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THIRD-PARTY TAXI BOOKING SERVICE PROVIDERS ACT 2015 (ACT 17 OF 2015)

THIRD-PARTY TAXI BOOKING SERVICE PROVIDERS (REGISTRATION OF REGISTERED PROVIDERS) REGULATIONS 2015

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Third-Party Taxi Booking Service Providers Act 2015, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Transport, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Third-Party Taxi Booking Service Providers (Registration of Registered Providers) Regulations 2015 and come into operation on 1 September 2015.

Definitions

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

"accounting period", in relation to a registered provider, means a period corresponding to a financial year, or part of a financial year, of the registered provider that occurs during the registered provider's term of registration;

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"external auditor" means —

- (a) a company, firm or limited liability partnership approved as an accounting corporation, accounting firm or accounting limited liability partnership, respectively, under the Accountants Act (Cap. 2); or
- (b) a person, not being an employee of a registered provider, who is registered or deemed to be registered as a public accountant under the Accountants Act;
- "gross revenue", in relation to an accounting period, means the total gross revenue derived from providing one or more third-party taxi booking services as a registered provider during the accounting period;
- "independent mobile application service" means a third-party taxi booking service, that is provided or to be provided using mobile application software and is not integrated with a taxi booking service of a taxi service operator;
- "integrated mobile application service" means a third-party taxi booking service, that is provided or to be provided using mobile application software and is integrated with a taxi booking service of a taxi service operator;
- "taxi service operator" means a taxi service operator within the meaning of section 111A of the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276).

Classes of registered providers

3. For the purposes of section 8 of the Act, a registered provider may be registered in one of the following classes:

- (a) Class 1 for providing one or more independent mobile application services, with or without providing integrated mobile application services or other third-party taxi booking services not using mobile application software;
- (b) Class 2 for providing one or more third-party taxi booking services, none of which is an independent mobile application service.

Application fees

- **4.**—(1) The fees payable to the Authority for applications under section 9, 14 or 15 of the Act are specified in the Schedule.
- (2) The fees referred to in paragraph (1) are inclusive of any goods and services tax chargeable under the Goods and Services Tax Act (Cap. 117A).

Renewal deadline

5. For the purposes of section 15(1)(c) of the Act, the prescribed time before the date the registration of a registered provider expires is 3 months.

Variation in class of registration

- **6.**—(1) If the Authority varies the class of registration of a registered provider during the registered provider's term of registration to another class of registration, the variation takes effect from the date specified by the Authority in a notice in writing to the registered provider.
- (2) To avoid doubt, a variation in the class of registration of a registered provider to another class of registration does not extend the term of registration.

Periodic fee

- 7.—(1) A registered provider must pay to the Authority a periodic fee for an accounting period in respect of the following matters that the Authority does during the accounting period:
 - (a) auditing the registered provider's operation, monitoring and supervision of the registered provider's third-party taxi

- booking services to assess whether the registered provider is providing safe, reliable and efficient third-party taxi booking services;
- (b) monitoring and analysing data obtained from the registered provider's provision of third-party taxi booking services to assess whether such third-party taxi booking services are responsive to the demand for taxi services in Singapore;
- (c) evaluating compliance by the registered provider with the conditions of registration, codes of practice, directions and compliance orders applicable to the registered provider under the Act, which the Authority may consider as a relevant matter under section 10(d) of the Act.
- (2) The periodic fee payable by a registered provider for an accounting period is equal to 0.3% of the gross revenue of the registered provider for the accounting period.

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- (3) A registered provider must pay the periodic fee for an accounting period to the Authority
 - (a) where an external auditor has, within 6 months after the last date of the accounting period, audited the registered provider's accounts for the accounting period and furnished the audited accounts to the registered provider, within one month after the date the audited accounts are so furnished; or
 - (b) in any other case, within 6 months after the last date of the accounting period.

Pro-rata periodic fee

- **8.**—(1) Where during an accounting period
 - (a) a registered provider's registration is revoked under the Act; or
 - (b) a registered provider's certificate of registration is cancelled under the Act upon surrender of the certificate,

the periodic fee payable for the part of the accounting period before the effective date of revocation or cancellation is a pro-rata amount of the periodic fee that would have been payable for the whole accounting period, based on the proportion of the part of the accounting period (in whole months) before the revocation or cancellation (as the case may be) that bears to the whole accounting period.

(2) The pro-rata amount of periodic fee in paragraph (1) is payable within one month after the effective date of revocation of the registration as a registered provider or cancellation of the registered provider's certificate of registration, or such later time as the Authority may specify when revoking a particular registration or cancelling a particular certificate of registration (as the case may be).

Late interest rate

- 9.—(1) For the purposes of section 29(1) of the Act, the prescribed rate of interest for any amount of fee or financial penalty payable under the Act that is in arrears is 2% above the average of the prevailing annual prime lending rate of DBS Bank Ltd, United Overseas Bank Limited and Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation Limited.
- (2) The interest under paragraph (1) on any amount in arrears is payable from the date the amount is due for payment until all that amount is paid.

Fee not refundable

10. No fee under these Regulations is refundable.

THE SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(1)

FEES

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1. Application fee for an application to be a supplication registered provider (regardless of class of registration)

THE SCHEDULE — continued

2. Variation fee for an application to vary the class of registration from one class to another class

\$200 per application

3. Renewal fee for an application to renew the registration

\$200 per application

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