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General Notice 986A of 1983.

ROAD MOTOR TRANSPORTATION ACT [CHAPTER 262]

Declaration of State of Road Transport Emergency: Local Authority Areas: Permits for Operation of Emergency Taxi-cabs

THE Minister of Roads and Road Traffic hereby, in terms of section 70 of the Road Motor Transportation Act [Chapter 262], declares a state of road transport emergency in local authority areas, as defined in the Urban Councils Act [Chapter 214], excluding any area of a rural council which has not been designated in terms of section 7 of the Rural Councils Act [Chapter 211].

This declaration relates to the transport of passengers by emergency taxi-cabs, as defined in the Road Motor Transportation (Emergency Taxi-cabs) Regulations, 1983, published in Statutory Instrument 661A of 1983.

Applications for emergency permits may be made in accordance with the above-mentioned regulations to the Controller of Road Motor Transportation, P.O. Box 8332, Causeway, to serve the said areas.

General Notice 979 of 1982 is revoked.

M. M. NZUWAH,

20-12-83. Secretary for Roads and Road Traffic.

General Notice 986B of 1983.

ROAD MOTOR TRANSPORTATION ACT [CHAPTER 262]

Emergency Taxi-cabs: Terms and Conditions of Emergency Permits

FOR the information of the public, the Controller of Road Motor Transportation hereby gives notice of the circumstances in which he will issue and cancel emergency permits issued in respect of emergency taxi-cabs in terms of Part IV of the Road Motor Transportation Act [Chapter 262], and the terms and conditions he will attach to such emergency permits.

1. In most cases, the Controller will not issue more than 20 emergency permits for any one route within the cities of Harare, Bulawayo, Gweru and Mutare; after consultation with the Ministry of Local Government and Town Planning he will impose similar limits on the number of emergency taxi-cabs operating on routes in other local authority areas.

2. The Controller will not consider applications for emergency permits to operate emergency taxi-cabs—

- (a) unless the applicant is the registered owner of the vehicle to be used as an emergency taxi-cab; and
(b) if the vehicle to be used as an emergency taxi-cab is designed for the carriage of more than seven seated passengers.

3. Applications for emergency permits to operate emergency taxi-cabs must be made on form R.M.T. 22, and applicants will have to produce to the Controller, with their application—

- (a) a valid certificate of insurance or security for the vehicle concerned, covering liability towards passengers in respect of the use of the vehicle as an emergency taxi-cab; and
(b) the registration-book for the vehicle concerned; and
(c) the applicant's driver's licence; and
(d) a certificate of registration as a trader in terms of section 9 of the Sales Tax Act [Chapter 184]; and
(e) a fee of fifty dollars.

In addition, applicants who have lodged their applications with the Controller will have to produce a current certificate of fitness for the vehicle concerned before they can obtain an emergency permit.

4. Save in exceptional cases, the Controller intends to impose the following conditions on emergency permits to operate emergency taxi-cabs—

- (a) the permit will be valid for six months, and will be renewable for a further period of six months;
(b) the holder will be the only person permitted to drive the vehicle concerned as an emergency taxi-cab;
(c) the permit will not be transferable;
(d) the holder will be allowed to operate his emergency taxi-cab only within the local authority area and along the route specified in his emergency permit;
(e) the holder will not be allowed to stop and pick up passengers along his route except at places determined by the local authority concerned;
(f) the holder will have to display on the windscreen and rear window of the vehicle concerned an identification disc issued by the Controller;
(g) the holder will have to display his route printed in full on both sides and the rear of his vehicle.
(h) the holder will not be permitted to charge passengers any sum in excess of the fare-structure determined by the local authority concerned with the approval of the Controller and such fares shall be exclusive of sales tax.

5. On the expiry of the initial six months of an emergency permit to drive an emergency taxi-cab, the Controller will renew the permit for a further six months, upon the holder producing to him a fresh certificate of fitness for the vehicle concerned and proof of the amount of sales tax he has paid during the initial six months of his permit.

6. Save in exceptional cases, the Controller will cancel an emergency permit to operate an emergency taxi-cab if the holder is convicted on more than two occasions of breaching any term or condition of his permit.

This notice is issued for the guidance and assistance of prospective applicants and the public, and by issuing it the Controller does not intend to limit the circumstances in which he will issue or cancel permits, or the conditions he will impose in permits, to those mentioned in this notice, nor will he be bound by this notice when exercising the discretion granted him by the Act.

20-12-83.

R. N. TSOMONDO, Controller of Road Motor Transportation.

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