

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276, SECTION 111)

ROAD TRAFFIC (TAXI VOCATIONAL LICENCE DEMERIT
POINTS SYSTEM) RULES

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[28th June 2003]

Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Taxi Vocational Licence Demerit Points System) Rules.

Definitions

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

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

“taxi vocational licence” means a licence to act as a driver of a taxi granted under rule 6(1)(d) of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Rules (R 8).

Award of demerit points

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

(a) is convicted of a scheduled offence committed on or after 28th June 2003; or

- (b) pays a sum of money to compound a scheduled offence he is reasonably suspected to have committed on or after 28th June 2003,

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

(2) The Registrar shall keep a register setting out the names of all holders of taxi vocational licences who have been awarded demerit points, and such other particulars as the Registrar thinks fit.

Suspension and revocation of taxi vocational licence

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

- (a) is convicted of a scheduled offence committed on or after 28th June 2003; or
- (b) pays a sum of money to compound a scheduled offence he is reasonably suspected to have committed on or after 28th June 2003,

the Registrar, in his discretion and in addition to the award of demerit points against such holder under rule 3, may suspend the taxi vocational licence of that holder under section 110(4) of the Act for the period specified in the Second Schedule for the applicable total number of demerit points awarded against the holder.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1), the total number of demerit points shall consist of the following:

- (a) the demerit points awarded under these Rules against the holder of the taxi vocational licence for the scheduled offence referred to in paragraph (1); and
- (b) all other demerit points awarded under these Rules against the holder of the taxi vocational licence in respect of any scheduled offence that he has committed or is reasonably suspected to have committed within a period of 24 months ending on the date of commission of the scheduled offence referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) Where the total number of demerit points referred to in paragraph (2) exceeds 20, the Registrar may, in his discretion, instead of suspending the taxi vocational licence, revoke the taxi vocational licence under section 110(4) of the Act.

Registrar to send notice

5.—(1) Where the Registrar intends to suspend or revoke a taxi vocational licence under rule 4, the Registrar shall notify the holder of the taxi vocational licence by notice in writing of the date on which the suspension or revocation of his taxi vocational licence is to take effect.

(2) The Registrar shall, in the notice referred to in paragraph (1), require the holder of the taxi vocational licence to show cause within 14 days from the date of the notice as to why his licence should not be suspended or revoked.

(3) On the date specified in the notice, the Registrar shall, after taking into consideration the facts in mitigation (if any) submitted by the holder of the taxi vocational licence, suspend or revoke the taxi vocational licence (as the case may be) or make such other order as he thinks fit.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Rules 2 and 3(1)

SCHEDULED OFFENCES

<i>First column</i>	<i>Second column</i>	<i>Third column</i>
<i>Offences</i>	<i>Offence provision</i>	<i>Demerit points</i>
(1) Failing to surrender taxi vocational licence upon suspension or cancellation of licence	Rule 15(1) PSVC	3
(2) Hindering or obstructing other taxi drivers from picking up passengers	Rule 22(b) PSVC	3
(3) Failing, without reasonable cause, to proceed to destination named	Rule 23(1)(c) PSVC	3

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

by a passenger by shortest and most direct route		
(4) Starting taximeter before boarding of passenger or passengers, and hiring of taxi	Rule 23(1)(d) PSVC	3
(5) Failing to stop taximeter as soon as hiring of taxi is terminated	Rule 23(1)(da) PSVC	3
(6) Resetting taximeter during hiring	Rule 23(1)(e) PSVC	3
(6A) Attempting to collect booking fee that exceeds booking fee set by registered provider	Rule 23(1)(l) PSVC	3
(7) [<i>Deleted by S 28/2016 wef 22/01/2016</i>]		
(8) Verbally insulting, intimidating or harassing a passenger (other than in a sexual manner)	Rule 23(1)(s) PSVC	3
(9) Refusing, without reasonable excuse, to hire out taxi or to convey passenger	Rule 25 PSVC	6
(10) Taking up or setting down passenger at unauthorised place	Rule 26(1) PSVC	3
(11) Failing to drive into public stand from rear and into foremost adjacent vacant space thereat until reaching front of public stand	Rule 27(9) PSVC	3
(12) Wilfully obstructing, impeding or preventing other taxi drivers from stopping, parking or stationing their taxis at the public stand	Rule 27(13) PSVC	3
(13) Stopping, parking or stationing taxi at public stand when unable to let out taxi for hire	Rule 27(18) PSVC	3
(14) Obstructing Registrar or authorised officer in the exercise	Rule 12(2) PSV	3

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

of his power and duty to examine taxi		
(14A) Demanding from taxi passenger taxi fare inconsistent with any part of taxi fare pricing policy for taxi service	Section 23(4) PTCA	3
(14B) Demanding from taxi passenger taxi fare more than taxi fare last published by licensed taxi service operator for taxi service	Section 23(4) PTCA	3
(15) Driving taxi with expired taxi vocational licence	Rule 3(1) PSVC	5
(16) Using, wearing or having in his possession the vocational licence of another person	Rule 20 PSVC	5
(17) Causing hurt to passenger in taxi through carelessness or wilful misbehaviour	Rule 21(m) PSVC	5
(18) Covering or obscuring face of taximeter	Rule 23(1)(g) PSVC	5
(19) Terminating hiring of taxi or requiring passenger to leave taxi, without reasonable excuse, before passenger is conveyed to destination	Rule 23(1)(i) PSVC	5
(19A) Collecting booking fee that exceeds booking fee set by registered provider (by less than \$20)	Rule 23(1)(l) PSVC	12
(20) [<i>Deleted by S 28/2016 wef 22/01/2016</i>]		
(21) Soliciting for passengers	Rule 23(1)(o) PSVC	12
(22) Verbally insulting, intimidating or harassing a passenger in a sexual manner	Rule 23(1)(s) PSVC	5

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

(23)	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
(23A)	Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare inconsistent with any part of taxi fare pricing policy for taxi service (by less than \$20)	Section 23(4) PTCA	12
(23B)	Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare more than taxi fare last published by licensed taxi service operator for taxi service (by less than \$20)	Section 23(4) PTCA	12
(24)	Driving taxi whilst taxi vocational licence is suspended	Rule 3(1) PSVC	21
(25)	Permitting any other person to use, or have in that other person's possession, his taxi vocational licence	Rule 17 PSVC	21
(25A)	Collecting booking fee that exceeds booking fee set by registered provider (by \$20 or more)	Rule 23(1)(l) PSVC	21
(26)	<i>[Deleted by S 28/2016 wef 22/01/2016]</i>		
(27)	Retaining possession of passenger's property left behind in taxi for 7 days or more	Rule 39(1) PSVC	21
(28)	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
(28A)	Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare inconsistent with any part of taxi fare pricing policy for taxi service (by \$20 or more)	Section 23(4) PTCA	21

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

(28B) Taking from taxi passenger taxi fare more than taxi fare last published by licensed taxi service operator for taxi service (by \$20 or more)	Section 23(4) PTCA	21
(29) Permitting taxi to be driven by driver whose taxi vocational licence is under suspension or by unlicensed driver	Section 110 (1) RTA	21.

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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 and Passengers) Rules (R 8);

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

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“RTA” means the Road Traffic Act.

[S 621/2007 wef 19/11/2007]

SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 4(1)

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

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SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

16 or more

8 weeks.

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
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