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

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SUBJECT: **ALLOWING FINAL CONVERSION FOR  
TOURIST TRANSPORT SERVICE**

On May 13, 2008, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2008-009 (*Re: Simplifying Classifications of Tourist Transport Services*). Under said Circular, those who have been granted Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) under the general category of Tourist Transport Service should convert either as Tourist Bus Transport Service, Tourist Car Transport Service or Tourist Airconditioned Jeep Transport Service.

It has come to the attention of the Board that several grantees of CPCs under the category of tourist transport service failed to apply for conversion within the six-month period provided in said Circular. Hence, upon filing of their Application for Extension of Validity of CPC, their applications were not processed/received in view of such failure.

On the other hand, the Board is aware that some of these grantees have valid and existing accreditation from the Department of Tourism, as well as existing contracts with their clients, as proof of public need. Further, the main purpose of MC 2008-009 was merely to re-classify or simplify the categories under tourist transport service.

Taking full consideration of Department Order No. 2011-18 dated April 11, 2011 which **exempts** Tourist Transport Service from the Moratorium on Franchise Issuance, and in order to resolve the problem caused by the non-conversion, the Board, pursuant to Section 5(k) of EO 202, hereby allows late conversion of Tourist Transport Service under the following guidelines:

- Conversion shall apply only to those CPCs which are already covered by the general classification of tourist transport service (and under the old sub-categories of tourist bus, tourist car, tourist shuttle service, tourist metered taxi service, tourist coupon taxi service, tourist chartered transport service, tourist rent-a-car transport service, city tours service, and corporate transport leasing services under rent-a-car category).
- Applicable penalty charges shall be collected in the amount of **FIVE THOUSAND PESOS (P5,000.00)** per unit.
- Processing for Late Conversion shall be allowed only until **June 30, 2013**. Those applications which were previously not received or have been denied solely because of their failure to convert to the simplified categories may be allowed to re-file under this Circular.



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- Inspection of units shall be conducted with the Inspection Report to be submitted together with the Application for Conversion. Applicants shall coordinate with the Technical Evaluation Division (TED) on the schedule of inspection of unit/s.
- The existing policy on year model of units shall be strictly observed.

All other issuances or parts thereof inconsistent herewith are hereby modified, amended, or superseded accordingly.

This Memorandum shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation. Let three (3) copies hereof be filed with the UP Law Center pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11, dated 09 October 1992.


SO ORDERED.

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EFFECTIVITY DATE : DECEMBER 8, 2012

  
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