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**DEPARTMENT ORDER NO. 97-1097**

Subject : **PROVIDING STANDARD CLASSIFICATION  
 FOR ALL PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONVEYANCES**

In the interest of public service and to avoid confusion among transport service providers and commuters, a standard classification for all public transport conveyances is hereby promulgated for adoption by all agencies concerned.

The standard classification presented below shall henceforth be the basis for the issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC) for all Public Utility Vehicles (PUV).

**1. Public Utility Buses**

- Seating Capacity : 50 and above excluding driver and conductor
- Gross Veh. Weight : 6,400 kgs and above and/or 70kgs/pax
- Body Make : Coach with entry and exit doors, emergency exits, optional separate baggage compartment and tempered glass windows
- Routes : Fixed route, regular, limited-stop or express
- Ventilation : Ordinary or Air-conditioned
- Fare : Based on distance or zonal as authorized by LTFRB

**2. Public Utility Mini-Bus**

- Seating Capacity : 30 - 49 excluding driver and conductor
- Gross Veh. Weight : between 4,000 and 6,399 kgs. and/or 70 kgs/pax
- Body Make : Mini-coach with entry/exit door, emergency exits and optional separate baggage compartment
- Routes : Fixed routes, regular, limited-stop or express
- Ventilation : Ordinary or Air-conditioned
- Fare : Based on distance or zonal as authorized by LTFRB

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3. **Public Utility Jeepneys**

Seating Capacity	:	12 - 32 excluding driver
Gross Veh. Weight	:	2,500 kgs. and above and/or 70 kgs/pax
Body Make	:	Jitney type/AUV
Routes	:	Fixed route (regular, limited-stop or express) or variable routes within a specified area as authorized
Ventilation	:	Ordinary or Air-conditioned
Fare	:	Based on distance or zonal as authorized by LTFRB
Operating Conditions	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) May be allowed to carry passenger or freight or both for provincial operations</li> <li>b) Operation is discouraged along major arterials in urban areas</li> <li>c) Ceiling distance, unless authorized otherwise: Urban routes - 15 kms Inter-urban/provincial routes - 30 kms</li> </ul>

4. **Filcab**

Seating Capacity	:	7 - 11 excluding driver
Gross Veh. Weight	:	Maximum of 2,500 kgs and/or 70 kgs/pax
Body Make	:	Mini-jitney/AUV
Routes	:	Fixed route (regular, limited-stop or express) or variable routes within a specified area as authorized
Ventilation	:	Ordinary or Air-conditioned
Fare	:	Based on distance or zonal as authorized by LTFRB
Operating Conditions	:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) May be allowed to carry passenger or freight or both</li> <li>b) Should not compete with higher-occupancy public utility vehicles on majority of the route</li> <li>c) Fifteen km. ceiling distance unless authorized otherwise</li> </ul>


5. **Taxi**

Vehicle Type	:	Four or five door automobiles
Seating Capacity	:	4 excluding driver
Route	:	No fixed route within a specified area
Ventilation	:	Ordinary or Air-conditioned
Fare	:	Minimum rate plus fee per unit distance and unit time
Operating Conditions	:	No more than four passengers may be carried
Standard Color	:	White

All public utility vehicles shall have uniform seating measurements, in accordance with the implementing guidelines of R. A. No. 4136 as amended and/or other relevant laws, rules and regulations.

Other rules and regulations that are inconsistent with the provisions of this Order are hereby repealed and/or modified accordingly. Public transport services with subsisting franchise that may be affected by these guidelines shall be allowed to operate until the validity of the covering CPC has expired. Henceforth, all vehicles that are the subject of new franchise applications shall be covered by these guidelines.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation or filing of three (3) copies hereof with the U. P. Law Center, pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11 dated 09 October 1992.

  
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