (Police) 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 driver's 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 I.D. No. Passport No.					
9. What class of permit do you currently hold? <input type="checkbox"/> Light motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other					
10. Are you the owner of any other maxi-taxi(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes" state registration No.(s)					
11. Present Occupation					
12. What class of vehicle do you intend to own? <input type="checkbox"/> Light motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy motor vehicle					
13. Tick (✓) box next to the route area in which maxi-taxi is to be operated: 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 <input type="checkbox"/>					
14.					

Date

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Signature of Applicant

FIRST SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

[Regulation 5(1) to (4)]

15. DECLARATION IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION TO BE REGISTERED AS OWNER OF A MAXI-TAXI

I,

of
in 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.....

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Commissioner of Affidavits

(OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

FIRST SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

[Regulation 5(1) to (4)]

FORM 1B

GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
APPLICATION TO OPERATE A MAXI-TAXI

N.B.—It is an offence under the Statutory Declarations Act, Chap. 7:04 to give any particulars which are false or in any material respect misleading and you will be liable to prosecution if you do so.

Answers MUST be typed or written in ink in block letters.

A certificate of good character (Police) and two recommendations 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 driver's permit issued in Trinidad and Tobago? If "yes" state number and date of Issue		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
		Number	Day Month Year
9. What class of permit do you currently hold? <input type="checkbox"/> Light motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy motor vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
10. Are you the owner a maxi-taxi(s) If "yes" state registration No.(s)		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
11. What class of vehicle do you intend to operate? <input type="checkbox"/> Light maxi-taxi—under 2950 kg <input type="checkbox"/> Heavy maxi-taxi—2950 kg and over			
12.			

Date

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Signature of Applicant

FIRST SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

[Regulation 5(1) to (4)]

13. DECLARATION IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION TO OPERATE A MAXI-TAXI

I,

of
in 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.....

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Commissioner of Affidavits

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FIRST SCHEDULE—CONTINUED

[Regulation 5(1) to (4)]

FORM 1C

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

CERTIFICATE TO ACQUIRE A MAXI-TAXI

(Issued by the Licensing Authority under regulation 5A of the Maxi-Taxi Regulations, Chap. 48:53)

This is to certify that..... (Name of Applicant)

of (Address of Applicant) has

applied to be registered as the owner of a maxi-taxi of the Light Motor Vehicle/Heavy Motor Vehicle Class and that he/she, being the holder of Taxi Driver's Licence and Badge

No. *and of a Class 4 Driver's Permit (*Delete if inapplicable)

No. is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase or transfer, a maxi-taxi of the Light Motor Vehicle/Heavy Motor Vehicle Class pending the grant of the said registration.

Date Transport Commissioner

Second Schedule revoked and substituted

11. The Second Schedule to the Regulations is revoked and the following Schedule is substituted:

"SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulation 5 (4)]

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PERMIT TO OPERATE A MAXI-TAXI

(Issued under section 7 of the Maxi-Taxi Act, 1992)

Approval is hereby granted to

of to operate maxi-taxis of any class/the light motor vehicle class, subject to the conditions that this permit may be cancelled for breach of the terms and conditions laid down in the Maxi-Taxi Act, 1992 or the regulations made under the Act.

Driver's Permit No.

Taxi Driver's Badge and Licence No.

Date Administering Authority

Made by the Authority this 17th day of August, 1994.

E. PRESCOTT
Administering Authority

Approved by the Minister this 17th day of August, 1994.

C. IMBERT
Minister of Works and Transport

Approved by the House of Representatives this 2nd day of August,
1994.

N. COX
Acting Clerk of the House

Approved by the Senate this 30th day of August, 1994.

R. CUMBERBATCH
Acting Clerk of the Senate