Public Service Vehicles, Licensing and Regulations.

MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND UNDER PART II OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND IN REGARD TO THE PROVISIONS CONTAINED IN REGULATIONS 9, 22 AND 34 (2).

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Preliminary.

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles Regulations, 1927, and shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1927.

(2) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires :—

(*a*) The expression "the Ministry" means the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

(*b*) The expression "the Act" means the Motor Vehicles (Traffic and Regulation) Act (Northern Ireland), 1926.

(*c*) The expression "motor hackney carriage" means a public service vehicle seating not more than six persons in addition to the driver.

(*d*) The expression "omnibus" means a public service vehicle seating more than six persons in addition to the driver.

(*e*) The expression "Licensing Officer" means an Officer of Constabulary, to whom any powers and duties relating to the licensing of public service vehicles and their drivers and conductors for a County or County Borough have been assigned by the Ministry under Section 16 (1) of the Act.

(*f*) The expression "Inspector of Public Service Vehicles" means any police officer or constable other than a Licensing Officer, to whom any powers and duties relating to public service vehicles and their drivers and conductors have been assigned by the Ministry, under Section 16 (1) of the Act.

(*g*) The expression "Identification Mark" means the "Index Mark and Registration Number" assigned to the public service vehicle on registration in accordance with the provisions of the Roads Act, 1920, and Regulations made thereunder.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply for the purpose of the Interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the purpose of the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. TheseRegulations shall not apply to any hearse nor to any vehicle seating not more than six persons in addition to the driver which is licensed under paragraph 6 of the Second Schedule to the Finance Act, 1920, and in respect of which the owner satisfies the Licensing Officer that it is not used to stand or ply for hire on any street, road or public place, nor regularly used for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire, but is occasionally let for private hire.*

3. Any licences issued by the Council of any County Borough or Urban District or by the Commissioners of any town in respect of public service vehicles and their drivers shall cease to be operative as from the first day of July, 1927.

PART I.

Licensing of Public Service Vehicles.

4. An Applicant (which expression shall mean an individual, firm or corporate body, as the case may be) desirous of obtaining a licence for a public service vehicle shall make application to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks which is nearest the place where the vehicle is ordinarily kept and which is within the same County or County Borough or at such other place as the Ministry may appoint. Such application shall be in the form No. 1 or 2 in the First Schedule hereto as the case may require, or in a form to the like effect, and shall be made by the owner of the vehicle, or by some person duly authorised in writing by the owner in that behalf.

5. Where an application is made for the licensing of a public service vehicle by the owner thereof being a company whose registered office is situate outside Northern Ireland or by an individual or individuals whose residence or residences is or are outside Northern Ireland it shall be a condition of the issue of such licence that the owner shall have and retain during the currency of the licence an office or place of business within Northern Ireland and shall undertake to accept service thereat of any summons or other document relating to any matter or offence arising in Northern Ireland in connection with such public service vehicle and to appear at any Court as required by such summons or other document and admit and submit to the jurisdiction of the Court relative to the subject matter of such summons or other document. Any non-performance of such undertaking shall operate as an immediate revocation of the licence.

6. A licence shall not be granted to any person under the age of 21 years, and if granted to any such person shall be void.

* See post, p. 228.

7. The Licensing Officer may in his discretion refuse to grant a licence :—

(*a*) If the applicant has previously obtained a licence for a public service vehicle and such licence has been revoked or suspended, provided that where such licence has been revoked or suspended by the Ministry, the Licensing Officer shall not, while such revocation or suspension is in force, grant a licence without the consent of the Ministry.

(*b*) If the applicant—

(i) Has failed to observe any of the conditions of any licence previously granted ; or

(ii) Has been convicted of any offence under Part II of the Act, or any Regulations made thereunder.

8. The Licensing Officer shall not grant a licence, if the applicant fails to satisfy him :—

(*a*) That the public service vehicle conforms to the conditions of fitness from time to time laid down by the Ministry.

(*b*) That the applicant is of good character and business repute, and that his financial position is such that he is a fit and proper person to hold a licence

9. The prescribed fees shall be one pound for a licence for a motor hackney carriage, and two pounds for a licence for an omnibus.

10. If the Licensing Officer approves of the application, the applicant shall cause the public service vehicle to which he desires the licence shall attach to be brought to such place as the Licensing Officer shall direct for examination.

11. If the public service vehicle is found fit for public use, the Inspector of Public Service Vehicles shall cause a plate bearing the number which is to distinguish such vehicle (hereinafter called the number plate) to be affixed thereto in his presence, together with such mark or marks as the Ministry may from time to time direct, and shall at the same time determine the seating capacity of the vehicle in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 17 hereof. The number plate shall be fixed in a conspicuous position on the lower left portion of the back of each vehicle, but not in close proximity to the Identification Mark of the vehicle, and the Licensee shall provide the means of attachment for the number plate.

If the licence is refused the Licensing Officer shall transmit to the applicant notice of such refusal in the form No. 3. in the First Schedule hereto or in a form to the like effect.

The licence shall be in the form No. 4 or 5 in the First Schedule hereto as the case may require, or in a form to the like effect.

12. The licensee shall be responsible for the observance of all conditions under which the licence is granted.

13.—(*a*) The Licensee :—

(1) Shall not permit his public service vehicle to be used for an illegal purpose.

(2) Shall not deface or mutilate his licence.

(3) Shall at all times when required produce his licence to any police officer or constable.

(4) Shall at all reasonable times for the purpose of inspection, examination or testing of the vehicle to which the licence relates :—

(i) Produce the vehicle at a time and place to be notified.

(ii) Afford to any inspector of public service vehicles full facilities for such inspection, examination or testing, including access to his premises for that purpose.

(5) Shall within three days after a notice shall have been delivered to him personally or left at the address last notified to the Licensing Officer, deliver up his licence at the office of the Licensing Officer or at such other place as may be specified in the notice, together with the number plate affixed to the vehicle pursuant to Regulation 11 hereof.

(*b*) The licensee of any public service vehicle shall not, except as provided by these Regulations, conceal, remove, alter or obliterate, or permit or suffer any unauthorised person to conceal, remove, alter or obliterate any plate number or mark affixed to or placed upon the vehicle in pursuance of these Regulations or by the authority of the Ministry.

(*c*) The licensee shall cause the public service vehicle and all its fittings and furniture to be maintained and kept in good order and repair, and shall take all practicable means to secure that all parts of the mechanism, including the brakes, are free from defects and in efficient working order, that the inside and outside of the body and all other parts of the vehicle are kept clean, and the whole ready and efficient for the purpose of hire, and shall not suffer any printed, written or other matter to appear on the outside or inside of the vehicle, except such as shall be approved by the Licensing Officer.

(*d*) The licensee, if any alteration in design or construction of the public service vehicle has been made since the licence was issued, shall immediately communicate full particulars of such alteration to the Licensing Officer.

(*e*) The licensee of a public service vehicle shall not employ or permit or suffer any person to be employed as a driver of a public service vehicle of a type not mentioned in or endorsed upon the said driver's licence.

(*f*) The licensee of a public service vehicle shall report immediately to the Licensing Officer of the County in which such vehicle is licensed particulars of any accident to his vehicle or any defect which has come to his knowledge.

(*g*) The licensee of a public service vehicle shall not assign or transfer any licence granted to him in respect of any such vehicle, except with the approval of a Licensing Officer endorsed on the licence.

14. Any licence defaced or upon which there is an erasure shall be void.

15. A licence granted in respect of a public service vehicle shall be liable to revocation or suspension by a Licensing Officer in any of the following events :—

(*a*) If the licence has been obtained by any misrepresentation.

(*b*) If the licensee fails to comply with any of the conditions upon which the licence issued to him has been granted.

(*c*) If the licensee has been convicted of an offence under the Act or any Regulations made thereunder.

(*d*) If in the opinion of the Licensing Officer the licence cannot continue to be held without risk to the public, or if the conduct of the licensee is or has been during the currency of the licence such as to render it inadvisable, in the opinion of the Licensing Officer, that the licensee should continue to hold the licence.

In the event of such revocation or suspension the Licensing Officer shall give or cause to be given to the licensee notice in writing of such revocation or suspension. Such notice may be served either personally or by leaving the same at the address of the licensee last notified to the Licensing Officer, and such licence shall be deemed to be revoked or suspended as from the date of such service.

16. In the case of the death or lunacy of any licensee of a public service vehicle during the currency of his licence the Licensing Officer on application by any relative of such licensee approved by such Officer may by endorsement on the licence temporarily transfer such licence to such applicant pending the

appointment of a legal personal representative or committee of the fortune as the case may require ; but if the deceased licensee has by Will appointed an executor or executors or when a legal personal representative or committee has been appointed the Licensing Officer shall thereupon transfer the licence to such acting executor or executors or other legal personal representative or committee when appointed if approved by the Licensing Officer. And such licence as from the death or lunacy of the licensee shall be deemed to have been suspended unless and until it is so transferred.

17.—(1) In determining the number of persons for whom any public service vehicle has seating capacity :—

(*a*) Where separate seats for each person are provided one person shall be counted for each separate seat provided.

(*b*) Where the vehicle is fitted with continuous seats one person shall be counted for each complete length of 16 inches measured in a straight line lengthwise on the front of each such seat ; and where any such continuous seat is provided with arms for the purpose of separating the seating spaces and such arms are so constructed that they can be folded back or otherwise put out of use, such seat shall be measured for the purpose of these Regulations as if it had not been fitted with such arms.

(2)—(*a*) In determining the seating capacity of any public service vehicle the driver's seat shall be excluded.

(*b*) In the case of an omnibus, the driver's seat means, for the purposes of these Regulations, any separate seat occupied by the driver of the vehicle, or where no such separate seat is provided and the driver occupies a portion of a continuous seat, so much of that seat as extends from the right edge of the seat to a point 18 inches left of a point on the seat directly in rear of the centre of the steering column.

(3) Where the floor space or any substantial part of the floor space of any public service vehicle is available for the accommodation of passengers, but is not fitted with permanent seats, the seating capacity of that vehicle shall be determined as if the floor space so available were fitted with continuous seats of such number and dimensions as would provide for the reasonable comfort and convenience of passengers, and the foregoing provisions shall apply accordingly.

In measuring the floor space so available such space as is reasonably required for the use of persons entering and leaving and persons in charge of the vehicle shall not be included.

(4) For the purposes of Section 13 of the Act no child under the age of seven years shall be regarded as a person.

18.—(1) Every applicant for a licence for a public service vehicle shall, before a licence is granted to him, produce a satis-

factory policy of insurance against any lawful claims that may be made in respect of damage to persons or to property caused by the use of the vehicle upon public highways, or satisfy the Ministry, through the Licensing Officer, that he is in a position to meet such claims.

(2) If any such policy ceases to have effect during the currency of any licence issued in respect of the vehicle, the licensee shall immediately send notice thereof in writing to the Licensing Officer of the County in which such vehicle was licensed, and the licence so issued shall be deemed suspended as from the date the policy ceases to have effect until such time as the licensee satisfies the Licensing Officer that another such policy is in force as respects the vehicle.

(3) Every licensee shall on demand produce to the Licensing Officer any such policy and the receipt for the last premium payable in respect thereof.

19. The licensee of a public service vehicle shall, within three days after the expiration of the period for which the licence was granted, deliver up to the Licensing Officer by whom the licence was issued the number plate affixed to the vehicle pursuant to Regulation 11 hereof, unless a new licence has been granted.

20. During such period as the Ministry may deem proper a provisional licence may be granted for any public service vehicle, without requiring the vehicle to be tested and examined. Such provisional licence will authorise the use of the vehicle until such time as it has been tested and examined and a licence in accordance with these Regulations granted or refused. The owner of the vehicle shall make application for a licence in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations within seven days from receipt of notice from the Licensing Officer requiring him to do so, otherwise the provisional licence will cease to have effect.

Part II.

Licensing of Drivers and Conductors of Public Service Vehicles.

21. A person desirous of obtaining a licence to act as a driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall make application to the Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks which is nearest the place where the vehicle in respect of which he intends to act as driver or conductor is ordinarily kept and which is within the same County or County Borough. Such application shall be in the form No. 6 or 7 as the case may require, in the First Schedule hereto or in a form to the like effect, and shall be accompanied, in the case of an application by a driver, by a medical certificate in such form as the Ministry may from time to time require.

22. The prescribed fee shall be five shillings for a licence to act as driver or conductor of a public service vehicle.

23. If a licence is refused the Licensing Officer shall transmit to the applicant notice of such refusal in the form No. 8 in the First Schedule hereto or in a form to the like effect. Such licences shall be respectively in the forms Nos. 9 and 10 in the First Schedule hereto, or in forms to the like effect.

24. Every licence granted to the driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall be liable to revocation or suspension for any period of time by a Licensing Officer if the holder thereof has been convicted of any offence under the Act or any Regulations made thereunder, or if, in the opinion of the Licensing Officer, he has been guilty of misconduct in the exercise of his calling or is unable to exercise it without risk to the public. In the event of such revocation or suspension the Licensing Officer shall give or cause to be given to the licensee notice in writing of such revocation or suspension. Such notice may be served either personally or by leaving the same at the address of the licensee last notified to the Licensing Officer, and such licence shall be deemed to be revoked or suspended as from the date of such service.

25. A licence shall not be granted to any applicant :—

(*a*) who is a female ;

(*b*) who is unable to read and write, or is not clean in dress and person ;

(*c*) who is unable to produce a copy of his birth certificate or furnish other satisfactory evidence as to his age ;

(*d*) who is under five feet in height or not strong enough to deal with the luggage of passengers.

(*e*) who is deemed unfit from any infirmity of mind or body ;

(*f*) who fails to satisfy the Licensing Officer that he is of good character and fit to act as driver or conductor, as the case may be.

26. Every applicant for a licence to drive a public service vehicle will be required to pass a practical examination as to his ability to manage a vehicle of the type he wishes to drive, and will be required to bring a vehicle of that type to such place and at such time as the Licensing Officer shall direct for the purpose of such examination.

27. During such period as the Ministry may deem proper a provisional licence may be granted to any male person to act as the driver or conductor of a public service vehicle if, in the case of a driver, he is twenty-one or more years of age, and, in the case of a conductor, he is eighteen or more years of age. Such provisional licence will authorise the person to whom it is granted to act as driver or conductor, as the case may be, until such time as a licence in accordance with the provisions of these regulations has been granted or refused. A person to whom a provisional licence has been granted shall make application for a licence in accordance with the provisions of these regulations within seven

days from receipt of notice from the Licensing Officer requiring him to do so, otherwise the provisional licence shall cease to have effect.

Part III.

Taximeters.

28. Every taximeter affixed to a public service vehicle shall be of a form approved by the Ministry, and shall be maintained in good working order and repair so as to indicate accurately the fares chargeable.

The licensee shall obtain the services of an approved Taximeter Maker who will maintain a current and accurate taximeter on the vehicle.

The taximeter shall be so placed as to be easily seen and read from the inside of the public service vehicle at all times, and shall be sufficiently lighted at night.

29. No taximeter shall be affixed to any public service vehicle unless the seal or mark approved by the Ministry be affixed to such taximeter. If a taximeter not having the said seal or mark intact be found on any public service vehicle the licence granted in respect of that vehicle shall be liable to revocation or suspension.

30. The transmitter cable connecting the taximeter with the star wheel shall be properly covered and the sleeve of the cable securely fixed to the casing of the taximeter with a set screw in such a manner that the screw can be sealed by the Inspector of Public Service Vehicles. The said transmitter cable for its entire length shall be properly secured and protected from injury.

Provision shall also be made by the licensee for sealing by the Inspector of Public Service Vehicles of the following :—

(*a*) The bolts locking star wheel in position.

(*b*) The bolts whereby the taximeter is affixed to the cab.

31. Any owner or driver or other person who shall break or in any way tamper with the seal or mark placed on the taximeter, or who shall with intent to deceive tamper with the taximeter shall be deemed to have committed a breach of these Regulations.

Where a taximeter on a licensed vehicle becomes defective the owner or driver shall report such defect to the Licensing Officer, and shall take immediate steps to have the taximeter repaired or exchanged. On completion of such repairs or the affixing of a new meter, the owner or driver shall report the fact to the Licensing Officer with a view to the vehicle being presented to an Inspector of Public Service Vehicles for testing and sealing.

Part IV.

General.

32. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of a Licensing Officer to grant or vary any licence or by the revocation of any licence

may appeal to the Ministry against such refusal or revocation in accordance with the following provisions :—

(1) The appellant shall within one month from the date of the refusal or revocation send notice of appeal in writing to the Ministry.

(2) The notice of appeal which shall be in the form No. 11 in the First Schedule hereto or in a form to the like effect shall set out the full name and address of the appellant, the nature of the application, if any, made to the Licensing Officer, and the Licensing Officer's decision in respect thereof, and shall contain a full statement of all the facts and circumstances which the appellant may desire to lay before the Ministry in support of the appeal.

(3) The appellant shall, at the same time as he sends notice of appeal to the Ministry, send a copy of the notice to the Licensing Officer.

33. No omnibus seating more than fourteen persons in addition to the driver shall stand or ply for hire or carry passengers for hire unless in addition to the driver a conductor is employed thereon.

34.—(1) If an owner, driver or conductor during the currency of his licence changes his address, he shall forthwith communicate particulars of such change of address to the Licensing Officer, and shall at the same time insert particulars of his new address in the space provided therefor in his licence, and the address last inserted in the licence shall, for all purposes connected with the licence, be deemed to be the address of the licensee.

(2) If a person to whom a licence has been granted under Part II of the Act, satisfies the Licensing Officer that the licence has been lost, or accidentally defaced or destroyed, the Licensing Officer shall issue to him a duplicate licence on payment of a fee of two shillings and sixpence in the case of a licence for a public service vehicle, and one shilling in the case of a licence for a driver or conductor, and such duplicate shall have the same effect as the original licence. An application for a duplicate licence shall be in the Form No. 12 or 13 in the First Schedule hereto as the case may require, or in a form to the like effect. In the case of the loss of a licence, if at any time after the issue of a duplicate licence, the original licence shall be found, then the licensee shall take all reasonable steps to obtain possession of such original and shall return it to the Licensing Officer.

35. The owner of a public service vehicle shall not use or employ the vehicle as such or suffer the same to be so used or employed unless :—

(*a*) The number of persons which the vehicle is licensed to carry is clearly shown by a mark or plate of the form

and dimensions set out in the Second Schedule hereto and carried in the position prescribed therein.

(*b*) His name and address is painted in legible letters in a conspicuous position on the near side of the vehicle.

(*c*) A statement (hereinafter called a fares board) in legible letters and figures of the fares or rates to be paid by persons using the same is exhibited in a convenient and conspicuous position in or on the vehicle.

36. In the event of any defects being found on inspection after a public service vehicle has been licensed which, in the opinion of any Inspector of Public Service Vehicles, renders it unsuitable or dangerous for public service, the said Inspector shall notify the owner of such defects, and the licence in respect of such vehicle shall be deemed suspended until such time as the Licensing Officer shall otherwise direct.

37. The owner of a public service vehicle shall cause the vehicle to be always provided with a proper and satisfactory motor car repair outfit, and where the vehicle is fitted with pneumatic tyres with a tyre fully inflated mounted on a spare rim or spare wheel.

38. The owner of an omnibus shall cause the vehicle to be always provided with suitable fire extinguishing appliances approved by the Licensing Officer and carried in such a position as to be readily available for use.

39.—(1) The owner of an omnibus carrying passengers at separate fares by defined stages shall cause sufficient route or destination boards to indicate the journey to be made to be affixed on the near side or in front of the vehicle when actually standing or plying for hire, and shall not permit anything to be so placed as to obscure or interfere with the legibility of the route, destination or fares board.

(2) The owner of a public service vehicle shall not permit any lamp exhibiting a coloured light to be attached to or used in connection with the head lights or side lights of the vehicle.

40. The driver of a public service vehicle shall not drive any public service vehicle other than of the type specified in the licence issued to him under Part II of these Regulations.

41. The driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall at all times during his employment, or when appearing before a Court, have in his possession the licence issued to him under Part II of these Regulations and shall produce the same on demand by any police officer or constable.

42. The driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall not conceal, remove, alter or obliterate, or permit to be concealed, removed, altered or obliterated any plate number or mark affixed to or placed on the vehicle in pursuance of these Regulations or by the authority of the Licensing Officer or the Ministry.

43. The conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver of an omnibus, shall not permit any obstruction of any kind, including a movable or folding seat, in any of the gangways or passages of the vehicle, nor shall he place or permit to be placed any such obstruction in front of the exit door or on the steps of the vehicle, nor shall he permit any luggage, parcel or other article to be carried on the vehicle in such a manner as to project beyond the ordinary limits of the vehicle.

44. The conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver of any closed public service vehicle, shall not permit any tins of petrol or like spirit to be carried inside the vehicle, nor shall the conductor or driver of any public service vehicle, while there are any passengers in the vehicle, permit any petrol to be filled into the tank thereof when the opening through which the same is filled is inside the vehicle.

45. The owner, driver or conductor of a public service vehicle when standing, plying, or carrying passengers for hire, shall conduct himself in an orderly manner, and with civility and propriety towards every passenger and intending passenger, and shall not, without reasonable excuse, refuse or neglect to comply with any proper requirement of any passenger or intending passenger.

46. The driver or conductor of an omnibus :—

(*a*) Shall, as regards the manner of taking up or setting down of passengers desirous of entering or leaving such omnibus, comply with the directions of every constable authorised to keep order, regulate the traffic or prevent obstruction of the streets.

(*b*) Shall bring the omnibus or cause it to be brought to a standstill as near as possible to the left hand side of the road, whenever, to his knowledge, any passenger shall be desirous of leaving such omnibus, and also whenever any passenger shall be desirous of entering it, provided such omnibus is not already occupied by the full number of persons authorised to be carried therein, but he shall not bring it or cause it to be brought to a standstill at a cross-roads, top of a bridge or any other place where it is likely to be a source of danger or inconvenience to other persons using the road.

(c) Shall not, when any person shall be entering or leaving such omnibus, wilfully start it or cause it to be started before such person shall be seated in or upon such omnibus or shall have alighted from and be clear of the same as the case may be.

47.—(1) The driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall at all times when driving or being in attendance upon the vehicle and the vehicle is standing, plying or carrying passengers for hire, wear attached to his outer clothing in such a manner as to be plainly and distinctly visible, a numbered metal badge which shall be provided by the Licensing Officer with the words "Licensed Driver" or "Licensed Conductor" as the case may be, plainly marked thereon, and shall within three days from the expiration of his licence deliver up the badge to the Licensing Officer, unless he shall have been granted a new licence.

(2) The driver or conductor of a public service vehicle shall within three days after a notice shall have been delivered to him personally or left at the address last notified to the Licensing Officer deliver up his licence at the Office of the Licensing Officer or at such other place as may be specified in the notice, together with the badge issued to him.

48. The owner, driver, or conductor of a public service vehicle or any other person on his behalf shall not, to the annoyance of any person, by touting, calling out or otherwise, importune any person to use or to be carried for hire in any such vehicle.

49. Every driver of a public service vehicle shall promptly obey the signals of a constable directing traffic.

50.—(1) No person shall smoke or use any uncovered artificial light near an uncovered tank or receptacle containing liquid fuel, or any vaporisable material on or attached to a public service vehicle.

(2) The driver of a public service vehicle shall not smoke when driving a vehicle carrying passengers for hire, nor shall he smoke to the annoyance of any passenger when the vehicle is standing for hire.

(3) The owner or conductor of a public service vehicle, when the same is standing, plying or carrying passengers for hire, shall not smoke to the annoyance of any passenger.

51.—(1) When a public service vehicle is standing, plying or carrying passengers for hire :—

(a) A person shall not :—

(i) enter or alight from the vehicle otherwise than by the doors or openings provided for that purpose ;

(ii) when entering or attempting to enter the vehicle wilfully impede passengers seeking to alight therefrom ;

(iii) spit upon or wilfully soil or defile the inside or outside of the vehicle ;

(iv) unreasonably interfere with the comfort of any passenger.

(*b*) No person shall :—

(i) wilfully remove or displace any number plate, route indicator or destination board, or any printed or other notice or advertisement in or on the vehicle ;

(ii) enter or mount the vehicle, or hold or hang on by or to any part of the vehicle, except with the intention of becoming a passenger thereon ;

(iii) enter, mount or leave or attempt to enter, mount or leave the vehicle while it is in motion ;

(iv) wilfully obstruct or interfere with any conductor, driver, or other servant of the owner acting in the performance of his duty upon or in connection with the vehicle ;

(v) interfere with any part of the vehicle or its equipment.

(*c*) No person shall travel or be permitted to travel upon any part of the vehicle which is not part of the seating accommodation for the conveyance of passengers.

(2) When a public service vehicle is carrying passengers for hire, a person shall not thereon or therefrom :—

(*a*) to the annoyance of other persons use any noisy instrument or make or combine with any other person or persons to make any loud singing or outcry ;

(*b*) throw any money to be scrambled for by persons on the road or footway, or distribute advertisements, pamphlets, notices, or handbills, or throw out any bottle. liquid, litter, article or thing likely to annoy persons, or capable of injuring, damaging or endangering persons or property ;

(*c*) attach any streamers, balloons, flags or other articles likely to cause obstruction in the roadway or to interfere with other traffic or to injure or damage any persons using the roadway.

(3) The conductor, or where there is no conductor, the driver of a public service vehicle shall not permit any breach of sub-Articles (1) and (2) of this Regulation.

(4) When a public service vehicle is standing, plying or carrying passengers for hire, a person shall not :—

(*a*) Enter the vehicle if :—

(i) the condition of his dress or clothing is such that

it may reasonably be expected to soil or injure the linings or cushions of the vehicle, or the clothing of other passengers ;

(ii) his condition is such as is likely to be offensive to passengers.

(*b*) remain in or upon the vehicle if, in either case (i) or (ii) last aforesaid, the conductor or driver shall have requested him to leave the vehicle and shall have tendered to him the amount of any fare previously paid.

52. When an omnibus is standing, plying or carrying passengers for hire :—

(*a*) Every passenger shall :—

(i) before leaving the vehicle, or immediately upon demand, declare the journey he has taken, or intends to take, and pay the conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver, the fare for such journey and obtain the ticket (if any) supplied therefor ;

(ii) if requested by the conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver, leave the vehicle on completion of the journey for which he has paid ;

(iii) show his ticket, if any, when required so to do, to the conductor or any other authorised officer of the owner.

(*b*) A person shall not :—

(i) wilfully alter or deface his ticket ;

(ii) bring any heavy or cumbersome luggage or other article in or upon the vehicle except with the consent of the conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver, or place any such luggage or article elsewhere in or on the vehicle than as the conductor or driver may direct ;

(iii) bring any dog or other animal in or on the vehicle except with the consent of the conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver ; or if the conveyance of such dog or other animal might be offensive or an annoyance to any passenger, retain any dog or other animal taken into or upon the vehicle after being requested by the conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver, to remove it ; or place any dog or other animal elsewhere in or on the vehicle than as the conductor, or if there be no conductor, the driver, may direct ;

(iv) speak to the driver of the vehicle unless it is necessary to do so in order to give directions as to the stopping and starting of the vehicle ;

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(v) smoke or carry a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette in any part of the vehicle in which a notice is exhibited that smoking is prohibited;

(vi) when in or on the vehicle sell or offer for sale or distribute goods or printed matter of any description.

53. The owner, conductor, or where there is no conductor, the driver, of a public service vehicle standing, plying or carrying passengers for hire, shall not suffer or permit any article, material or substance which may be offensive or dangerous to any passenger or which may be inflammable to be carried on the vehicle, nor shall any person enter or travel in or on the vehicle with loaded firearms or with any article, material or substance as aforesaid, provided that this regulation shall not apply in the case of a public service vehicle hired for the conveyance of not more than one passenger.

54.—(1) Immediately after the termination of any journey the conductor of a public service vehicle, or if there be no conductor, the driver, shall carefully search the vehicle for any property which may have been accidentally left therein, and shall within 24 hours deposit such property, if not sooner claimed by the owner, in the state in which he finds it, at any Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks, and truly state particulars of such finding.

(2) Any passenger who finds property accidentally left in a public service vehicle shall immediately hand the same to the conductor, or if there be no conductor, to the driver, who shall within the period before stated, if it is not sooner claimed by the owner, deposit the property in the state in which it was found at any Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks, and truly state the particulars of such finding.

55.—(1) If any property is found in a public service vehicle and brought to any Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks by the driver or conductor thereof, under the provisions of these Regulations, the police shall forthwith notify the Ministry who may advertise for any person claiming to be the owner of such property and if same be not claimed (in the case of perishable goods, immediately) or in the case of goods not perishable, within twelve months from the finding by the person, to the satisfaction of the Ministry, proving himself to be the true owner or alternatively the finder not being the driver or conductor, the Ministry may forthwith sell such property, and out of the proceeds shall award to such driver or conductor as follows:—

For property consisting of or comprising any gold or silver money, Treasury or bank notes, jewellery, or watch, and being of less value than £10.	A sum equal to 3/– in the £1 on the value of the property.
For property of any other kind and being of less value than £10.	A sum equal to 2/6d in the £1 on the value of the property.
For property of the value of £10, or upwards.	Such a sum as the Ministry shall deem reasonable.

Provided that the Ministry may, if it thinks fit, at the expiration of the said period of twelve months, deliver the property to the driver or conductor instead of awarding to him a sum of money.

(2) If the property (not being perishable) which shall have been so brought to a Royal Ulster Constabulary Barracks be claimed before the expiration of the said period of twelve months, and the claimant proves to the satisfaction of the Ministry that he is entitled thereto, the same shall be delivered to him on payment by him of all expenses incurred, and of a reward to the driver or conductor. The amount of such reward shall be determined by the Ministry with reference to the character and the value of the property in accordance with the foregoing sub-article.

Given under the Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland this Twenty-seventh day of June, 1927.

(L.S.)

D. L. Clarke,
Assistant Secretary.

The provisions contained in the foregoing Regulations numbered 9, 22 and 34 (2) are hereby approved by the Ministry of Finance for Northern Ireland, this Twenty-seventh day of June, 1927.

R. E. Thornley,
Assistant Secretary.

(L.S.)

P.S.3.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Form Number 1.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE FOR A MOTOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE.

Particulars to be given by Applicant.

1. Full Name of Applicant (Owner of Vehicle).....
(IN BLOCK LETTERS.)
2. Business Address of Applicant.....
3. Description of Vehicle :—
   (*a*) Type of Vehicle and Seating Capacity.....
   (*b*) Make of Car.....
   (*c*) Horse Power.....
   (*d*) Unladen Weight.....Tons.....Cwts.....Qrs.
   (*e*) Weight on each Axle. { Front ..... Rear .....
   (*f*) Chassis No.....
4. Identification Mark (if any) .....
5. Place where vehicle is ordinarily kept.....
6. Has Applicant previously held a Licence for a Public Service Vehicle ? .....
7. Has Applicant ever had a Licence for a Public Service Vehicle revoked or suspended ? If so, give particulars. .....
8. Has Applicant ever been convicted of any offence in connection with a Public Service Vehicle ? If so, give particulars.....
9. Has the Vehicle previously been submitted for inspection ? If so, give particulars of last occasion and state Licensing Officer to whom submitted.....

NOTE.—When the application is approved and prior to the grant of the licence the Applicant will be required to submit a satisfactory policy of Insurance against any lawful claims which may be made in respect of damage to persons or property caused by the use of the public service vehicle for which the licence is sought, or satisfy the Ministry through the Licensing Officer that he is in a position to meet such claims.

I hereby apply for a Licence for the above-mentioned Public Service Vehicle. I declare that I am not under twenty-one years of age, and that the particulars furnished with respect to this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature,.....

Date,.....192....

P.S.4.

Form Number 2.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE FOR AN OMNIBUS.

Particulars to be given by Applicant.

1. Full Name of Applicant (Owner of Vehicle)..... ... ...
(IN BLOCK LETTERS.)
2. Business Address of Applicant.....
3. Description of Vehicle :—
   (*a*) Type of Vehicle and Seating Capacity.....
   (*b*) Make of Car.....
   (*c*) Horse Power.....
   (*d*) Unladen Weight.....Tons.....Cwts.....Qrs.
   (*e*) Weight on each Axle. { Front..... Rear.....
   (*f*) Chassis No.....
4. Identification Mark (if any) .....
5. Place where vehicle is ordinarily kept.....
6. Has Applicant previously held a Licence for a Public Service Vehicle ? .....
7. Has Applicant ever had a Licence for a Public Service Vehicle revoked or suspended ? If so, give particulars. .....
8. Has Applicant ever been convicted of any offence in connection with a Public Service Vehicle ? If so, give particulars.....
9. Has the Vehicle previously been submitted for inspection ? If so, give particulars of last occasion and state Licensing Officer to whom submitted.....

NOTE.—When the application is approved and prior to the grant of the licence the Applicant will be required to submit a satisfactory policy of Insurance against any lawful claims which may be made in respect of damage to persons or property caused by the use of the public service vehicle for which the licence is sought, or satisfy the Ministry through the Licensing Officer that he is in a position to meet such claims.

I hereby apply for a Licence for the above-mentioned Public Service Vehicle. I declare that I am not under twenty-one years of age, and that the particulars furnished with respect to this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature,.....

Date,.....192.....

P.S. 7.

Form Number 3.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

NOTICE OF REFUSAL OF LICENCE FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE.

Please take notice that your application for a licence for the motor hackney carriage (or omnibus) of which the description is.....

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cannot be granted for the following reasons :—

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Your application form is returned herewith cancelled. Application for a refund of the licensing fee paid should be made to the Ministry of Finance, Belfast.

An appeal against my decision may be made by you on the prescribed form to the Ministry of Home Affairs within one month from the date of this notice.

To .....

of .....

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Licensing Officer.

.....County.

Dated the day of 192 .

P.S. 10.

Form Number 4.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

MOTOR HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCE NO.....

I hereby licence.....

of.....

to use the Motor Hackney Carriage distinguished by the number.....

for the purpose of plying for hire.

The make of the Carriage is .....

the chassis number..... and the Identification mark.....

And I certify with regard to the said Carriage that the number of persons which it is licensed to carry is.....

This licence is granted subject to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, and of any Regulations made thereunder, and shall remain in force for the period of one year from the date hereof unless revoked or suspended before the expiration of that period.

By Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

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Licensing Officer.....County.

Dated.....day of.....192.....

Change of Address.

The licensee shall here insert every change in his permanent address, and shall at the same time notify such change to the Licensing Officer :—

Date..... Address.....

Date..... Address.....

P.S. 11.

Form Number 5.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

OMNIBUS LICENCE NO.....

I hereby licence.....

of.....

to use the Omnibus distinguished by the number..... for the purpose of plying for hire.

The make of the Omnibus is.....

the chassis number..... and the Identification mark.....

And I certify with regard to the said Omnibus that the number of persons which it is licensed to carry is.....

This licence is granted subject to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, and of any Regulations made thereunder, and shall remain in force for the period of one year from the date hereof unless revoked or suspended before the expiration of that period.

By Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

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Licensing Officer.....County.

Dated.....day of.....192.....

Change of Address.

The licensee shall here insert every change in his permanent address, and shall at the same time notify such change to the Licensing Officer :—

Date..... Address.....

Date..... Address.....

P.S. 15.

Form Number 6.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE AS DRIVER OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE.

Particulars to be given by Applicant in his own handwriting.

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1. Full Name of Applicant.....
(IN BLOCK LETTERS).

2. Full Postal Address.....

3. Age.....

4. Type or types of Vehicle which the applicant desires to be licensed to drive, including make, &c. .....

5. Has applicant previously held a Licence as Driver of a Public Service Vehicle ? If so, give particulars including number of last licence. .....

6. Has applicant ever had a Licence as Driver of a Public Service Vehicle revoked or suspended ? If so, give particulars. .....

7. Has applicant ever been convicted of any offence in connection with a Public Service Vehicle ? If so, give particulars.....

I hereby apply for a Licence as Driver of a Public Service Vehicle, and declare that I am not under twenty-one years of age, and that the particulars furnished with respect to this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I attach Medical Certificate as to my fitness to drive a Public Service Vehicle.

Signature.....

Dated..... .....192 .

P.S. 16.

Form Number 7.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCE AS CONDUCTOR OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE.

Particulars to be given by Applicant in his own handwriting.

1. Full Name of Applicant.....
(IN BLOCK LETTERS).

2. Full Postal Address.....

3. Age.....

4. Has applicant previously held a Licence as Conductor of a Public Service Vehicle? If so, give particulars including number. .....

5. Has applicant ever had a Licence as Conductor of a Public Service Vehicle revoked or suspended? If so, give particulars. .....

6. Has applicant ever been convicted of any offence in connection with a Public Service Vehicle? If so, give particulars.....

I hereby apply for a Licence as Conductor of a Public Service Vehicle, and declare that I am not under eighteen years of age, and that the particulars furnished with respect to this application are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature.....

Dated.....192....

P.S. 20.

Form Number 8.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

NOTICE OF REFUSAL TO GRANT A LICENCE TO ACT AS DRIVER OR CONDUCTOR OF A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE.

Please take notice that your application for a licence to act as Driver (or Conductor) of a Public Service Vehicle cannot be granted for the following reasons :—

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Your application form is returned herewith cancelled. Application for a refund of the licensing fee paid should be made to the Ministry of Finance, Belfast.

An appeal against my decision may be made by you on the prescribed form to the Ministry of Home Affairs within one month from the date of this notice.

To.....

of.....

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Licensing Officer.
.....County.

Dated the day of 192 .

P.S. 22.

Form Number 9.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

DRIVER OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

LICENCE NO.....

I hereby license .....

of.....

to act as driver of Public Service Vehicles of the following types :—

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and none other for one year from the date hereof unless this Licence is sooner revoked or suspended.

This Licence is issued subject to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, and of all Regulations made thereunder.

By Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

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Licensing Officer..... County.

Dated.....day.....192.....

Change of Address.

The licensee shall here insert every change in his permanent address, and shall at the same time notify such change to the Licensing Officer :—

Date..... Address.....

Date..... Address.....

P.S. 23.

Form Number 10.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

CONDUCTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES.

LICENCE NO.....

I hereby licence.....

of.....

to act as Conductor of Public Service Vehicles for one year from the date hereof unless this Licence is sooner revoked or suspended.

This Licence is issued subject to the provisions of the above-mentioned Act, and of all Regulations made thereunder.

By Order of the Ministry of Home Affairs for Northern Ireland.

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Licensing Officer.....County.

Dated.....day.....192.....

Change of Address.

The licensee shall here insert every change in his permanent address, and shall at the same time notify such change to the Licensing Officer :—

Date..... Address.....

Date..... Address.....

P.S. 24.

Form Number 11.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

Full Name of Appellant.....
(IN BLOCK LETTERS.)

Full Postal Address.....

To the Ministry of Home Affairs,
Belfast.

I (We) beg to appeal against the decision of the Licensing Officer for the County (or County Borough) of.....
of which the particulars are as follows :—

(*a*) Here set out particulars of decision.

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and I certify that the particulars given below are correct.

Signature.....

Date.....

1. In the case of a vehicle, please state :—

   (*a*) Index Mark of Vehicle.....

   (*b*) Description of Vehicle.....

2. Please state the nature of the application (if any) to the Licensing Officer.

3. Please give a full statement of the facts and circumstances which you wish to lay before the Ministry in support of your appeal.

P.S. 25.

Form Number 12.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DUPLICATE LICENCE FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE.

Particulars to be given by Applicant.

1. Number of Licence of which a duplicate is required. .....

2. Whether licence was for a motor hackney carriage or omnibus. .....

3. Licensing Officer by whom licence was issued. .....

4. Address of Applicant. .....

I hereby declare that the licence of which particulars are given above has been lost *(or accidentally defaced) (or accidentally destroyed), and, having paid the prescribed fee of 2s. 6d., I request that a duplicate may be granted to me *(and I undertake to return the original if it should subsequently be found).

The circumstances of the loss* (defacement) (or destruction) were as follows :—

* Strike out words not applicable.

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Signature of Applicant.....

Date.....192.....

P.S. 26.

Form Number 13.

THE MOTOR VEHICLES (TRAFFIC AND REGULATION) ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND), 1926.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR DUPLICATE LICENCE FOR A DRIVER OR CONDUCTOR.

Particulars to be given by Applicant.

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1. Number of Licence of which a duplicate is required. .....
2. Whether licence was for a driver or conductor. .....
3. Licensing Officer by whom licence was issued. .....
4. Address of Applicant. .....

I hereby declare that the licence of which particulars are given above has been lost *(or accidentally defaced) (or accidentally destroyed), and, having paid the prescribed fee of 1/-, I request that a duplicate may be granted to me *(and I undertake to return the original if it should subsequently be found).

* Strike out the words not applicable.

The circumstances of the loss* (defacement) (or destruction) were as follows :—

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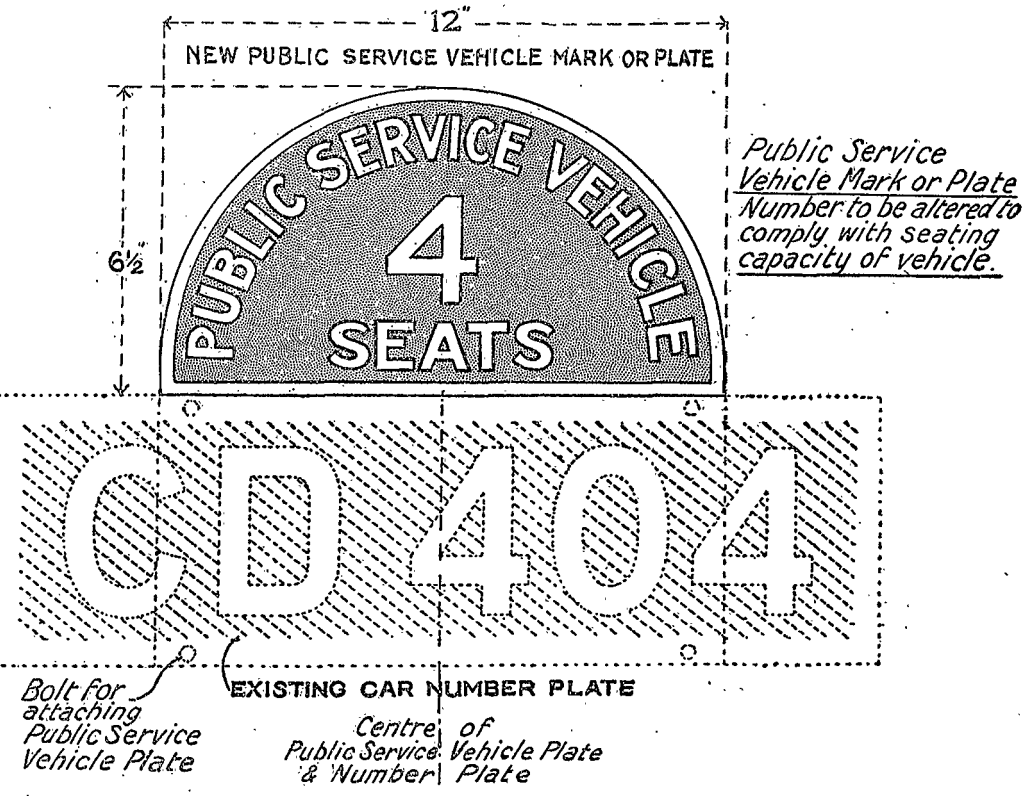
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Signature of Applicant.....

Date.....192

SECOND SCHEDULE.

DIAGRAM OF MARK OR PLATE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES SHOWING DETAILS OF SHAPE, SIZE, AND POSITION RELATIVE TO THE IDENTIFICATION MARK AND ADDITIONAL DETAILS WHEN THE MARK IS CARRIED ON A PLATE ATTACHED TO AN IDENTIFICATION MARK CARRIED ON A PLATE.



The diagram above is a specimen plate drawn approximately to the scale of one-fourth.

Provisions to be complied with.

(1) The Public Service Vehicle mark is to be approximately semi-circular in shape and of the size shown upon the foregoing diagram, and is to be placed next to the upper edge of the rear identification mark as shown in the diagram upon a flat plate or upon a flat surface forming part of the vehicle.

(2) The border, letters and figures of the mark must be indelibly inscribed in white upon a black surface, and no letter or figure shall be capable of being detached from such surface. If they are inscribed upon a plate the plate may be of cast or pressed aluminium, having raised border, letters and figures.

(3) The width of the surrounding border must be ¼ inch, the depth of all letters one inch and the width of face of letters in the word "Seats" 3/16ths of an inch; the numerals must be 2½ inches in height of proportional width and ⅜ of an inch width of face.

(4) The Public Service Vehicle plate is to be so fixed upon the vehicle as to be substantially in the same vertical plane as the rear identification mark and be at all times clearly visible and unobstructed by car equipment or otherwise.

(5) A number indicating the seating capacity of the vehicle is to be disposed in the central position occupied by the figure "4" in the diagram.