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## ROAD TRANSPORT ACT

(Cap 206)

**Road Transport (Conversion of Omnibus to Taxi)  
Regulations, 2015**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Road Transport Act, the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Transport hereby makes the following Regulations —

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Transport (Conversion of Omnibus to Taxi) Regulations, 2015.

Citation

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

Interpretation

“Act” means the Road Transport Act;

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“Licensing Authority” means the Seychelles Licensing Authority established under section 3 of the Licences Act;

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“Road Transport Commissioner” means the Road Transport Commissioner appointed under section 11 of the Act;

“taxi” has the meaning assigned to it under section 2 of the Act;

“vehicle” means a private or public omnibus of the size and capacity stipulated in the First Schedule.

3.(1) Where an owner of a vehicle desires to convert the vehicle into taxi, the owner may make an application, in the

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prior permission  
of conversion of  
omnibus

form specified in the Second Schedule, to the Road Transport Commissioner for seeking prior permission for conversion of the vehicle.

(2) The Road Transport Commissioner may, on receipt of the application under subregulation (1), require the owner to comply with the conditions stipulated under regulation 4.

Conditions of conversion

4.(1) The Road Transport Commissioner may before allowing conversion under regulation 3(2), direct, in writing, the owner of the vehicle to make the necessary modifications in the vehicle to suit the requirements of a taxi.

(2) The owner of the vehicle, after making the necessary modifications in the vehicle, shall take the vehicle to the Vehicle Testing Station who shall ensure upon inspection that the vehicle meets with the requirements and specifications of a taxi stipulated under the Act and the Road Transport (Taxi) Regulations.

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(3) On being satisfied with the inspection, the officer in charge of the Vehicle Testing Station shall issue to the owner of the vehicle a certificate of inspection certifying that the vehicle complies with the requirements and specifications of the taxi.

(4) On receipt of the certificate of inspection under subregulation (3), the owner of the vehicle shall produce the certificate and the vehicle to the office of the Road Transport Commissioner who shall, on being satisfied, permit the vehicle to be issued a taxi licence and issue the owner of the vehicle a letter of authorisation to that effect upon payment of a conversion fee of SCR50,000.

Grant of licence

5.(1) The owner of the vehicle shall, after obtaining the letter of authorisation under regulation 4(4), make an application to the Licensing Authority for grant of taxi licence

to the vehicle in accordance with the Licences (Road Transport) Regulations.

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(2) The application for taxi licence under subregulation (1) shall be accompanied with—

(a) the letter of authorisation issued by the Road Transport Commissioner under regulation 4(4);

(b) the certificate issued by the Vehicle Testing Station that the vehicle complies with the requirement and specifications of a taxi;

(c) the fee or other charges as may be applicable under the Licences Act or the regulations made thereunder.

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(3) The Licensing Authority may, on being satisfied that all applicable requirements are met issue to the vehicle a taxi licence, subject to the Licences Act and the regulations made thereunder.

6.(1) Any person who uses or operates an omnibus as taxi without obtaining a taxi licence in accordance with these Regulations commit an offence.

Offences and penalties

(2) Any person who alters or interferes with the modification or any specification of the vehicle granted a taxi licence in accordance with these Regulations commits an offence.

(3) Any person who commits an offence under subregulation (1) or (2) shall on conviction be liable to a fine of SCR20,000 and be liable to have the taxi licence of the vehicle revoked.

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

*(Regulation 2)*

**SPECIFICATION AS REGARD TO SIZE AND CAPACITY OF OMNIBUS WHICH MAY BE CONVERTED TO TAXI**

- Vehicle does not exceed 5.5 Meters.
- Vehicle engine capacity does not exceed 2500 Cc.
- Vehicle seating capacity, including driver, is not less than 9 but does not exceed 12.

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

*[Regulation 3 (1)]*

**APPLICATION FORM FOR CONVERSION OF AN OMNIBUS INTO TAXI**

**ROAD TRANSPORT COMMISSION**

**Application Form for Conversion of an omnibus into taxi**

Name of applicant:  
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Address of applicant:  
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NIN:.....

Contract details:.....

Date of application:  
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Make / Year of Manufacture of omnibus

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I am hereby requesting permission to convert my existing omnibus vehicle having omnibus license into taxi. The omnibus is a 12-seater and I hereby confirm that 3 seats will be removed to comply with the 9 seats allowed in a taxi vehicle.

I therefore declare that the information given above is true to the best of my knowledge.

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Applicant signature

Place: .....

Date: .....

Made this 15th day of April, 2015.

**JOEL MORGAN  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
AND TRANSPORT**