



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Transportation and Communications
LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD
East Avenue, Quezon City

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2008- 018

Subject: VOLUNTARY AMNESTY PROGRAM FOR TOURIST BUS SERVICES

It has been observed by this Board that substantial number of Tourist Bus Services are operating without any corresponding authority from this Board. Likewise, there were clamor from tourist bus operators to allow them to apply for tourist bus services due to the increasing demand of the said service because of influx of tourist the whole year round. In view thereof, and in support of the program of the government to further bolster tourism industry in the country, and in order to legitimize the operations of the units operating as tourist bus without any authority from this Board vis-à-vis the promotion of interest of the riding public, particularly local and foreign tourists, a voluntary amnesty program for acceptance of Application for Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience to Operate Tourist Bus Service was recommended and proposed.

Thus, pursuant to Department Order No. 2005-010 setting forth the Policy Guidelines on the Exercise of Authority and Functions by this Board and empowering it to issue Memorandum Circulars governing the powers and functions provided for in Section 5 of Executive Order 202, the Board hereby issues the Amnesty Program for Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience to Operate Tourist Bus Service, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- A) An Amnesty Fee in the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) per unit shall be paid by the applicant upon two equal installments, (a) upon filing of application; and (b) upon release of the Certificate of Public Convenience, but excluding the regular filing fees for Application of New Certificate of Public Convenience;



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- B) Applicant should have in possession the unit/s applied for under this Amnesty Program, and should first be inspected and passed the roadworthy standards test to be conducted by the duly designated personnel of this Board, and subject to existing Memorandum Circular on maximum age requirement of the unit/s; and
- C) Applicants are given an unextendible period of sixty (60) days from effectivity of this Memorandum Circular within which avail of this Memorandum Circular, otherwise, this Board shall no longer accept and entertain any application of the same nature.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded and amended accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately.

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