

Notice

Break-glass Hammer for Non-franchised Bus

To improve bus safety, the Department now requires all non-franchised buses¹ to be fitted with break-glass hammers for passengers to break through in emergencies. The arrangement is as follows:-

(1) All non-franchised buses with a length of 8 meters or less must be installed on each side next to the left and right windows with break-glass hammers (ie. two on each floor), and for non-franchised buses with a length of more than 8 meters, two on each floor by the side window, two break-glass hammers shall be set on each side evenly (ie. four on each floor);

(2) All non-franchised buses newly registered on or after April 1, 2017 must meet the above requirement. Non-franchised buses that fail to meet the above requirements will be deemed failed and will need to be re-inspected (a free re-inspection item);

(3) Existing registered non-franchised buses must meet the above requirements when they undergo annual inspection on or after September 1, 2017. If the vehicle fails to meet the requirements, it will be regarded as fail and will need to be re-inspected (a free re-inspection item).

If you have any enquiries, please call the staff of the Bus Safety Section of To Kwa Wan Vehicle Inspection Centre at 2189 7082.

¹ The relevant requirements do not apply to non-franchised buses with non fixed windows on both sides of the passenger seats.

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