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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(CHAUFFEURED PRIVATE HIRE CAR AND
TAXI VOCATIONAL LICENCE DEMERIT POINTS SYSTEM)
RULES 2017**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Chauffeured Private Hire Car and Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 1 July 2017.

Definitions

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

“chauffeured private hire car” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8);

“scheduled offence” means an offence specified in the first column of the First Schedule;

“vocational licence” means a licence granted under rule 6(1) of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules authorising an individual to drive either or both the following public service vehicles:

- (a) a chauffeured private hire car;
- (b) a taxi.

Award of demerit points

3.—(1) Where the holder of a vocational licence —

- (a) is convicted of a scheduled offence; or
- (b) pays a sum of money to compound a scheduled offence he or she is reasonably suspected to have committed,

the Registrar must award against that holder the demerit points specified in the third column of the First Schedule for that scheduled offence.

(2) Any demerit points awarded under paragraph (1) take effect —

- (a) in the case of a conviction for a scheduled offence, on the date on which the scheduled offence is committed; or
- (b) in the case where the scheduled offence is compounded, on the date on which the scheduled offence is reasonably suspected to have been committed.

(3) The Registrar must keep a register setting out the names and other particulars of all holders of vocational licences who have been awarded demerit points.

Suspension and revocation of vocational licence

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 110(4)(b) of the Act, a holder of a vocational licence may be regarded as not a fit or proper person to hold the vocational licence because of conduct according to paragraphs (2) and (3), respectively.

(2) A vocational licence may be suspended for the period specified in the second column of the Second Schedule if the total number of demerit points awarded within a relevant period against the holder of the vocational licence falls within the corresponding range of demerit points specified in the first column of the Second Schedule.

(3) A vocational licence may be revoked if the total number of demerit points awarded within a relevant period against the holder of the vocational licence exceeds 20.

(4) For the purposes of paragraphs (2) and (3), a relevant period means any period of 24 months ending on the date of the latest commission or alleged commission of a scheduled offence within that period.

Registrar to give notice

5.—(1) Where the Registrar intends to suspend or revoke a vocational licence under rule 4, the Registrar must give the holder of the vocational licence a notice in writing —

- (a) containing the date on which the suspension or revocation is intended to take effect; and
- (b) specifying the time (being not less than 14 days after the date that the notice is given to the holder) within which written representations may be made to the Registrar with respect to the proposed suspension or revocation.

(2) At the end of the period specified in the notice under paragraph (1)(b), the Registrar, after considering any written representation made —

- (a) may suspend or revoke the vocational licence if the Registrar considers appropriate; and
- (b) must notify the holder of the vocational licence of the Registrar's decision by notice in writing.

Revocation

6. The Road Traffic (Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) Rules (R 43) are revoked.

Saving and transitional provision

7.—(1) Despite rule 6, the revoked Road Traffic (Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) Rules (R 43) continue to apply to any scheduled offence listed in the First Schedule to those Rules that was committed, or reasonably suspected to have been committed, before 1 July 2017 even if the offence is discovered after that date.

(2) Any demerit points awarded against a holder of a vocational licence to drive a taxi under rule 3 of the revoked Road Traffic (Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) Rules is to be treated as though the demerit points were awarded against a holder of a vocational licence under rule 3 of these Rules.

 FIRST SCHEDULE

Rules 2 and 3(1)

SCHEDULED OFFENCES

PART 1

 HOLDER OF VOCATIONAL LICENCE FOR BOTH
 CHAUFFEURED PRIVATE HIRE CAR AND TAXI

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>	<i>Third column</i>
<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
1. Using, causing or permitting a motor vehicle to be used as a chauffeured private hire car or taxi when there is no public service vehicle licence authorising such use	Section 101(1) RTA	21
2. Driving chauffeured private hire car or taxi with expired vocational licence	Section 110(1) RTA	21
3. Permitting chauffeured private hire car or taxi to be driven by driver whose vocational licence is under suspension or by unlicensed driver	Section 110(1) RTA	21
4. Driving chauffeured private hire car or taxi whilst vocational licence is suspended	Section 110(1) RTA	21
5. Permitting any other person to use, or have in that other person's possession, his or her vocational licence	Rule 17 PSVC	21
6. Using, wearing or having in his or her possession the vocational licence of another person	Rule 20 PSVC	5

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

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<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
7. Causing hurt to passenger in chauffeured private hire car or taxi through carelessness or wilful misbehaviour	Rule 21(1)(m) PSVC	5
8. Verbally insulting, intimidating or harassing a passenger in a sexual manner	Rule 22B(d) PSVC	5
9. Terminating hiring of chauffeured private hire car or taxi, or requiring passenger to leave chauffeured private hire car or taxi, without reasonable excuse, before passenger is conveyed to destination	Rule 22B(b) PSVC	5
10. Obstructing Registrar or authorised officer in the exercise of his or her power and duty to examine chauffeured private hire car or taxi	Rule 12(2) PSV	3
11. Failing to surrender vocational licence upon suspension or cancellation of vocational licence	Rule 15(1) PSVC	3
12. Verbally insulting, intimidating or harassing a passenger (other than in a sexual manner)	Rule 22B(d) PSVC	3.

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

PART 2

HOLDER OF VOCATIONAL LICENCE FOR
CHAUFFEURED PRIVATE HIRE CAR ONLY

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>	<i>Third column</i>
<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
1. Loitering for the purpose of soliciting for passengers	Rule 22A(1) PSVC	12
2. Soliciting for passengers	Rule 22A(1) PSVC	12
3. Driving a chauffeured private hire car without displaying an authorised decalcomania	Rule 22C(1)(a) PSVC	21
4. Driving a chauffeured private hire car with an authorised decalcomania that is not properly affixed	Rule 22C(1)(b) PSVC	12
5. Driving a chauffeured private hire car with an authorised decalcomania that is defaced, covered, obscured or altered	Rule 22C(1)(c) PSVC	12
6. Driving a chauffeured private hire car with an authorised decalcomania that is illegible	Rule 22C(1)(d) PSVC	12
7. Driving a chauffeured private hire car with an authorised decalcomania that is discoloured by fading or otherwise	Rule 22C(1)(e) PSVC	12
8. Affixing or causing to affix an authorised decalcomania on a chauffeured private hire car other than a chauffeured private hire car for which the marking was issued	Rule 38A(4) PSV	12
9. Removing authorised decalcomania without authority	Rule 38D PSV	21

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

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<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
10. Affixing or displaying, or causing to be affixed or displayed, on a vehicle that is not a chauffeured private hire car a decalcomania or label with chauffeured private hire car marking	Rule 34 Road Traffic Rules (R 20)	12
11. Plying, or causing or permitting, a chauffeured private hire car to ply for hire	Rule 40(1) PSV	21.

PART 3

HOLDER OF VOCATIONAL LICENCE FOR TAXI ONLY

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>	<i>Third column</i>
<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
1. Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare inconsistent with any part of taxi fare pricing policy for taxi service (by \$20 or more)	Section 23(2)(a) read with section 23(4) PTCA	21
2. Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare more than taxi fare last published by the licensed taxi service operator for taxi service (by \$20 or more)	Section 23(2)(b) read with section 23(4) PTCA	21
3. Tampering with, adjusting, altering or modifying taximeter or any part thereof, or causing or permitting any tampering with, adjusting, altering or modifying of taximeter or any part thereof	Rule 21(2) PSV	21
4. Collecting booking fee that exceeds booking fee set by registered provider (by \$20 or more)	Rule 23(1)(l) PSVC	21

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

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<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
5. Retaining possession of passenger's property left behind in taxi for 7 days or more	Rule 39(1) PSVC	21
6. Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare inconsistent with any part of taxi fare pricing policy for taxi service (by less than \$20)	Section 23(2)(a) read with section 23(4) PTCA	12
7. Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare more than taxi fare last published by the licensed taxi service operator for taxi service (by less than \$20)	Section 23(2)(b) read with section 23(4) PTCA	12
8. Collecting booking fee that exceeds booking fee set by registered provider (by less than \$20)	Rule 23(1)(l) PSVC	12
9. Soliciting for passengers	Rule 23(1)(o) PSVC	12
10. Refusing, without reasonable excuse, to hire out taxi or to convey passenger	Rule 25 PSVC	6
11. Covering or obscuring face of taximeter	Rule 23(1)(g) PSVC	5
12. Retaining possession of passenger's property left behind in taxi for more than 24 hours but less than 7 days	Rule 39(1) PSVC	5
13. Demanding from taxi passenger taxi fare inconsistent with any part of taxi fare pricing policy for taxi service	Section 23(2)(a) read with section 23(4) PTCA	3
14. Demanding from taxi passenger taxi fare more than taxi fare last published by licensed taxi service operator for taxi service	Section 23(2)(b) read with section 23(4) PTCA	3

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<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
15. Hindering or obstructing other taxi drivers from picking up passengers	Rule 22(1)(b) PSVC	3
16. Failing, without reasonable cause, to proceed to destination named by a passenger by shortest and most direct route	Rule 23(1)(c) PSVC	3
17. Starting taximeter before boarding of passenger or passengers, and hiring of taxi	Rule 23(1)(d) PSVC	3
18. Failing to stop taximeter as soon as hiring of taxi is terminated	Rule 23(1)(da) PSVC	3
19. Resetting taximeter during hiring	Rule 23(1)(e) PSVC	3
20. Attempting to collect booking fee that exceeds booking fee set by registered provider	Rule 23(1)(l) PSVC	3
21. Taking up or setting down passenger at unauthorised place	Rule 26(1)(c) PSVC	3
22. Failing to drive into taxi stand from rear and into foremost adjacent vacant space thereat until reaching front of taxi stand	Rule 27(9) PSVC	3
23. Wilfully obstructing, impeding or preventing other taxi drivers from stopping, parking or stationing their taxis at taxi stand	Rule 27(13) PSVC	3
24. Stopping, parking or stationing taxi at taxi stand when unable to let out taxi for hire	Rule 27(18) PSVC	3.

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

Note:

In this Schedule —

“PSV” means the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14);

“PSVC” means the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8);

“PTCA” means the Public Transport Council Act (Cap. 259B);

“RTA” means the Road Traffic Act.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 4(2)

PERIOD OF SUSPENSION

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>
<i>Applicable number of demerit points</i>	<i>Suspension period</i>
1 to 5	No suspension
6 to 10	2 weeks
11 to 15	4 weeks
16 or more	8 weeks.

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