



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

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NO. 2021 - 067

SUBJECT: REDUCTION OF MINIMUM NUMBER OF TAXI UNITS PER APPLICATION, AND ALLOWING PARIAL COMPLIANCE OF THE REQUIRED MINIMUM NUMBER OF UNITS UPON THE FILING OF INITIAL APPLICATION, AMENDING MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NOS. 2019-014, 2019-032, 2020-030, 2021-046 AND 2021-059

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5 (a) of Executive Order No. 202, dated 19 June 1987, the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB) shall have the power "to prescribe and regulate routes of service, economically viable capacities and zones or areas of operation of public land transportation services provided by motorized vehicles, xxx";

WHEREAS, on 15 March 2019, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2019-014, opening additional taxi franchises for Regions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, setting the minimum number of units per application at fifty (50) units, except when the opened number of units in a particular be less than fifty (50), the application must be equivalent to such number of units;

WHEREAS, on 18 July 2019, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2019-032, opening an Application for Issuance of New Certificate of Public Conveniences to operate Premium Taxis prescribing the minimum number of units per Application at Thirty (30) units;

WHEREAS, on 4 August 2021, the Board opened additional taxi franchises for Iloilo and CARAGA Region through Memorandum Circular No. 2020-030, setting the minimum number of units per Application at fifty (50) units;

WHEREAS, on 22 July 2021, Memorandum Circular No. 2021-046 was issued, opening additional taxi franchises for Region 4-A, also setting the minimum number of units per application at fifty (50) units;

WHEREAS, additional franchises to operate Premium Taxis in Metro Cebu were opened on 24 September 2021 through Memorandum Circular No. 2021-059;

WHEREAS, to date, the slots of franchises opened in the Regions remained unfilled causing an imbalance between the available taxi units vis-à-vis the demand for taxi services;

WHEREAS, in the letter of the LTFRB RFRO No. 4A, signed by its Regional Director Col. Renwick K. Rutaquio, they proposed to change the minimum number of units per application in Memorandum Circular No. 2021-046, from fifty (50) units to twenty-five (25) units, on account of the manufacturers inability to supply the required fifty (50) units;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to the transport industry and to the country's economy as a whole, including the difficulty of the stakeholders to meet the minimum number of units per application;

NOW THEREFORE, premises considered, in uniformly applying the existing policies, this Board hereby adopts the following amendatory guidelines to Memorandum Circular Nos. 2019-014, 2019-032, 2020-030, 2021-046 AND 2021-059, to wit:

1. The minimum number of units for Regular Tax is now reduced to twenty-five (25) units, while for Premium Taxis remained at Thirty (30) units.
2. **PARTIAL** compliance of at least ten (10) units is now allowed upon filing of the **INITIAL APPLICATION**, subject to compliance to complete the minimum number of units;
3. The Applicant shall submit an Affidavit of Undertaking to complete the remaining number of units within six (6) months from the date the Initial Application was filed.
4. Upon the filing of the Initial Application (with request for issuance of PA), a Provisional Authority (PA) with validity of six (6) months may be issued.
5. The issued PA may only be renewed once for an additional period of three (3) months if the undertaking has been complied with within the prescribed period.
6. Failure to comply with the Affidavit of Undertaking mentioned under item 2 without justifiable cause shall be a ground for the **DISMISSAL** of the main Application for Issuance of New CPC.
7. This MC shall not cover those applications received prior to the effectivity of this MC.

All other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed modified or superseded accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect fifteen (15) days following its publication in at least one (1) newspaper of general circulation. Let three (3) copies hereof be filed with the UP Law Center - Office of National Administrative Registrar (ONAR).

SO ORDERED.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THROUGH TELECONFERENCE
on NOV 12 2021, Quezon City, Philippines


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