TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HONG KONG
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Conditions for the Operation of Public Light Bus (Non-scheduled) Service(s)

1 The licensee is required to retain records* of vehicle maintenance (including both routine servicing and unscheduled repairs) for a period of two years and to produce them if requested by the Commissioner for Transport or his representative. The definition of records of vehicle maintenance (including both routine servicing and unscheduled repairs) for each public light bus means:—

(a) in the case of repairs of servicing carried out by a commercial garage:—
   (i) copy of the service record detailing all work carried out, as provided by the garage on each occasion; and
   (ii) copy of the schedule of spare parts used by the garage in carrying out any work on each occasion.

(b) in the case of repairs or servicing carried out by an operator or his staff:—
   (i) copy of the servicing schedule or job repair order including the signature and name of the mechanic or supervisor responsible for satisfactory completion of these sheets, where available; or
   (ii) details of work carried out giving date, registration mark of the vehicle, work done and signature and name of the mechanic or supervisor responsible for satisfactory completion of this work; and
   (iii) details of all spare parts used in completing the work mentioned in (i) and (ii) above.

* The records may be kept in Chinese and English as preferred by the licensee.

2 In the case of installing the Video Broadcasting System on a public light bus, the licensee is required to equip an “on/off” or “off” switch which is easily accessible to passengers on each of all the speakers installed in the vehicle.

3 The licensee shall cause to be displayed inside every public light bus used for the provision of the non-scheduled service a driver identity plate in a format and in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner for Transport.

4 The licensee shall cause to be displayed inside every public light bus used for the provision of the non-scheduled service a sign in a format and in a manner to be specified by the Commissioner for Transport showing the hotline number of the licensee; and Transport Complaints Unit’s hotline number and its email address.

5 The licensee shall ensure that a public light bus used for the provision of the non-scheduled service, which is registered on or after 15 September 2017, shall be equipped with passenger call-bells which when pressed will give a signal to a driver of a public light bus to stop his vehicle to allow passengers to alight. The passenger call-bells on the public light buses shall be installed together with an indication light, which lights up when a call-bell is pressed. The indication light shall be installed near the driver’s seat inside the vehicle compartment.

6 The licensee shall ensure that a public light bus used for the provision of the non-scheduled service, which is registered on or after 15 September 2017, shall be equipped with the following service enhancement facilities:—

(a) handles to be installed at the top corner (facing the aisle) of the aisle seats inside the vehicle compartment; and

(b) a fixed intermediate step (with slip resistant surface and high contrast step-edge) to be installed on the step at the vehicle entrance leading to the passenger compartment platform to reduce the height of such step by half. The fixed intermediate step shall be well-illuminated.

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