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NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT ACT, 2009 (ACT No. 5 OF 2009)

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT REGULATIONS, 2009

In terms of section 8(2) of the National Land Transport Act, 2009 (Act No.5 of 2009), the Minister of Transport publishes for public comment draft amendments to the regulations published under General Notice R1208 in Government Gazette 32821 of 17 December 2009 and amended by Government Notice R1170 in *Government Gazette* 32788 of 8 December 2009, General Notice 2670 in *Government Gazette* 51003 of 2 August 2024, and General Notice 3487 in *Government Gazette* 53335 of 12 September 2025 (hereinafter “**National Land Transport Regulations**”). All interested persons are invited to submit comments relating to the draft regulations within 30 days from the date of publication hereof to:

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I, Barbara Creecy, the Minister of Transport, after consultation with the MECs, hereby make the regulations in the Schedule hereto in terms of section 8 of the National Land Transport Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009) ("the Act")

BARBARA CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF TRANSPORT

SCHEDULE

AMENDMENTS TO THE NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT REGULATIONS, 2009

GENERAL EXPLANATORY NOTE

Words underlined with a solid line indicate insertions in existing enactments.

Words in bold type in square brackets indicate omissions from existing enactments.

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Amendment to Regulation 1

1. Regulation 1 is hereby amended through:
 - (a) substitution of the definition of “decal” for the following:

“**decal**” means a portion of an operating licence required to be cut out of the licence and placed on a licensed vehicle in a visible manner stipulated in regulation 23(g) or any other law **[decal issued under regulation 21(8), and includes a distinguishing mark contemplated in the Act];**”
 - (b) insertion of a definition of “tourism authority” after the definition of “the Act” and before Chapter 1 for the following:

“**tourism authority**” means a provincial tourism authority recognized by the cabinet member responsible for tourism.

Amendments to Regulation 2

2. Regulation 2 is hereby amended through:
 - (a) substitution of sub-regulation (2) for the following:

“(2) An application form may be submitted by hand either to an NPTR office or any PRE office, or by e-mail **[,] or post [or fax]** to the NPTR, and if submitted by e-mail must include a scanned version of the required documents.”

(b) substitution of sub-regulation (3) for the following:

“(3) The NPTR must issue a receipt to the person lodging the application where it is submitted by hand, or acknowledge receipt by e-mail [.] or post **[or fax]** if the application was submitted by one of those methods, **[on the day of receipt]** or if received over a weekend or on a public holiday, on the next working day.”

(c) substitution of sub-regulation (4) for the following:

“(4) The NPTR must reject an application where the application form is not fully and properly completed, or to which required documents have not been attached, or where the required fee has not been paid, and may require the applicant to submit the original of any document before accepting the application, if it suspects on reasonable grounds the document may not be valid**[ity]** or authentic**[ity of the document]**.”

(d) substitution of sub-regulation (5) for the following:

“(5) The NPTR must notify the following by e-mail **[or fax]** of an application received under subregulation (1), except for tourist transport service or charter service applications:

(a) The PRE of every province in whose area passengers will be picked up or set down; and

(b) every planning authority in whose area passengers will be picked up or set down;

and those PREs and planning authorities must supply their comments or recommendations to the NPTR by e-mail **[or fax]** within the time specified in the notice, which may not be more than 30 days.”

Amendment to Regulation 4

3. Regulation 4 is hereby amended through:

(a) substitution of sub-regulation (7) for the following:

“(7) The NPTR must keep at its place of business a file for each operator to whom an operating licence has been issued, both electronic and in hard copy, containing a copy of every operating licence issued to that operator **[and allow any interested person to obtain a copy of such a licence on payment of the fee specified in Schedule 2]**.”

Amendments to Regulation 6

4. Regulation 6 is hereby amended through:

(b) substitution of sub-regulation (2) for the following:

- “(2) An application form may be submitted by hand **[or by]**, e-mail or post **[or fax]** to the office of the PRE, and if submitted by e-mail must include a scanned version of the required documents.”
- (c) substitution of sub-regulation (4) for the following:
- “(4) The PRE must notify every planning authority in whose area passengers will be picked up or set down by e-mail **[or fax]** of an application received under subregulation (1), and those planning authorities must supply their comments or recommendations to the PRE by e-mail **[or fax]** within the time specified in the notice, which may not be more than 30 days.”

Amendment to Regulation 14

- (a) the substitution of sub-regulation (4) for the following paragraph:
- “(4) Where a permit for a non-contracted scheduled service or minibus taxi-type service is radius or area based, it must be converted to an operating licence that specifies a detailed description of the route or routes on which the vehicle may be used, by specification of street names, road numbers, beacons or **[land marks]** landmarks: Provided that-
- (a) in the case of a feeder or distribution service, a collection area may be specified; and
- (b) an area of operation, which may be country-wide, may be authorised for charter services.”

Amendments to Regulation 17:

5. Regulation 17 is hereby amended by:

- (a) the substitution in sub-regulation (2) of the following for paragraph (f):
- “(f) for a tourist transport operator licence undertaken by an operator who has been accredited or whose application for accreditation has been or is being published by the NPTR.”
- (b) the substitution of sub-regulation (4) for the following
- “(4) An interested person wishing to submit comments or representations must do so in writing within 21 days of publication of the notice, and the regulatory entity must-
- (a) allow a person who submits comments or representations, at their request, to inspect the applicant's application form and supporting documents;
- (b) supply such a person with copies of such form and documents on payment of the fee specified in Schedule 2; and
- (c) allow the applicant to inspect or have copies of such comments **[and recommendation]** or representations on payment of the fee specified in Schedule 2.”

Amendments to Regulation 18

6. Regulation 18 is hereby amended by the substitution of the following:
- “In considering an application for the granting, renewal, amendment or transfer of an operating licence or permit, or for conversion of a permit, a regulatory entity must consider **[the following offences]** whether the applicant has been convicted of any of the following offences:
- (a) an offence created by the Act, the National Road Traffic Act or a provincial road traffic act;
 - (b) an offence listed in Schedule 1 to the Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1977); and
 - (c) possession of an unlicensed firearm, explosives or a dangerous weapon; **[and any other offence considered relevant by that entity.]”**

Amendments to Regulation 19

7. Regulation 19 is hereby amended by:
- (a) substitution of the following for sub-regulation (2):

“(2) The regulatory entity must give the applicant and any person who has so submitted comments or representations not less than seven days’ notice by e- mail[, **fax**] or registered post of the hearing, and must with the notice supply the applicant with copies of any comments and representations received.”
 - (b) substitution of the following for sub-regulation (3)

“(3) Where a person is represented by a representative at the hearing, that representative must, on request of the regulatory entity, provide written proof of his or her authori**[z]**sation to act as representative.”
 - (c) substitution of the following for sub-regulation (4)

“(4) The regulatory entity must convey its decision in writing to the applicant and all persons who submitted comments and representations.”
 - (d) the substitution of the following for sub-regulation (5)

“(5) Where a person will require a translator to be present at the hearing to translate the proceedings into an official language other than English, he or she must give written notice to the regulatory entity not less than **[seven] five** days prior to the hearing.”
 - (e) the substitution of the following for sub-regulation (6)

“(6) The regulatory entity must be satisfied that all persons present at the hearing are able to understand the proceedings.”

Amendments to Regulation 21

8. Regulation 21 is hereby amended through:

(a) substitution of sub-regulation (1) for the following:

“(1) Operating licences are issued on the basis of one licence per vehicle, and may authorise the holder to provide more than one type of public transport service, for example a scheduled service or tourist transport service plus charter services.”

(b) substitution of sub-regulation (2) for the following:

“(2) Where a regulatory entity has approved an application for the granting, renewal, amendment or transfer of an operating licence or conversion of a permit, it must notify the applicant by e-mail[, fax] or registered post once the operating licence is ready for uplifting.”

(c) substitution of sub-regulation (4) for the following:

“(4) Where the operator has not uplifted the operating licence within 30 days of being notified, the regulatory entity must contact the applicant by telephone [,] and e-mail [or fax] to remind the operator that the operating licence is ready, and must then cancel the licence if it is still not uplifted within **[60]** 90 days after the date that the operator was first so notified.”

(d) substitution of sub-regulation (5) for the following:

“(5) The operator may request an extension of time by telephone or other method, once only, to uplift the licence, in which case the regulatory entity must allow the operator an additional period not exceeding **[30]** 60 days to uplift the licence.”

(e) substitution of sub-regulation (6) for the following:

“(6) Subject to section 84(2) of the Act and regulation 38, a**[A]**n operating licence must not be issued to an operator, other than an accredited tourist transport operator, until the operator has produced to the regulatory entity-

- (a) proof of registration and licensing of the vehicle, with proof that a valid roadworthy certificate has been issued for the vehicle not earlier than a point in time determined by the regulatory entity;
- (b) a valid tax clearance certificate issued by the South African Revenue Services;
- (c) proof of compliance with any other condition imposed by the regulatory entity;
- (d) proof or certification of any other matter required by the regulatory entity; and

- (e) proof by showing an identity document, passport or other document acceptable to the regulatory entity that the person uplifting the licence is the applicant or, in the case of a representative, is that representative, and written proof that the representative is authorised by the applicant to uplift the licence.”
- (f) substitution of sub-regulation (8) for the following:
 - “(8) Operating licences must be issued in duplicate (one for the vehicle and one for the office) with the vehicle copy to include a cut out or decal for display on the vehicle in the manner prescribed in regulation 27.”

Amendments to Regulation 23:

- 9. Regulation 23 is hereby amended through:
 - (a) substitution of paragraph (b) for the following:
 - “(b) keep the original operating licence or permit or a duplicate original in the specified vehicle, and, where the vehicle is temporarily replaced under section 74 of the Act, keep the original operating licence or permit and the original temporary authorisation issued for the replacing vehicle in that vehicle for the duration of the temporary replacement, but the entity issuing the operating licence may direct in writing on written application by the applicant that the annexures to an operating licence or permit do not have to be kept in such vehicle where they are too bulky to allow for this, if a summary of those annexures approved by the entity is kept in the vehicle.”
 - (b) substitution of paragraph (e) for the following:
 - “(e) **[except in the case of a rented vehicle mentioned in regulation 36(2)]** cause the **[operating licence number and the]** type of service to be painted or displayed on the vehicle in the manner prescribed in regulation 24;”

Amendments to Regulation 24:

- 10. Sub-regulation (1) of regulation 24 is hereby substituted by the following:
 - “(1) The particulars to be painted or displayed on a vehicle in terms of regulation 23(e) must comply with the following as a minimum:
 - (a) Height of figures and letters: **[40]** 20 mm.
 - (b) Width of figures and letters: **[20]** 10 mm.
 - (c) Breadth of stroke of figures and letters: **[5]** 2 mm.
 - (d) Space between consecutive figures and letters: **[5]** 2 mm.
 - (e) Space between words on the same line: **[15]** 7 mm.”

Amendment of Regulation 25:

11. Regulation 25 is hereby amended through:

(a) Substitution of sub-regulation (3)(a) for the following:

“(a) the applicant, as decided by the regulatory entity, is no longer a fit and proper person to provide public transport services for a reason contemplated in section 79(2) of the Act;”

(b) Substitution of sub-regulation (3)(d) for the following:

“(d) a planning authority has directed the regulatory entity to refuse the application in terms of section 55(3) of the Act; or”

Amendment of Regulation 27:

12. Regulation 27 is hereby amended in sub-regulation (2) through the substitution of the following:

“(a) **[be bar coded or otherwise made or designed to enable authorised officers to determine summarily by means of eNaTIS or OLAS whether the vehicle is compliant with the Act and the National Road Traffic Act and is being operated by the relevant operator; and**

(b)] show the operating licence number, the name of the operator, the vehicle registration number, the date of expiry of the licence and, where relevant, the base facility or rank, and indicate where passengers may be picked up or set down.”

Amendment of Regulation 30

13. Deletion of sub-regulation (3) which provides as follows:

“**[(3) The NPTR may require the applicant to submit additional information or documentation.]**”

Insertion of Regulation 30A:

14. Regulation 30A is hereby inserted between Regulation 30 and Regulation 31, providing for the following:

“30A Recognition of tourism authorities

(1) The Minister may in consultation with the cabinet member responsible for tourism at any given time recognise any tourism authority referred to in section 81(5) of the Act by publication in the Government Gazette.

Amendment of Regulation 31

15. Regulation 31 is hereby amended through substitution thereof for the following:

“31. Submitting applications to tourism **[and planning]** authorities

- (1) **[Where the Minister has recognized any tourism authority in terms of section 81(5) of the Act, this must be made known by notice in the Gazette.]**
- (2) On receiving an application for first-time accreditation as a tourist transport operator, the NPTR must refer the application to any relevant tourism authority [so] recognised by the Minister, [as well as the planning authority in whose area the applicant is based,] by submitting a notice to it by e-mail[, fax] or other method it deems appropriate.
- (3) Those authorities must submit their response to the NPTR by any method approved by the NPTR and stated in the notice, within 14 days of receipt of the notice.
- (4) If such an authority fails to respond within the time mentioned in subregulation (3), the NPTR must proceed to decide the application without that response in terms of section 81(6) of the Act.
- (5) It shall not be necessary to submit an application for renewal of accreditation to a recognised tourism authority, nor to submit any application to a tourism authority that has not been recognised by means of a notice published under subregulation (1)."

Insertion of Regulation 31A:

16. Regulation 31A is hereby inserted between Regulation 31 and Regulation 32, providing for the following:

"31A Notice of accreditation

The NPTR must give notice of first-time applications for accreditation as a tourist transport operator in the *Government Gazette* stating the name and address of the applicant and any other information it considers to be relevant. Applications for renewal of accreditation need not be published in the *Government Gazette*."

Amendment of Regulation 32

17. Regulation 32 is hereby amended through:

- (a) the substitution of sub-regulation (1) for the following:

"(1) The NPTR must consider the following when deciding whether to grant or refuse an application for accreditation:

- (a) **[Whether the applicant complies with section 81(2) of the Act and these regulations, based on the applicant's past record as an operator, inter alia as regards safety and compliance with legislation, but without discriminating against persons who are new to the industry, and with due regard to the need to promote small business and persons previously disadvantaged by unfair discrimination]** the offences provided in regulation 18 of these Regulations;

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- (b) whether the vehicles operated or to be operated by the **[operator after inspection by suitably qualified officials or agents of the NPTR are roadworthy and acceptable for the type of tourist operations carried on or to be carried on by the applicant]** applicant have been duly issued with roadworthy certificates as required by section 42 of the National Road Traffic Act;
 - (c) **[after a date to be determined by the Minister and made known by notice in the Gazette, that the applicant or one or more of the applicant's employees have passed the tests or examinations or have attended training courses specified by the NPTR, to ensure that they understand the transport industry, road traffic and transport legislation, and other relevant matters;]**
 - (d) **[that the applicant has a programme of maintaining and servicing all vehicles operated or to be operated by the applicant, that is acceptable to the NPTR either-**
 - (i) **by producing records of regular servicing by an acceptable garage or service centre or mechanic; or**
 - (ii) **in appropriate cases, by adequately trained or experienced staff of the operators in workshops or other facilities that have been inspected and approved by or on behalf of the NPTR;]**
 - (e) **[that the operator keeps maintenance and servicing records to the satisfaction of the NPTR, which must be made available to the NPTR inspectors on written request;]**
 - (f) **[that the operator has suitably qualified back-up staff and appropriate administrative facilities that, in the opinion of the NPTR, are sufficient to run his or her transport business efficiently;]**
 - (g) that the operator has an acceptable record regarding compliance with road traffic and transport legislation, as well as other applicable legislation; and
 - (h) that the operator's tax affairs are in order as shown by submission of a valid tax clearance certificate from the South African Revenue Service.
 - (i) **[any other matter required by the NPTR.]”**
- (b) The substitution of sub-regulation (2) for the following:
- “(2) The NPTR may exercise the rights afforded to it in regulation 5(2) and (3) provided that it does so within 14 days of an application being lodged. **[The applicant must describe the livery and signage being displayed or to be displayed on the applicant's vehicles in the application form, and the NPTR may discuss this with the applicant with a view to seeing that the applicant applies livery and signage that is acceptable and tasteful in relation to the image of the tourist industry and any other matter decided by the NPTR.]”**

(c) the substitution of sub-regulation (4) for the following:

“(4) Where, after evaluating the application, it appears to the NPTR that an applicant does not qualify for accreditation the NPTR must furnish the operator with the reasons for non-qualification and may allow the operator **[a certain time]** 60 days to rectify the situation or submit outstanding requirements as a condition for later accreditation.”

Amendment of Regulation 33:

18. Regulation 33 is hereby amended through the substitution of sub-regulation (4) for the following:

“(4) Where appropriate, for example if a tourist transport operator operates larger vehicles or **[a large number of]**multiple vehicles, the operator must have maintenance and repair facilities within the operator's organisation that are satisfactory to the NPTR, staffed with suitably qualified mechanics and support staff.”

Amendment of Regulation 34:

19. Regulation 34 is hereby amended through the substitution of sub-regulation (1) for the following:

“(1) An operator applying for renewal of accreditation under section 81(8) of the Act must no later than 60 days before their accreditation expires lodge the application by completing the application form shown in Schedule 1 and submitting it to the NPTR with the application fee specified in Schedule 2. **[not later than 60 days before the that date that operator's accreditation expires]**

Amendment of Regulation 34A:

20. Regulation 34A is hereby amended through the substitution thereof for the following:

“34A Refusal of [A]applications for **[operating licences]** accreditation for tourist transport services

[(1) A person who-

(a) has not yet been accredited under section 82(4) of the Act; and

(b) has not yet applied for accreditation, and

(c) wishes to operate tourist transport services by means of vehicles for which operating licences have not yet been issued,

must apply simultaneously for accreditation in terms of regulation 30 and for the necessary operating licences in terms of section 54 of the Act by completing Form 1A as shown in Schedule 1 and paying the application fee specified in Schedule 2 and supplying the documents contemplated in regulation 35(3).

(2) An operator who already holds operating licences authorising tourist transport services but has not yet been accredited under section 82(4) of the Act-

(a) may continue to operate such vehicles in terms of such licences, but

(b) must apply for accreditation if he, she or it has not already done so without delay to avoid being barred from operating such services when the Minister determines the date contemplated in section 81(1) of the Act.

(3) An operator contemplated in subregulation (2) who wishes to renew an operating licence contemplated in that subregulation, must apply simultaneously for renewal of the licence in terms of regulation 25 and for accreditation in terms of regulation 30.]

(4) Where the NPTR refuses an application for accreditation, the operator must—

(a) cease to operate tourist transport services forthwith; and

(b) submit any operating licences held by him, her or it which authorise tourist transport services to the NPTR for amendment or cancellation, as the case may be, within 21 days of the date that such accreditation was refused, [subject to subregulation (6) and (7)] provided that the NPTR must follow the procedure contemplated in section 79(4) of the Act, reading in the necessary changes.

[(5) Where an operating licence authorizes services other than tourist transport services in addition to tourist transport services, the NPTR must carry forward the authorisation for all the relevant services when issuing a new operating licence; provided that the validity period of the new licence must be aligned with the period of validity of the operator's accreditation.

(6) When cancelling an operating licence in terms of subregulation (4)(b) the NPTR must follow the procedure contemplated in section 79(4) of the Act, reading in the necessary changes.]

(7) Where an operator contemplated in subregulation (4) has lodged an appeal, or a review application in terms of the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, 2000 (Act No. 3 of 2000), to a competent court or tribunal, as the case may be, against the decision to refuse accreditation, subregulation (4) will not apply unless the appeal or review application is withdrawn or dismissed by the court or tribunal."

Insertion of Regulation 34B:

21. Regulation 34B is hereby inserted between Regulation 34A and Regulation 35, providing for the following:

“34B Cancellation of accreditation

- (1) Where the NPTR becomes aware that an accredited operator is or has been guilty of conduct contemplated in section 83(1)(a) to (f) of the Act, it must, as appropriate, engage with the operator to discuss the issue or issues and steps to be taken by the operator to comply.
- (2) In addition to the reasons mentioned in section 83(1) of the Act, the NPTR may cancel the accreditation of a tourist transport operator if the operator:
 - (a) Fails to comply with a condition stipulated under regulation 38(2A)) and imposed by the NPTR at the stage of accreditation of the operator, or a condition stipulated in an operating licence held by the operator; or
 - (b) has allowed a person that has not been properly accredited in terms of the Act to use the vehicle for tourist transport services.”

Deletion of Regulation 35:

22. Regulation 35 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

Insertion of Regulation 35A

23. **Regulation 35A is inserted to read as follows:**

“35A Recognition of national tourism bodies

- (1) The NPTR may in terms of section 82(3) of the Act recognise any national tourism body as empowered to accredit operators of tourist transport services, provided that such body has an acceptable system in place to accredit operators of tourist transport services.
- (2) A national tourism body wishing to be recognised by the NPTR must motivate in writing for such recognition and demonstrate an acceptable system in place which may not be inferior to the NPTR system.
- (3) The NPTR must publish any decision to recognise a national tourism body in the Government Gazette.
- (4) Recognition as a national tourism body may be conditional and may be revoked if it appears that the national tourism body's system becomes inferior to the NPTR system or the NPTR reasonably suspects that the national tourism body is acting or has acted in conflict with this Act or any other law.”

Amendment of Regulation 36:

24. Regulation 36 is hereby amended by the substitution thereof for the following:

“Applications for [O]perating licences for tourist transport vehicles

- (1) No person may operate a vehicle for tourist transport services on a public road without a valid tourist transport operating licence.
- (2) A valid tourist transport operating licence is required for each vehicle used for tourist transport services.
- (3) Applications for tourist transport operating licences may be made:
 - (a) by tourist transport operators already accredited as such under section 82(4) of the Act; or
 - (b) simultaneously with an application for accreditation under section 82(4) in terms of regulation 30 of these Regulations.
- (4) All applicants for tourist transport operating licences must submit to the NPTR:
 - (a) a completed Form 5AA provided in Schedule 1 to these Regulations;
 - (b) proof of registration and licensing of each vehicle;
 - (c) a valid and current roadworthy certificate for each vehicle;
 - (d) proof of payment of the application fee specified in Schedule 2;
 - (e) proof of third party insurance and either passenger liability insurance or personal accident cover for each vehicle for which the application is made.
- (5) Applicants for tourist transport operating licences who are already accredited as tourist transport operators must include a copy of their accreditation certificate in their application for each tourist transport operating licence.
- (6) Applicants for tourist transport operating licences who have previously applied to be accredited as a tourist transport operator but whose application remains pending must include their application reference number or receipt number in their application for each tourist transport operating licence.
- (7) An accredited tourist transport operator may apply for multiple tourist transport licences for vehicles used for tourist transport services. Applications for multiple tourist transport licences may be but are not required to be submitted simultaneously.
- (8) The effect of sub-regulation (7) is not to limit:
 - (a) the number of vehicles in respect of which an operator may obtain operating licences;
 - (b) the types of vehicles in respect of which an operator may obtain operating licences; or
 - (c) the types of operating licences an operator may hold at any one time.

Deletion of Regulation 37:

25. Regulation 37 is hereby substituted as regulation 34B.

Amendment of Regulation 38:

26. Regulation 38 is hereby amended through:

(a) substitution of the heading for the following:

“38 Processing and i[II]ssuing of operating licences for tourist transport vehicles”

(b) insertion of sub-regulation (1A) before sub-regulation 1 as follows:

“(1A) On receipt of an application for a tourist transport operating licence, an authorised official of the NPTR must verify the validity and authenticity of the documents and information submitted by checking eNaTIS. Copies of documents that can be verified on eNaTIS and those issued by the NPTR, CIPC, and SARS need not be certified.”

(c) substitution of sub-regulation (1) for the following:

“(1) If satisfied that the applicant complies with the requirements of these Regulations and the vehicle complies with section 84(3) of the Act, and after proper application for an operating licence having been made in terms of regulation 34A(1) or 38(1) as the case may be, the authorised official of the NPTR must issue an operating licence to the applicant within 10 working days of the application having been made, subject to all granting requirements having been met, and subject to subregulation (2).”

(d) substitution of sub-regulation (2) for the following:

“Such an operating licence may not be issued to the operator until conditions imposed by the NPTR have been met, and required proof or documents have been submitted[, **and the operator has submitted the original permit or operating licence previously issued for the vehicle to the NPTR for cancellation under regulation 36(3).**]”

(e) insertion of sub-regulation (2A) after sub-regulation 2 and before sub-regulation 3 as follows:

“The NPTR may attach any of the following conditions, or any combinations thereof, to the granting of a tourist transport operating licence:

(a) all passengers of a vehicle so licensed must be protected by valid passenger liability or personal accident insurance cover and proof of such insurance cover must be kept in the vehicle at all times;

(b) no passengers of a vehicle so licensed may be collected at any ranking facilities reserved for mini-bus taxi type services;

(c) no shuttle or transfer services are permitted in terms of the licence unless rendered as part of a tourist service; and

(d) the licence is reviewable at any time following its issuance.”

- (f) Insertion of sub-regulations (5), (6) and (7) after sub-regulation 4 as follows:

- “(5) The decal issued in terms of regulation 27 must include the words **“Tourist transport service”**.
- (6) An application for a tourist transport operating licence may not be rejected by the NPTR only because a charter operating licence already exists for that vehicle.
- (7) Applications for tourist transport operating licences will not be required to be published in terms of section 59 of the Act provided that the accreditation application of the relevant tourist transport operator has already been or will be published.”

Amendment of Regulation 41:

27. Regulation 41 is hereby amended as follows:

- “(41) Where an operator has applied for accreditation in terms of regulation 30 or for renewal of accreditation in terms of regulation 34, that operator may use any operating licence or permit issued to that operator for the vehicle in question until a new operating licence has been issued under regulation **36[38(1) and the permit or operating licence has been cancelled in terms of regulation 38A(5)]**, provided that those licences or permits will lapse if the application for accreditation or for renewal of accreditation is refused, on the date that such refusal is communicated to the applicant.”

Deletion of Regulation 46:

28. Regulation 46 is hereby repealed.

Amendment of Regulation 47:

29. Regulation 47 is hereby amended as follows:

“Until the date on which the NPTR takes responsibility for interprovincial transport [contemplated in regulation 46(1)], an application for an interprovincial service must be made to the PRE of the province where the journey originates, who must perform the functions of the NPTR in relation to the application.

Deletion of Regulation 48

30. Regulation 48 is hereby repealed.

Replacing Schedule 2 (Table of Fees) with the following:**SCHEDULE 2: TABLE OF FEES**

Regulation	Description	Fee
2(1), 3(1), 6(1), 7(1), 10(1), 11(1), 15(2), 16(1)	Application for new operating licence, or for renewal, amendment, transfer or conversion of an operating licence or permit	R600,00
6(7)	Submission of application to the NPTR in terms of section 21(4) of the Act	R600,00
17(4)(b) and (c)	Inspection of documents or requesting copies	R100,00 per request
17(4)(c)	Providing copies	R2,00 per folio
20	Application for temporary operating licence	R100,00
26	Application for written authorization to replace a vehicle temporarily	R100,00
28	Application for duplicate operating licence or decal	R600,00
29(3)(a)	Notification of courtesy service to NPTR	R600,00
30(1), 30(5)	Application for accreditation, or renewal of accreditation of a tourist transport operator or for amendment of conditions of accreditation	R2 000,00
15(4) of the Second National Land Transport Regulations, 2025	Application to the NPTR for registration or renewal of registration by platform provider	R5 000,00

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Identity no./passport no./ business registration number																				
Trade name (if applicable)																				
Type of business																				
Postal address and code																				
Street address (if different from postal address) <i>Domicilium citandi et executandi</i>																Postal Code				
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Telephone number(s)											Code									
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E-mail address (if any)																				
Income tax registration number																				
Tax Compliance Status PIN																				

SECTION C (Compulsory for all application types)**PARTICULARS OF PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR A JURISTIC PERSON**

In the case of a company, partnership, close corporation or other juristic person, particulars of the person responsible to represent it must be given:

Surname																				
First names (not more than 3)																				
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SECTION D (Compulsory for application types 2,3,4 and 5)**PARTICULARS OF EXISTING OPERATING LICENCE OR PERMIT (in the case of an application for renewal, amendment, transfer or conversion)**

Operating licence number/permit number																																																									
REGULATORY ENTITY which issued the operating licence/permit																																																									
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Attach a certified copy of operating licence or permit. A permit must first be converted to an operating licence before it may be renewed, amended or transferred. The original permit must be handed in upon upliftment of operating licence

PARTICULARS OF PERSON OR ENTITY TO WHICH THE OPERATING LICENCE IS TO BE TRANSFERRED (in the case of an application for transfer)													
Name of company, partnership corporation or other legal entity, or surname in the case of sole proprietor	First names, if sole proprietor (not more than 3)												
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Passport	Foreign identity document												
Founding statement	Certificate of incorporation												
Letters of Authority (trust)	Partnership Agreement												
Identity no./passport no./business registration number (if applicable)	Trade name (if applicable)												
Postal address and code	Street address (if different from postal address) <i>Domicilium citandi et executandi</i>												
Telephone number(s)	Facsimile number (if any)												
E-mail address (if any)	Income tax registration number												
Tax Compliance Status PIN	*Include written consent of transferor												

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SECTION F (Compulsory for all application types)**TYPE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE**

[Tick type of service: it may be necessary to tick more than one]

Type of service	Scheduled bus service		Minibus-taxi-type service	
	Staff service		Charter service	
	Courtesy vehicle		Metered taxi service	
	Scholar transport service		e-Hailing service	
	Other Services			

*Please attach
a certified copy
of the contract
between the

operator and school or other educational institution or letter of authorisation from the principal or authorised administrative officer.

*Attach certified copies of the professional driving permits of all the drivers to be used for this service.

Other type of
service (describe)

Number of passengers that will
be carried

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In the case of a
long-distance
service, state why
passengers cannot
use existing
transport services
and motivate why
the proposed service is necessary (supporting documents may be attached).

In the case of a renewal, amendment, transfer or conversion, have the services been provided continuously for a period of 180 days prior to the date of application?

YES

NO

If NO, give
reasons

*Any documentation in support of this application may be attached.

YES	NO
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Vehicle identification number (VIN)																	
Type of vehicle																	
Year of manufacture																	
Make of vehicle																	
Number of passengers to be carried																	
Number of kilometres travelled							Already purchased?										

Vehicle 3:

Vehicle registration number																	
Vehicle identification number (VIN)																	
Type of vehicle																	
Year of manufacture																	
Make of vehicle																	
Number of passengers to be carried																	
Number of kilometres travelled							Already purchased										

SECTION M- FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE REGULATORY ENTITY (if applicable)**

This operating licence is issued subject to the following conditions

*Or attach conditions imposed as a schedule

Date of issue

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Signature of designated official of Regulatory Entity

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OPERATING LICENCE PARTICULARS

Operating licence 1Operating Licence number Valid from / / to / /
Y Y Y Y M M D D Y Y Y Y M M D DCaptured application details
on OLAS / /
Y Y Y Y M M D DDate submitted to Publications / /
Y Y Y Y M M D DDate referred to PREs and Planning
Authority / /
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on OLAS / /
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Authority / /
Y Y Y Y M M D D**Operating Licence 3:**Operating Licence number Valid from / / to / /
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on OLAS / /
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Authority / /
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*In the case of more operating licences, provide the same particulars on a separate sheet as an attachment.

Postal code

Street address (if different from postal address)																				
Telephone number(s)											Code									
Facsimile number (if any)											Code									
E-Mail address (if any)																				
Income tax registration number											Code									
Tax Compliance Status PIN											Code									

SECTION B**PARTICULARS OF THE CONTACT PERSON BETWEEN THE OPERATOR AND THE NPTR**

In the case of a company, partnership, close corporation or other juristic person, particulars of the person responsible to represent it must be given:

Surname																				
First names (not more than 3)																				
Identity number																				
Type of identification	RSA identity document										Passport									
	Other (specify)																			
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Cell number											Code									

SECTION C**VEHICLE PARTICULARS**

*The applicant is to attach copies of all operating licences and permits issued for vehicles operated by the applicant (except in case of a new operator).

Type: no. Seating capacity: Number of vehicles to be purchased:

Motor car	
Minibus	
Midibus	
Bus	
Other	

Vehicle 1:

Vehicle 3:	
Vehicle registration number	
Vehicle identification number (VIN)	
Type of vehicle	
Year of manufacture	
Make of Vehicle	
Number of passengers to be carried	

***In the case of more vehicles provide the same particulars on a separate sheet**





**Operating
Licence 3****Operating
Licence
number**

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Date Application
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Reference
number

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Amount Paid

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Official's name

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SECTION G**CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE NPTR (If applicable)**

The operating
licence/s issued
are subject to the
following
conditions

CHECKLISTA certified copy of one of
the following:

RSA Identity Document

Passport

Temporary RSA Identity Document

	Foreign Identity Document	
	Partnership Agreement	
	Board Resolution/ Founding agreement	
Tax Compliance Status PIN & tax reference number		
Valid vehicle licence and registration		
Has signed a statement to the effect that he or she or it will comply with labour laws in respect of drivers and other staff, as well as sectoral determinations of the Department of Labour.		
Copies of operating licences or permits of vehicles operated (if applicable).		
Proof of insurance (if applicable)		
Valid and current roadworthy certificates for vehicles where vehicles have been acquired		
Where vehicles have not yet been acquired, vehicle licence and registration, roadworthy certificate and proof of insurance to be provided before the operating licence is uplifted		

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Letter of Authority		Partnership Agreement	
Founding statement		Certificate of Incorporation	
Passport		Foreign identity document	
RSA identity document		Temporary identity certificate	

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NO

☐ NO

NO

Copy of accreditation certificate/Receipt/Reference number for accreditation

DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE SECOND NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT

REGULATIONS, 2025

In terms of section 8(2) of the National Land Transport Act, 2009 (Act No.5 of 2009), the Minister of Transport publishes for public comment draft amendments to the National Land Transport Regulations, 2025 published under Notice 3487 in *Government Gazette* 53335 of 12 September 2025 are hereby amended by substituting the following for sub-regulation 6(3) thereof:

“(3) Stopgap contracts contemplated in section 41A of the Act must be used only in exceptional circumstances where they are necessary to provide services in the interim while the contracting authority is in the process of conducting negotiations for a negotiated contract or establishing a network, as contemplated in section 41A(1)(c) of the Act [**, or where there are not yet adequate contracting arrangements in place after expiry of a previous contract,**] and must not be used where they are likely to delay the conclusion of appropriate negotiated [**or subsidised service**] contracts, and may not be renewed.”

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The National Land Transport Act, 2009 (Act No. 5 of 2009) ("NLTA") was enacted to "further the process of transformation and restructuring the national land transport system initiated by the National Land Transport Transition Act, 2000 (Act No. 22 of 2000); and to provide for matters connected therewith" (NLTA long title).

The NLTA repealed and replaced the National Land Transport Transition Act, 2000 (Act No. 22 of 2000) as amended in 2001 and 2006. The transitional legislation had primarily aimed to unify the multiple transport systems applicable to different race groups under apartheid and to provide for the division of national, provincial and municipal competences as required under Schedules 4 and 5 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

The NLTA established the National Public Transport Regulator ("NPTR") and described the NPTR's functions and powers. The NLTA also required provincial Members of Executive Councils responsible for transport to establish PREs to perform the functions and exercise the powers provided in the NLTA.

The Minister of Transport has published two sets of regulations to give effect to the NLTA.

First, the National Land Transport Regulations ("Regulations") were published under Government Notice R1208 in Government Gazette 32821 of 17 December 2009. The Regulations set institutional processes for the NPTR, the PREs and Municipal Regulated Entities ("MREs"), licensing procedures, and rules for implementing compliance with the NLTA.

The Regulations have been amended on an ongoing basis to provide for immediate policy needs, to regulate new forms of transport and to address practical gaps. Presently, they primarily regulate: (i) general rules regarding the powers and procedures of the NPTR; (ii) general rules for the applications process for operating licences to the NPTR, PREs and MREs; (iii) general duties of holders of operating licences; (iv) regulations applicable to tourist transport operators; and (v) regulations applicable to transporting scholars, students, teachers and lecturers.

The Second National Land Transport Regulations ("Second Regulations") were published under Government Notice 3487 in Government Gazette 53335 on 12 September 2025.

The Second Regulations deal specifically with, among other things, (i) public transport operating through contracts negotiated with the national or provincial departments responsible for transport or the relevant municipality, (ii) regulation of e-hailing services, (iii) conversion of permits and indefinite period operating licences to operating licences required by the NLTA; (iv) the imposition of a moratorium on issuing certain new public transport operating licences.

The Second Regulations do not regulate tourist transport operators except limited provisions among other things extending time periods within which to convert old order permits or operating licences to new operating licences under the NLTA.

The Regulations as currently formulated include several redundant provisions and inconsistencies both internally and between the Regulations and the more recent Second Regulations.

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to align the Regulations internally and with the Second Regulations and to ensure their current practical efficacy. The proposed amendments include:

- Rationalising the accreditation, certification and licensing procedures required for tourist transport operators. The Regulations in their current form provide three separate application systems for tourist transport operators:
 - Operating licences
 - Regulations 21, 22, 23, 25 and 27 provide the requirements relating to all operating licences, including transport tourist operating licences.
 - Regulations 34A, 36 and 38 provide requirements applicable only to tourist transport operating licences, which requirements are additional to and substantially repeat or overlap with the generally applicable regulations.
 - Accreditation
 - Regulations 30 – 34 regulate accreditation as a tourist transport operator with requirements that substantially overlap with the licensing requirements.
 - Certification of vehicles
 - Regulation 35 provides for certification of vehicles for tourist transport operators, substantially repeating the processes for both operating licences and accreditation, in circumstances where each vehicle for tourist transport services is required to be licensed and each tourist transport operator required to be accredited. The certification process is no longer provided for in the NLTA and is superfluous.

Replicated requirements in applications for operating licences, accreditation and certification for tourist transport operators result in a significant unnecessary administrative burden on both the NPTR and operators. The amendments propose consolidating the more arduous but necessary requirements for accreditation as tourist transport operators under a section dealing only with accreditation and streamlining the requirements for applying for an operating licence. In particular, the amendments propose:

- Repealing provisions relating to certification of vehicles, including tokens provided upon certification, and clarifying that each vehicle used for tourist transport services is required to be licensed and to include a decal (which forms part of the operating licence) with the details of such licence. The additional compliance requirements previously applicable to certification have been added to requirements for tourist transport operating licences where relevant.

- Consolidating the regulations relating to accreditation of tourist transport operators in the first section of Chapter 5 (regulations 30 – 34B).
- Consolidating the regulations relating to the issuing of operating licences for vehicles of accredited tourist transport operators in the second section of Chapter 5 (regulations 36 – 38).
- Reintroducing Form 5AA to simplify applications and limit required documentation to vehicle-specific information when an operator has already been accredited.
- Narrowing the conditions that may apply to tourist transport operating licences.
- Removing redundant provisions, including transitional provisions that no longer apply and cross-references to provisions deleted through previous amendment processes.
- Providing for practical recognition as tourism authorities for the purposes of recommendations required under section 81 of the Act and removing secondary recommendation requirements.
- Aligning periods provided with periods practically required for operators to submit applications or otherwise correspond with the NPTR.
- Deleting provisions which require standardisation that is not currently available in the existing systems (for example, the absence of alignment between provincial and national systems).
- Removing route and operation area specifications insofar as they affect tourist transport operating licences, while preserving the requirements in the context of other public transport.
- Deleting provisions which conflict or are likely to conflict with the Protection of Personal Information Act.
- Removing facsimile as a valid mode of submitting applications or otherwise corresponding under the Regulations.
- Create certainty regarding the standards required to be met for accreditation as a tourist transport operator and the powers of the NPTR in this regard.
- Correcting typographical errors and various amendments for consistency.

Regulation 6(3) of the Second National Land Transport Regulations, 2025 is amended to delete wording that may be in conflict with section 41A(1)(c) of the National Land Transport Act 5 of 2009.