

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

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2021- 064

SUBJECT : INCREASED PASSENGER CAPACITY IN PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLES (PUVs)

WHEREAS, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed Proclamation No. 922 entitled “Declaring a State of Public Health Emergency Throughout the Philippines” on 8 March 2020 in view of the reported COVID-19 cases in the country;

WHEREAS, in the previous Memorandum Circular No. 2020-061 dated 15 October 2020, the Board has prescribed the required health protocols in all PUVs, mandating the observance of “one seat apart” system for passengers inside the PUVs;

WHEREAS, at present, when the Covid-19 infection rate in the Philippines has substantially declined, along with the continuous vaccination roll-out of the government, the number of commuters particularly from Authorized Persons Outside Residence (APORs) group are expected to increase as the Philippine is gradually opening its economy;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the recommendation of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) issued Resolution No. 146, series of 2021 dated 28 October 2021 granting the increase in passenger capacity starting at seventy percent (70%);

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Board **AMENDS** the allowed passenger capacity for **PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES (PUBs), PUBLIC UTILITY JEEPNEYS (PUJs), UV Express (UVE)** to **SEVENTY PERCENT (70%)** for all land-based public transportation services operating in the National Capital Region (NCR) and nearby provinces included in the Metro Manila Urban Transportation Integration Study (MMUTIS) Update and Capacity Enhancement Project (MUCEP) beginning **NOVEMBER 4, 2021**.

Further, plastic barriers that were previously installed are not required **NATIONWIDE**, provided the physical distance between passengers be strictly observed.

Attached hereto are the graphic representations of the seating capacity for reference (Annexes “A”, “B”, “C”, “D”, and “E” for PUBs with 2x2row and PUBs with 3x2 rows, Low-Entry Buses, Modern PUJ and Traditional PUJ, and UVE, respectively).

The applicable guidelines on passenger capacity for other PUV denominations shall remain the same, subject to the subsequent issuances of the Board, in accordance with the IATF guidelines.

All other provisions on the observance of required health protocols in the operation of public utility vehicles shall remain in full force and effect.

Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this MC shall be considered as a violation of the terms and conditions of their CPC and appropriate penalties shall be imposed against the operator, in accordance with the provisions of Joint Administrative Order No. 2014-01, without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges as may be determined and filed by other enforcement agencies.

For violation/s committed by the drivers of PUVs, the Board may recommend to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) for the suspension of their Driver's License, also without prejudice to the filing of appropriate charges against the said driver, as may be determined and filed by other enforcement agencies.

All issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby superseded and amended accordingly.

This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately 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. NOV 02 2021

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THROUGH TELECONFERENCE
on NOV 02 2021, Quezon City, Philippines



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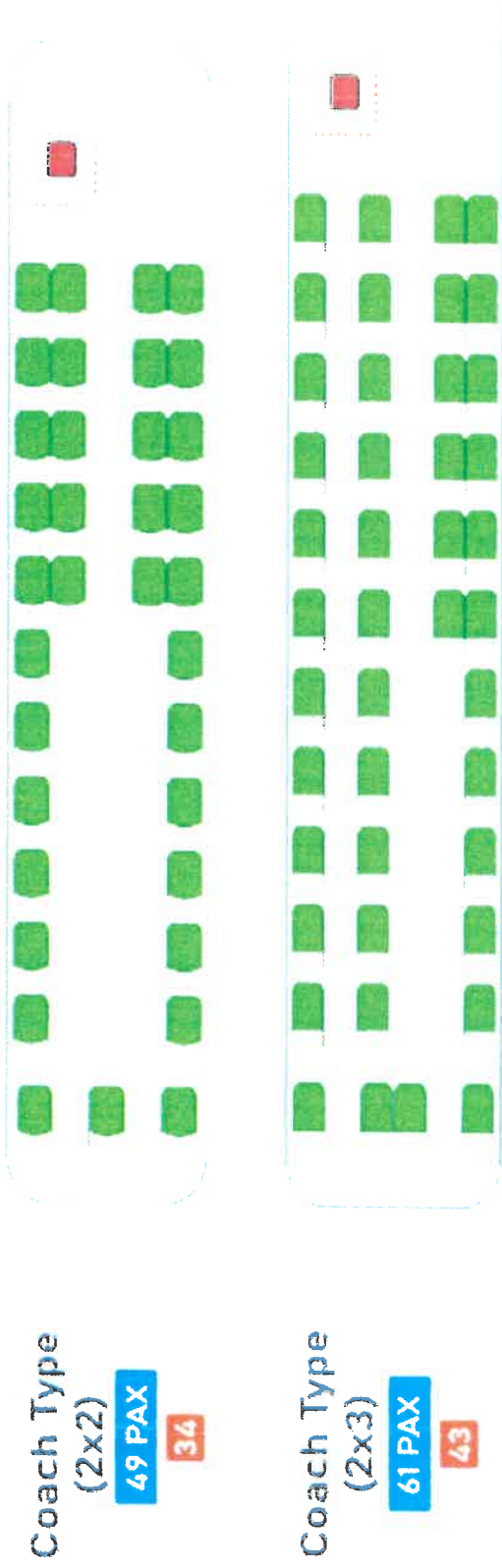
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Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board
PUB (COACH) 70% SEATING CAPACITY

PUB TYPE
Seating Capacity
Allowed Passengers

ILLUSTRATION ON SEATING CAPACITY



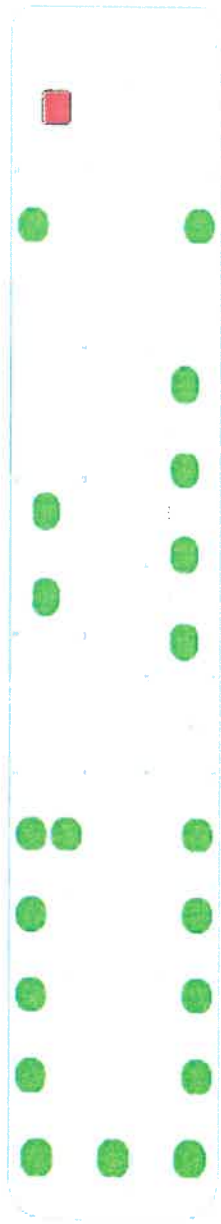
Legend:

- Driver
- Allowed Passenger
- Not allowed for seating
- Non-permeable transparent barrier

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PUB (LOW-ENTRY/FLOOR) 70% SEATING CAPACITY

ILLUSTRATION ON SEATING CAPACITY

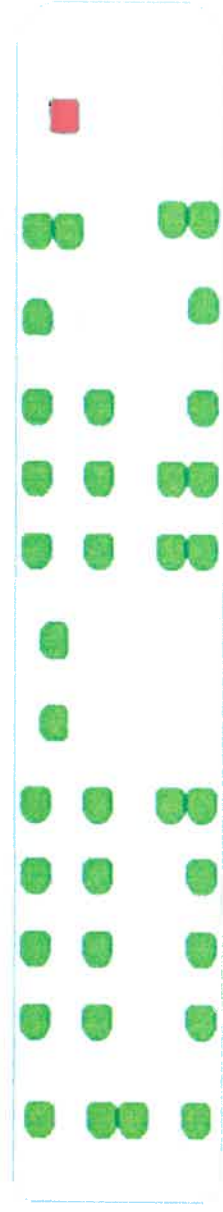
PUB TYPE
Seating Capacity
Allowed Passengers



**Low Entry
 (2x2)**
35 PAX
24



**Low Entry
 (2x2)**
39 PAX
27



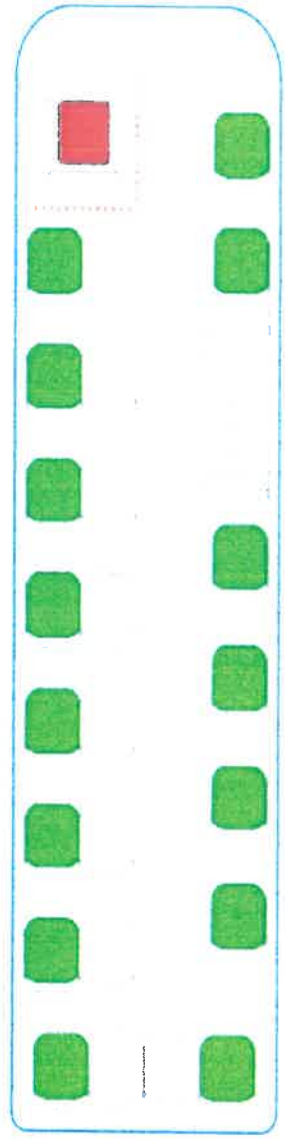
**Low Entry
 (2x3)**
52 PAX
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Legend:
 Allowed Passenger
 Not allowed for seating
 Driver

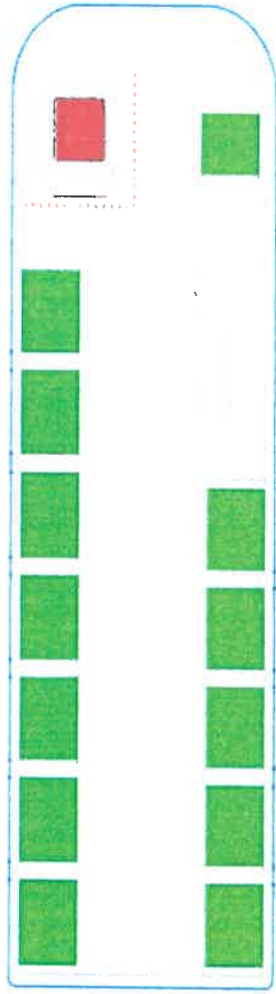
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MODERN PUJ 70% SEATING CAPACITY

ILLUSTRATION ON SEATING CAPACITY

MPUJ TYPE
 Seating Capacity
 Allowed Passengers



PUJ CLASS III
 23 PAX
 15



PUJ CLASS II
 19 PAX
 13

Legend.

- Driver
- Allowed Passenger
- Not allowed for seating
- ⋯ Non-permeable transparent barrier

*Dimensions in millimeter

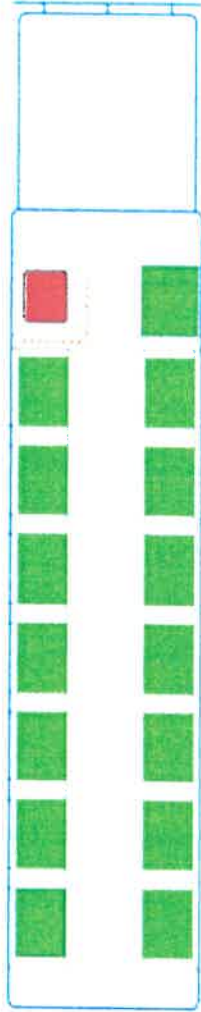
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TRADITIONAL PUJ 70% SEATING CAPACITY

ILLUSTRATION ON SEATING CAPACITY

TPUJ TYPE
Seating Capacity
Allowed Passengers

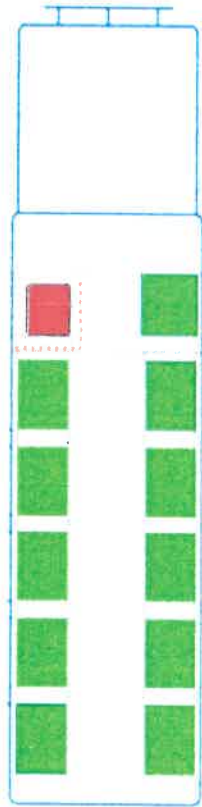
TRADITIONAL PUJ

20 PAX
15



TRADITIONAL PUJ

14 PAX
11



Legend:

- Driver
- Allowed Passenger
- Not allowed for seating
- ⋯ Non-permeable transparent barrier

*Dimensions in millimeter

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UV EXPRESS 70% SEATING CAPACITY

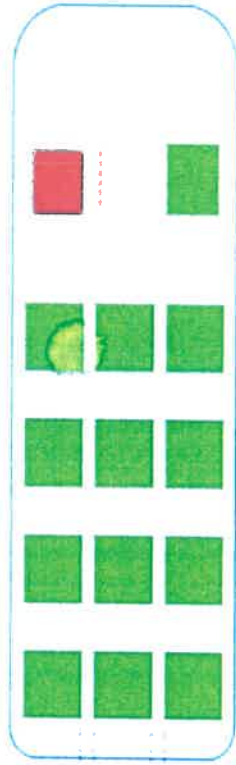
UVE TYPE
Seating Capacity
Allowed Passengers

ILLUSTRATION ON SEATING CAPACITY

Front Facing

18 PAX

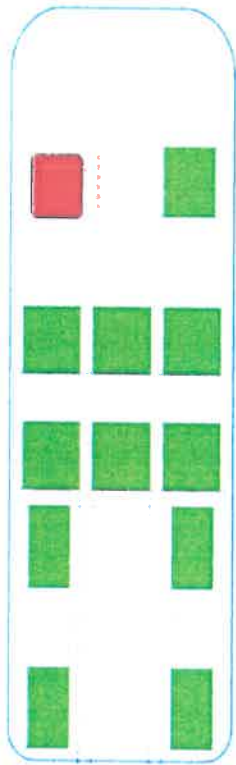
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Front Facing
 with Perimeter
 seating

16 PAX

11



Legend:

- Driver
- Allowed Passenger
- Not allowed for seating
- Non-permeable transparent barrier

*Dimensions in millimeter