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1. Citation

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

2. Interpretation

In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

"Act" means the Road Transport Act;

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

"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. Application for prior permission of conversion of omnibus

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

4. Conditions of conversion

- (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.
- 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 as set out in the Third Schedule.

[regulation 4(4) amended by regulation 2(a) of SI 50/2016 w.e.f. 1 August 2016]

5. Grant of licence

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

6. Offences and penalties

- (1) Any person who uses or operates an omnibus as taxi without obtaining a taxi licence in accordance with these Regulations commit an offence.
- (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 nine but does not exceed 12.

Second Schedule (Regulation 3(1))

Application form for conversion of an omnibus into taxi (RT003.pdf): www.seylii.org/greybook

Third Schedule

Number of years of vehicle	Fee
New vehicles of up to 1 year old	SR50,000
2 year old vehicles	SR40,000
3 year old vehicles	SR30,000
4 year old vehicles	SR20,000
5 year old vehicles	SR10,000
6 year old vehicles	SR5,000