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SUBJECT: PUBLIC UTILITY DRIVERS ACADEMY PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 202, paragraph 5 (k) mandates the Board to formulate, promulgate, administer, implement and enforce rules and regulations on land transportation public utilities, standards of measurements and/or design, and rules and regulations requiring operators of any public land transportation service to equip, install and provide in their utilities and in their stations such devices, equipment facilities and operating procedures and techniques as may promote safety, protection, comfort and convenience to persons and property in their charges as well as the safety of persons and property within their areas of operations;

WHEREAS, Memorandum Circular No. 2011-004, paragraph 31 thereof requires operators and their drivers to attend trainings/seminars on transport management, road safety and good driving habits to be conducted/accredited by the Board;

WHEREAS, to ensure the safety and comfort of commuters, there is a need to establish and create a drivers database and monitoring system of the Board where trainings, programs, competency assessment and certification acquired and traffic violations committed will be recorded with the end view to allow only competent drivers to drive PUVs;

WHEREAS, after careful study, it was determined that the implementation of the Public Utility Drivers Academy Program shall improve the behaviour and driving skills of PUV drivers and will protect the health, welfare, and promote safety and convenience not only to passengers, pedestrians but the public in general.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the foregoing premises and pursuant to Executive Order No. 202, paragraph 5 (k), this Board hereby promulgates the following rules and regulations governing the Drivers Academy Program:

1) The Public Utility Drivers Academy Program is a one (1) day training seminar designed to all PUV drivers comprising of four (4) subject/modules;

2) To test the drivers' comprehension and skill on the program, they shall undergo examinations with a passing rate of 75% per module. The driver will only re-take the module where they fail;

3) An Identification Card (ID) with Certificate of Completion/Attendance printed at the back and valid for a period of One (1) year and shall be issued to driver-participants after the program;

4) The Public Utility Drivers Academy Program is a continuing education for drivers, thus, ID is renewed every year after re-training;
5) The names of drivers-participants of the Public Utility Drivers Academy Program shall be incorporated to the existing Drivers Database of the Board for proper monitoring;

6) Completion of the program by all drivers of each operator shall be condition precedent to any transaction the operators may have pertaining to their franchise.

7) For employment purposes, holder of CPC shall only employ drivers with duly issued Public Utility Driver's Academy ID card.

8) For proper monitoring, operators shall furnish the Board names of their drivers who were terminated from employment with cause of termination.

9) Failure of the Operators to comply with the foregoing provisions warrants the imposition of fine against the erring Operator in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php 5,000.00) per violation.

10) Operators who fail to comply with the foregoing provisions and who allows drivers to drive public utility vehicles without the necessary training under the Public Utility Drivers Academy Program shall warrant the Suspension of their CPC in addition to the payment of fine.

11) All PUV drivers are given one (1) year from June 2017 to June 2018 within which to comply with the foregoing provisions of this Memorandum Circular.

12) PUV drivers who fail to comply with the mandatory attendance to Public Utility Drivers Academy will be recommended to LTO for possible sanction against their license.

Operators are therefore, directed to require their drivers to attend and participate in the training/seminar for PUV drivers prescribed by the Board under Drivers Academy Program.

This Memorandum Circular takes effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and the filing of three (3) copies hereof with the UP Law Center pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11, dated 09 October 1992.

SO ORDERED.
Quezon City, Metro Manila. 16 JUN 2017

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