

The legal requirements regarding public light bus driver identity plate

In accordance with regulation 51 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Regulations, when a public light bus is standing for the purpose of picking up passengers, or being used for the carriage of passengers, for hire or reward, the driver must display in it a public light bus driver identity plate that complies with below in a holder that complies with below and neither of which is in any way obscured. Starting from 6 October 2018, a driver identity plate is valid for 10 years from the date of issue.

The requirements of public light bus driver identity plate –

- (a) must be of the size, design, form and construction, and displayed in the position in the public light bus, as specified by the Commissioner for Transport by notice in the Gazette;
- (b) must show the captions “PUBLIC LIGHT BUS DRIVER IDENTITY PLATE” and “公共小巴司機證”;
- (c) must show the driver's full name as shown in his identity card in English and, where appropriate, in Chinese; and
- (d) must bear the driver’s photograph that is recent as at the date of issue;
- (e) must show the date of issue and the date of expiry.

The requirements of public light bus driver identity plate holder –

- (a) must be of the size, design and construction, and displayed in the position in the public light bus, as specified by the Commissioner for Transport by notice in the Gazette; and
- (b) must show the vehicle registration mark of the public light bus.

Please refer to the text below for the requirements of public light bus driver identity plate, and public light bus driver identity plate holder which are stipulated in the notice in the Gazette.

(1) Specifications for Public Light Bus Driver Identity Plate

(A) Size and Construction

- (i) The public light bus driver identity plate shall be made of the blank public light bus driver identity plate form (with the size of 125 mm in width and 90 mm in height) as shown in the Transport Department Form Number TD622.
- (ii) The public light bus driver identity plate shall be plastic laminated.

(B) Design

- (i) The public light bus driver identity plate shall show the driver's full name as shown in the identity card in English and, where appropriate, in Chinese.
- (ii) The public light bus driver identity plate shall show the date of issue and date of expiry in the format of 'DD/MM/YYYY' where 'DD', 'MM' and 'YYYY' are the date, month and year respectively.
- (iii) The public light bus driver identity plate shall bear the driver's photograph that is recent as at the date of issue.
- (iv) The public light bus driver identity plate shall not show or bear any thing or matter that is not specified in (i), (ii) and (iii) above, or that is not in accordance with the form specified in (C) below.

(C) Form

- (i) For the name of the public light bus driver, the English letters shall be in block type and black colour and 4 mm in height. The Chinese characters shall be in black colour and 14 mm in height.
- (ii) For the date of issue and date of expiry, the numbers shall be in black colour and 3 mm in height and in Arabic numerals.
- (iii) For the photograph of the public light bus driver, it shall be in colour and printed on the white background space provided at the right part of the public light bus taxi driver identity plate form. The size of the photograph shall be 40 mm in width and 45 mm in height.

(D) Position for Display

The public light bus driver identity plate shall be inserted in the plate holder as specified in (2) and displayed with the side bearing the photograph facing the passengers.

The sample of Public Light Bus Driver Identity Plate



Front



Back

Please note that Transport Department will give 14 days' written notice if there are any changes to the above specifications.

(2) Specifications for Public Light Bus Driver Identity Plate Holder

(A) Size and Construction

- (i) The public light bus driver identity plate holder shall enable the public light bus driver identity plate to be inserted in without obstructing the display of any information and logo shown on both sides of the public light bus driver identity plate.
- (ii) The overall size of the public light bus driver identity plate holder together with the public light bus driver identity plate inserted inside shall not exceed 140 mm in width and 135 mm in height.

(B) Design

The public light bus driver identity plate holder shall show the registration mark of the public light bus at its middle lower part facing the passenger. The display of the registration mark of the public light bus shall not be obstructed after insertion of the public light bus driver identity plate.

(C) **Form**

For the registration mark of the public light bus being shown on the public light bus driver identity plate holder, the English letters and numbers shall be in black colour and 11 mm in height.

(D) **Position for Display**

The public light bus driver identity plate holder shall be mounted securely on left hand side of dashboard top panel of public light bus.