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**MAXI-TAXI ACT**

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## CHAPTER 48:53

## MAXI-TAXI ACT

6 of 1992.

**An Act to re-enact the Maxi-Taxi Act, Ch. 48:53.**

Commencement.

[12TH JUNE 1992]

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is enacted *inter alia* by section 13(1) of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies may expressly declare that it shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution and, if any such Act does so declare, it shall have effect accordingly:

And whereas it is provided by subsection (2) of the said section 13 of the Constitution that an Act of Parliament to which that section applies is one the Bill for which has been passed by both Houses of Parliament and at the final vote thereon in each House has been supported by the votes of not less than three-fifths of all the members of that House:

And whereas it is necessary and expedient that the provisions of this Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution:

Short title.

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Maxi-Taxi Act.

(2) This Act shall have effect even though inconsistent with sections 4 and 5 of the Constitution.

Interpretation.  
[6 of 1994].

2. (1) In this Act—

“Administering Authority” or “Authority” means the Licensing Authority appointed in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act for the registration, licensing and control of motor vehicles;

“Advisory Committee” means the Committee appointed by the Minister under section 4;

“maxi-taxi” means a public service motor vehicle with seating accommodation for not less than nine nor more than twenty-five passengers;

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“permit” means a permit issued under section 7(1) and includes a permit to own and operate a maxi-taxi issued prior to the commencement of the \*Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Act, 1994; <sup>6 of 1994.</sup>

“system” means the maxi-taxi system.

(2) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, an operator of a maxi-taxi is deemed, for all purposes including that of the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act, to be the servant or agent of the owner of the maxi-taxi. <sup>Ch. 48:51.</sup>

**3.** (1) The Administering Authority shall be charged with the responsibility for implementing and regulating the system. <sup>Administering Authority to implement and regulate system.</sup>

(2) In the exercise of its functions under subsection (1), the Authority shall collaborate with—

- (a) the Advisory Committee;
- (b) the Police Department—Traffic Division;
- (c) the Transport Board;
- (d) the Highways Division;
- (e) the Public Transport Service Corporation; and
- (f) the Ministry of Legal Affairs.

**4.** (1) The Minister shall appoint an Advisory Committee for the purpose of assisting the Authority in the exercise of its functions under this Act. <sup>Minister to appoint Committee.</sup>

(2) The Committee shall consist of not more than seven persons who by their qualifications or experience, or both, are competent to assist the Authority in carrying out its functions.

(3) The Committee shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as may be determined by the President.

**5.** (1) The Authority shall determine the type of vehicle suitable for use as a maxi-taxi and in so doing, shall take into account— <sup>Authority to determine suitability for use as maxi-taxi.</sup>

- (a) its safety as a public service vehicle;
- (b) the convenience and comfort of the passengers;
- (c) the availability of the vehicle as well as its spare parts in Trinidad and Tobago;

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\*27th May 1994—date of commencement of Act No. 6 of 1994.

- (d) the facilities available for assembling the vehicle locally; and
- (e) such specifications of the vehicle as may be prescribed.

(2) The Authority shall by Notice published in the *Gazette* and in a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago publish the type of vehicle selected for use as a maxi-taxi.

Registration of maxi-taxi owners. [6 of 1994].

**6.** (1) The Authority shall compile and maintain a register of maxi-taxi owners.

\*(2) A person who on the commencement of the Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Act, 1994 is the holder of a valid permit to own and operate a maxi-taxi is entitled, without application, to be registered under subsection (1).

(3) A person who is desirous of owning a maxi-taxi may apply to the Authority to be registered as a maxi-taxi owner.

(4) An application under subsection (3) shall be in the prescribed form.

(5) For the purposes of regulating the number of maxi-taxis operating on a route, the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister, suspend in respect of that route the registration of additional maxi-taxi owners for such period as it thinks fit and shall cause notice of the suspension to be published in the *Gazette* and a daily newspaper circulating in Trinidad and Tobago.

Permit to operate a maxi-taxi. [6 of 1994].

**6A.** (1) Subject to subsection (2), no person shall operate a maxi-taxi unless he is the holder of a valid permit to do so.

\*(2) A person who on the commencement of the Maxi-Taxi (Amendment) Act, 1994 is the holder of a valid permit to own and operate a maxi-taxi is deemed to be the holder of a valid permit to operate a maxi-taxi.

(3) A person who is desirous of operating a maxi-taxi may apply to the Authority for a permit to do so.

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\*27th May 1994—date of commencement of Act No. 6 of 1994.

(4) An application under subsection (3) shall be in the prescribed form and shall be accompanied by a certificate of good character.

(5) An applicant referred to in subsection (3) shall—

- (a) be the holder of a valid taxi-driver's licence and badge; and
- (b) be the holder of a valid class 4 driver's permit where the maxi-taxi he proposes to operate is a heavy motor vehicle.

(6) In this section, "heavy motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle described under class 4 in section 50 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act. Ch. 48:50.

7. (1) The Authority shall issue to an applicant a permit to operate a maxi-taxi where it is satisfied that he has complied with all the requirements of this Act and the Regulations governing applications for such permits. Authority to issue permit. [6 of 1994].

(2) A permit shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and breach of any such conditions may result in its revocation.

8. (1) There is hereby established for the purposes of this Act a Tribunal which shall comprise the following persons to be appointed by the President after consultation with the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition: Review Tribunal.

- (a) a person who holds legal qualification; and
- (b) two persons with knowledge of and experience in the operation of public service vehicles.

(2) The Tribunal shall hear and determine all appeals from decisions of the Authority in the exercise of its functions and duties under this Act and, in particular, respecting the refusal of a permit under this Act.

(3) No appeal shall lie to any Court from a decision of the Tribunal.

9. (1) Where, in exercise of powers contained in any hire-purchase agreement or mortgage bill of sale or other similar form of agreement or instrument, a maxi-taxi is repossessed, the repossessor shall not be in breach of any of the provisions of this Repossessor not in breach of Act by not being holder of a permit. [6 of 1994].

Act by reason only of the fact that he is not the holder of a permit to operate a maxi-taxi.

(2) Subsection (1) shall not be construed as authorising the repossessor to use a maxi-taxi which has been repossessed as such a taxi unless he obtains the prior approval in writing, of the Administering Authority to operate the vehicle on its usual route or a new route.

(3) A repossessor who contravenes subsection (2) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one thousand dollars and in the case of a continuing offence to a further fine of fifty dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

Offence to use maxi-taxi for other commercial purposes.

**10.** (1) A person to whom a permit is issued or a person by whom a maxi-taxi has been repossessed shall not, without the prior approval in writing, of the Authority, use the maxi-taxi for commercial purposes, other than the transportation of passengers.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction—

- (a) to a fine of five thousand dollars, where the contravention takes place within four years of the vehicle's first being registered as a maxi-taxi; or
- (b) to a fine of one thousand dollars, where the contravention takes place after the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (a).

(3) In addition to the penalty imposed by paragraph (a) of subsection (2), a person who is found guilty under that paragraph shall—

- (a) have his permit revoked; and
- (b) be liable for the repayment of an amount equivalent to the customs duty and the motor vehicles tax which would have been ordinarily payable.

(4) All sums payable under subsection (3) shall be recoverable summarily as a civil debt.

**11.** (1) A person who operates a maxi-taxi without a valid permit to do so commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

Offence to operate maxi-taxi without valid permit. [6 of 1994].

(2) An owner of a maxi-taxi who employs or allows a person, not being the holder of a valid permit, to operate the maxi-taxi, commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), a mechanic may, for the purpose of testing a maxi-taxi and without using it for hire, drive the maxi-taxi on a public road.

**12.** (1) No vehicle, other than a maxi-taxi may be painted or decorated in such a manner and in such a combination of colours as are likely to cause the vehicle to be mistaken for a maxi-taxi.

Vehicle not to be painted in such manner as is likely to be mistaken for maxi-taxi. [5 of 2010].

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine of three thousand dollars and to a further fine of two hundred dollars for each day during which the offence continues after conviction.

**12A.** (1) Subject to subsection (2) the use of televisions, videos, radios, tape decks, compact disc players, amplifiers, equalisers, speakers or other electrical or electronic equipment for the purpose of playing music or other electrically or electronically transmitted sounds in a maxi-taxi is prohibited.

Use of electrical equipment restricted. [6 of 1994].

(2) Subject to such conditions and technical specifications as the Administering Authority may by Order prescribe, the use of a radio is permitted in a maxi-taxi.

(3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of five thousand dollars.

**13.** (1) The Authority may with the approval of the Minister make such Regulations as it considers necessary for the operation of this Act and in particular may make Regulations—

Regulations. [3 of 1994 5 of 2010].

(a) prescribing all that is required by this Act to be prescribed;

- (b) governing the criteria by which a permit to operate a maxi-taxi shall be issued;
- (c) specifying route areas;
- (d) governing the operation of maxi-taxis on route areas;
- (e) governing the allocation of maxi-taxis to specific route areas;
- (f) prescribing fees required to be paid under this Act;
- (g) restricting the number of maxi-taxis to be allocated to a successful applicant; and
- (h) pertaining to the colour in which a maxi-taxi may be painted.

(2) Regulations made under subsection (1) shall be subject to affirmative resolution of Parliament.

(3) Regulations made under subsection (1) may provide for a penalty of three thousand dollars for any breach thereof.

Validation.  
Ch. 48:53.

**14.** All acts and things done or omitted to be done under the Maxi-Taxi Act (hereinafter called “the former Act”) shall, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, be deemed to have been lawfully done or omitted under this Act as if this Act had been in force at the commencement of the former Act and all legal proceedings pending and all permits and other documents issued and in force at the commencement of this Act or made under the former Act shall continue to have full force and effect as if commenced, made or issued under this Act.

**15. (*Repealed by Act No. 6 of 1994*).**

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**SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION**

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**MAXI-TAXI REGULATIONS**

**ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS**

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**FIRST SCHEDULE.**

**SECOND SCHEDULE.**

**THIRD SCHEDULE.**

**FOURTH SCHEDULE.**

**FIFTH SCHEDULE.**

109/1992.  
[3 of 1994  
172/1994].

## MAXI-TAXI REGULATIONS

*made under section 13*

Citation.

**1.** These Regulations may be cited as the Maxi-Taxi Regulations.

Definitions.  
[172/1994].

**2.** In these Regulations—

“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;

Fourth Schedule.

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

Fifth 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.

Delineation of route areas.

**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.

Fourth Schedule.

Colour of maxi-taxi.

**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.

(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.

Forms.  
[172/1994].

**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.

First Schedule.  
Form 1A.

(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—

First Schedule.  
Form 1B.

- (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, organisation 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.

First Schedule.  
Form 1B.

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

Second  
Schedule.

**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 authorising the applicant to acquire a maxi-taxi pending the grant of registration.

Certificate to  
acquire a  
maxi-taxi.  
[172/1994].

**6.** The Authority shall not, except where the applicant is a society within the meaning of the Co-operative Societies Act, register a person as the owner of more than one maxi-taxi.

Restriction on  
number of  
maxi-taxis to  
be granted to  
applicant.  
Ch. 81:03.  
[172/1994].

**7.** (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.

Maxi-taxi to be  
operated in  
specified  
route areas.  
[172/1994].

(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. [172/1994].

**8.** (1) A maxi-taxi may, on normal work days, be operated outside of the route area for which it is registered 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. [3 of 1994 172/1994].

**9.** (1) The registered owner of a maxi-taxi may, upon payment of a fee of one hundred dollars and with the prior approval in writing of the Authority, change the route area for which the maxi-taxi is registered.

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

(3) 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.

Operator to display permit. [172/1994].

**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. [172/1994].

**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.

**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.

Destination sign.  
[172/1994].

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

Passengers and luggage.  
[172/1994].

- (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.

**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.

Maxi-taxis at a public stand.  
[172/1994].

(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.

**16.** The operator of a maxi-taxi shall ensure that—

Duties of operator.  
[172/1994].

- (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.

**17. (Regulation 17 was not included in LN No. 172/1994).**

Conductors.  
[172/1994].

**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.

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

Offences.  
[172/1994].

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

**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.

Cancellation of  
permit.  
[172/1994].

(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.

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*Maxi-Taxi Regulations*

Regulation 5(1)  
to (4).  
[172/1994].

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

**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, Ch. 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 ..... .....  
*Signature of Applicant*

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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, Ch. 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 .....

.....

this ..... day of ....., 20.....

.....  
*Commissioner of Affidavits*

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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, Ch. 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 (2) 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? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes" state number and date of Issue    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 of a maxi-taxi(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "yes" state registration No(s).		
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 ..... .....  
*Signature of Applicant*

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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, Ch. 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 .....

.....

this ..... day of ....., 20.....

.....  
*Commissioner of Affidavits*

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Maxi-Taxi

[Subsidiary]

Maxi-Taxi Regulations

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, Ch. 48:53)

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

of ..... has (Address of Applicant)

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 authorised 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

Regulation 5(4).  
[172/1994].

REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

PERMIT TO OPERATE A MAXI-TAXI

(Issued under section 7 of the Maxi-Taxi Act, Ch. 48:53)

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,  
Ch. 48:53 or the Regulations made under the Act.

Driver's Permit No. ....

Taxi Driver's Badge and Licence No. ....

Date .....

.....  
*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

Regulations 2, 3.

**FOURTH SCHEDULE**

**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

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

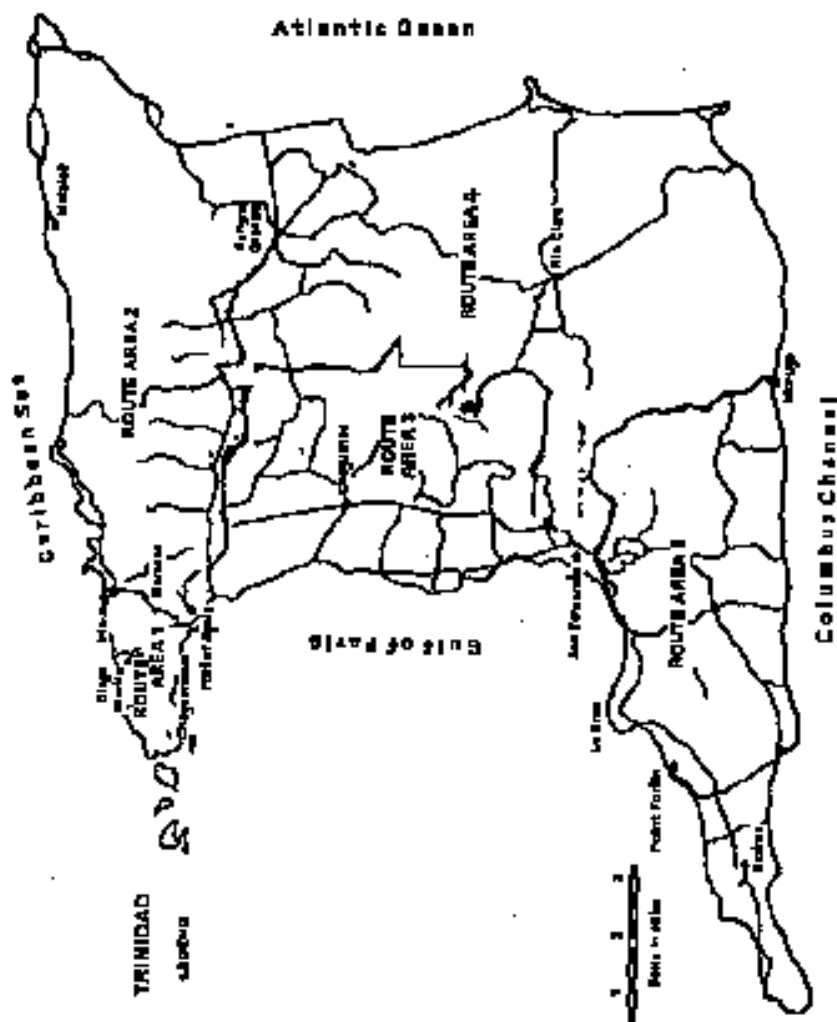
Route Area (5)

- (a) San Fernando/La Brea/Point Fortin/Cedros
- (b) San Fernando/Siparia/Erin/Moruga

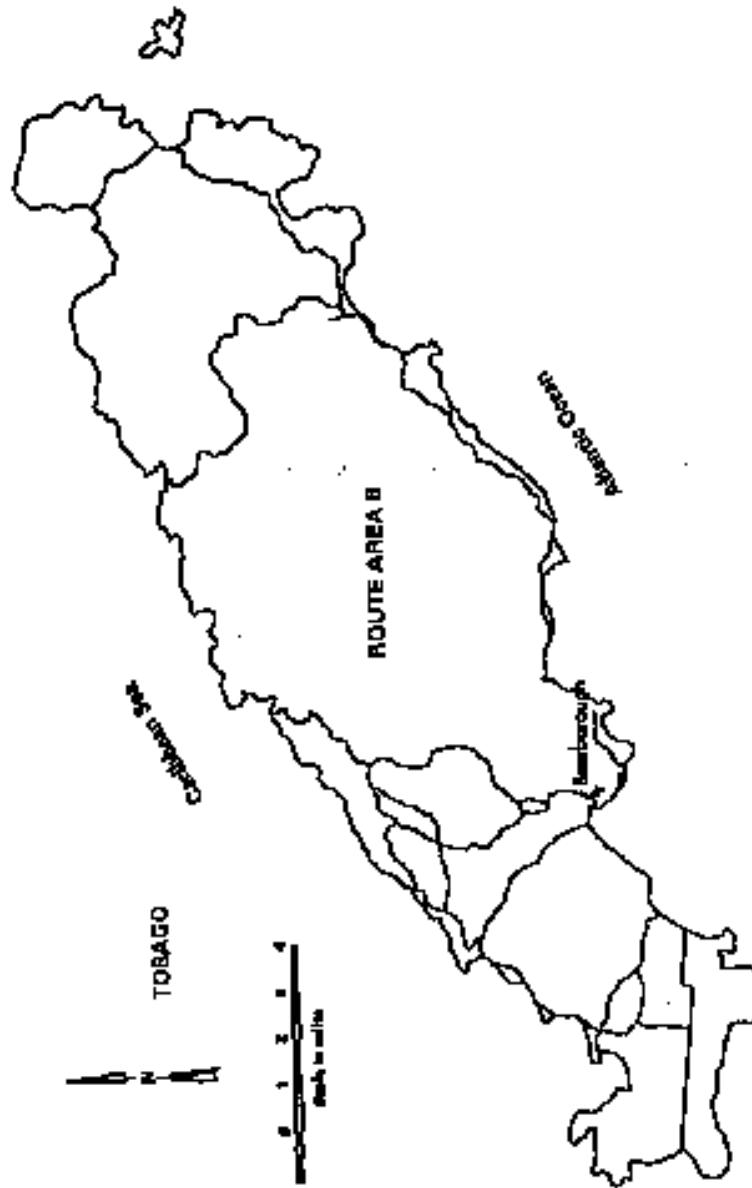
Route Area (6)

Tobago

**MAP**



ROUTE AREAS — *Continued*



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**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 passageway 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.

124/1994.

**MAXI-TAXI (RADIO) ORDER***made under section 12A (2)*

Citation.

**1.** This Order may be cited as the Maxi-Taxi (Radio) Order.

Radios.

**2.** (1) Subject to clause 4, the owner of a maxi-taxi may install, or permit the installation of, one radio in the maxi-taxi.

(2) The RMS power of a radio installed under subclause (1) shall not exceed eight watts.

Speakers.

**3.** (1) Subject to clause 4, the owner of a maxi-taxi may install, or permit the installation of—

(a) two speakers in the maxi-taxi, if the maxi-taxi is licensed to carry between nine and twelve passengers; or

(b) four speakers in the maxi-taxi, if the maxi-taxi is licensed to carry between thirteen and twenty-five passengers.

(2) The diameter of a speaker installed under subclause (1) shall not exceed four inches.

(3) The RMS power of a speaker installed under subclause (1) shall not exceed six watts or, where the wattage of the speaker is not specified, the weight of the speaker's magnet shall not exceed six ounces or, if the speaker's magnet is not easily detachable from the speaker, the weight of the speaker shall not exceed nine ounces.

(4) A speaker in a maxi-taxi shall not be placed in a speaker box or other enclosure, but may be installed in the panelling of the maxi-taxi.

Approval of  
the Authority.**4.** (1) No person shall install, or permit the installation of, a radio or speaker in a maxi-taxi unless, he first obtains the approval in writing, of the Administering Authority to do so.

(2) An operator of a maxi-taxi shall not use a radio or speaker installed in a maxi-taxi, unless the installation of the radio

or speaker, as the case may be, has been approved, in writing, by the Administering Authority and the operator has the letter of approval with him in the maxi-taxi.

**5.** Without prejudice to any other liability under section 12A of the Act, the Administering Authority may revoke the permit of a person who contravenes this Order. Revocation of permit.

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