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Regulations under the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991*

1 Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport (Passenger Buses) Regulations 1992*.

2 Commencement

These regulations shall come into operation on the commencement of the *Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Act 1991*.

3 Interpretation

In these regulations unless the contrary intention appears:

bus means a motor omnibus.

bus stop means a bus stop as defined under the *Traffic Act 1987*.

driver means the person driving or in control of a bus.

operator means a person who operates a bus otherwise than only as a driver.

passenger includes any person travelling on a bus other than the driver.

ticket includes a pass, voucher or other document that entitles a person to travel on a bus as a passenger.

Part 2 Operators

4 Operator to keep records

(1) The operator of a bus must make a record of the following:

- (a) each bus operated by the operator;
- (b) the name and residential address of each driver engaged or employed by the operator and the number of the driver's licence issued in relation to that person under the *Motor Vehicles Act 1949*;
- (c) a general description of the route on which the bus was operated on each day it was operated; and
- (d) any other matter that the Director requires as a condition of the operator's licence.

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

(2) The operator of a bus must ensure that the record mentioned in subregulation (1):

- (a) is kept in a safe place at the principal place of business of the operator; and
- (b) is produced whenever required by an inspector.

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

6 Operator to supply information

The operator of a bus shall whenever requested by the Director to do so furnish to the Director full and correct information of any kind that relates to journeys undertaken by a bus as is specified by the Director in the request.

Maximum penalty: 60 penalty units.

7 Fares, timetables and notices

(1) The operator of a bus who provides a route service must make available to the Director, or any other person, on request the following information:

- (a) each route along which the bus is operated;
- (b) the bus stops along each route;

- (c) the approximate times at which a bus will be available along each route;
- (d) the fares payable by passengers;
- (e) the class of bus provided for the route service.

(2) The operator of a bus must amend any timetable issued for subregulation (1) whenever requested to do so by the Director.

(3) The operator of a bus must paint in legible letters or display, in the manner the Director sees fit, in a conspicuous place on the inside and outside of the bus the particulars that the Director requires as to any of the following:

- (a) the timetable for the bus;
- (b) the fares payable by passengers;
- (c) the route of the bus;
- (d) the places or areas at or within which passengers may not be taken up or set down.

8 Limitation on passengers

The driver of a bus shall ensure that:

- (a) the number of passengers carried on a bus does not exceed the maximum number that is permitted to be carried on the bus;
- (b) a passenger is not carried in any part of the bus unless that part of the bus is designed to carry passengers.

12 Illegal purposes

The driver of a bus shall not use the bus for an illegal purpose or cause or permit the bus to be used for an illegal purpose.

Part 4 **Miscellaneous**

16 Fees

The fees set out in the Schedule are payable in relation to the matters specified in that Schedule.

20 Offences

A person who contravenes or fails to comply with a provision of these Regulations commits an offence.

Maximum penalty: 25 penalty units.

Schedule Fees

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For issuing or renewing a licence	550
For each endorsement on a licence	66
For an application to extend the period of a declaration of a pioneer route	60
For an urban service area licence	60

ENDNOTES

1 KEY

Key to abbreviations

amd = amended	od = order
app = appendix	om = omitted
bl = by-law	pt = Part
ch = Chapter	r = regulation/rule
cl = clause	rem = remainder
div = Division	renum = renumbered
exp = expires/expired	rep = repealed
f = forms	s = section
Gaz = Gazette	sch = Schedule
hdg = heading	sdiv = Subdivision
ins = inserted	SL = Subordinate Legislation
lt = long title	sub = substituted
nc = not commenced	

2 LIST OF LEGISLATION

Passenger Bus Regulations (SL No. 56, 1992)

Notified	21 October 1992
Commenced	21 October 1992

Amendments of Passenger Bus Regulations (SL No. 60, 1998)

Notified	23 December 1998
Commenced	1 January 1999 (r 1 and s 2 <i>Commercial Passenger (Road) Transport Amendment Act 1998</i> (Act No. 83, 1998))

Statute Law Revision Act 2003 (Act No. 12, 2003)

Assent date	18 March 2003
Commenced	18 March 2003

Amendments of Passenger Bus Regulations (SL No. 43, 2003)

Notified	1 August 2003
Commenced	1 October 2003 (r 1)

Passenger Bus Amendment (Inspector Powers) Regulations 2005 (SL No. 36, 2005)

Notified	19 October 2005
Commenced	19 October 2005

Public Transport (Passenger Safety) Act 2008 (Act No. 15, 2008)

Assent date	18 June 2008
Commenced	18 July 2008 (Gaz S35, 18 July 2008)

Fees and Charges (Transport) Amendment Regulations 2012 (SL No. 45, 2012)

Notified	14 December 2012
Commenced	1 January 2013 (r 2)

Penalties Amendment (Miscellaneous) Act 2013 (Act No. 23, 2013)

Assent date	12 July 2013
Commenced	28 August 2013 (Gaz G35, 28 August 2013, p 2)

**Commercial Passenger Vehicle Legislation Amendment Regulations 2016
(SL No. 33, 2016)**

Notified	6 July 2016
Commenced	1 October 2016 (r 2)

**Commercial Passenger Vehicle Legislation Amendment Regulations 2017
(SL No. 34, 2017)**

Notified	29 November 2017
Commenced	1 December 2017 (r 2)

Transport Legislation Amendment Act 2025 (Act No. 23, 2025)

Assent date	12 September 2025
Commenced	pts 2, 4, 5 and 6: 21 January 2026 (<i>Gaz S5, 19 January 2026</i>); rem: 18 November 2025 (<i>Gaz S69, 17 November 2025</i>)

3 GENERAL AMENDMENTS

General amendments of a formal nature (which are not referred to in the table of amendments to this reprint) are made by the *Interpretation Legislation Amendment Act 2018* (Act No. 22 of 2018) to: rr 1, 2, 3 and 4.

4 LIST OF AMENDMENTS

r 1	amd Act No. 23, 2025, s 66
r 4	amd No. 60, 1998, r 2; No. 34, 2017, r 46
r 5	rep No. 34, 2017, r 47
r 6	rep No. 34, 2017, r 48
r 7	sub No. 33, 2016, r 20
r 9	rep No. 34, 2017, r 48
r 10	amd Act No. 15, 2008, s 38
	rep No. 34, 2017, r 48
r 11	amd No. 36, 2005, r 3
	rep Act No. 15, 2008, s 38
r 13	rep Act No. 15, 2008, s 38
r 14	amd Act No. 12, 2003, s 19
	rep Act No. 15, 2008, s 38
r 15	rep Act No. 15, 2008, s 38
r 16	amd No. 60, 1998, r 3; No. 43, 2003, r 3
r 17	amd Act No. 12, 2003, s 19
	rep No. 34, 2017, r 48
r 18	rep Act No. 15, 2008, s 38
r 19	rep No. 34, 2017, r 48
r 20	amd Act No. 23, 2013, s 4
r 21	ins No. 60, 1998, r 4
	rep No. 43, 2003, r 4
sch	amd No. 60, 1998, r 5; No. 43, 2003, r 5; No. 45, 2012, r 10