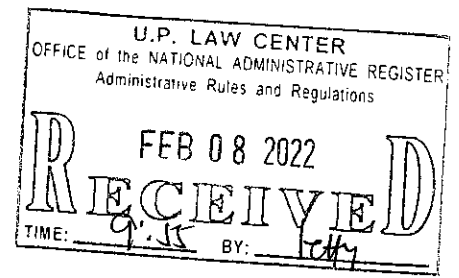




Republic of the Philippines  
Department of Transportation  
**LAND TRANSPORTATION FRANCHISING & REGULATORY BOARD**  
East Avenue, Quezon City



**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NUMBER 2022 - 009**

**SUBJECT: OPENING OF APPLICATIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NEW CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE (CPC) OF THE APPROVED ROUTES OF SORSOGON PROVINCE LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT ROUTE PLAN (LPTRP) UNDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PUBLIC UTILITY VEHICLE MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (PUVMP)**

**WHEREAS**, on 19 June 2017, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) issued Department Order No. 2017 – 011 also known as the Omnibus Guidelines on the Planning and Identification of the Public Road Transportation Services and Franchise Issuance adopting the rules and procedures for the issuance of the franchises for public transport routes and services;

**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, xxxxx”;

**WHEREAS**, the DOTr has given LTFRB the authority to deliberate and take appropriate action on proposed new/additional routes pursuant to the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) and Memorandum Circular No. 2018-006;

**WHEREAS**, the Local Public Transport Route Plan (LPTRP) of Sorsogon Province was reviewed and evaluated by DOTr and recommended for the issuance of Notice of Compliance (NOC). On 28 April 2021, the LTFRB RFRO 5 issued NOC to Sorsogon Province, approved and signed by Regional Director P/Maj. Gen. Antonio N. Gardiola, Jr. requesting the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to pass a Provincial Ordinance adopting the said LPTRP pursuant to the OFG and the Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) No. 001, s. 2017 between DOTr and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), or the Guidelines on the Preparation and Issuance of Local Ordinances, Orders, Rules and Regulations concerning the LPTRP;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 4(f) of JMC No. 001, s. 2017 between DOTr and DILG, updating of the LPTRPs may be done by the LGUs at least once every three (3) years after the last approval;

**WHEREAS**, Sangguniang Panlalawigan in the Province of Sorsogon passed Provincial Ordinance No. 19-2021: “Ordinance adopting the Local Public Transport Route Plan (LPTRP) 2020-2024 of the Province of Sorsogon”, approved and signed by Governor Francis Joseph G. Escudero dated 31 August 2021;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to said Ordinance, a total of seventeen (17) rationalized and five (5) new routes have been approved;

**NOW THEREFORE**, upon the recommendation of DOTr and LTRFB, the following rationalized and new routes with corresponding Route Survey Information are hereby approved for the issuance of New CPCs:

<b>ROUTE (Detailed Route Structure)</b>	<b>AUTHORIZED MODE</b>	<b>NO. OF AUTHORIZE D UNITS</b>	<b>ROUTE LENGTH (KM)</b>
<b>RATIONALIZED ROUTES</b>			
<b>1</b> <b>BULUSAN - GUBAT via Barcelona vice versa</b>  Bulusan, Brgy. Pocol (Perpetual Help), San Vicente (Barcelona), Junction Abuyog- Gubat-Ariman Rd., Gubat Jeepney Terminal	PUJ Class 2	22	23.94
<b>2</b> <b>BULUSAN - IROSIN vice versa</b>  Bulusan, Sabang Bridge (Bulusan), San Rafael (Bulusan), A. Bonifacio St., Patag (Irosin), Irosin	PUJ Class 2	15	19.76
<b>3</b> <b>BULAN - SORSOGON CITY via Irosin, Juban, Casiguran vice versa</b>  Bulan, T. De Castro St., Gate- Bulan Airport Rd., Pan Philippine Hwy. (Irosin), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Juban), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Casiguran), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	Minibus	35	63.09
<b>4</b> <b>MATNOG - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b>  Matnog, Pan Philippine Hwy. (Matnog), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Irosin), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Juban), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Casiguran), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	Minibus	20	66.64
<b>5</b> <b>CASTILLA (POB.) - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b>  Castilla (Pob.), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Castilla), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	PUJ Class 2	24	25.11

6	<b>CUMADCAD (CASTILLA) - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Cumadcad (Castilla), Castilla (Pob.), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Castilla), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	PUJ Class 3	40	31
7	<b>GUBAT - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Gubat Jeepney Terminal, Junction Abuyog-Gubat-Ariman Rd., Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	PUJ Class 2	53	20.15
8	<b>GUBAT - CASIGURAN</b> Gubat Jeepney Terminal, Junction Abuyog-Gubat-Ariman Rd., Gubat-Casiguran Rd., Casiguran	PUJ Class 2	15	18.19
9	<b>MAGALLANES - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Magallanes, Juban-Magallanes Rd., AH26 (Juban), AH26 (Casiguran), AH26 (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	PUJ Class 3	29	48.13
10	<b>PRIETO DIAZ - GUBAT</b> Prieto Diaz, Junction Gubat-Prieto Diaz Rd., Junction Abuyog-Gubat-Ariman Rd., AH26 (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	PUJ Class 2	18	19.52
11	<b>BULAN - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Bulan, T. De Castro St., Gate-Bulan Airport Rd., Pan Philippine Hwy. (Irosin), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Juban), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Casiguran), Pan Philippine Hwy. (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	UVE Class 3	15	63.09
12	<b>MAGALLANES - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Magallanes, Juban-Magallanes Rd., AH26 (Juban), AH26 (Casiguran), AH26 (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	UVE Class 3	15	48.13

13	<b>MATNOG - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Matnog, AH26 (Matnog), AH26 (Irosin), AH26 (Juban), AH26 (Casiguran), AH26 (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	UVE Class 3	15	66.64
14	<b>STA. MAGDALENA - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Sta. Magdalena, San Isidro (Sta. Magdalena), AH26 (Matnog), AH26 (Irosin), AH26 (Juban), AH26 (Casiguran), AH26 (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	UVE Class 3	15	71.97
15	<b>IROSIN - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Irosin, AH26 (Irosin), AH26 (Juban), AH26 (Casiguran), AH26 (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	UVE Class 3	15	42.84
16	<b>BULUSAN - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Bulusan, Brgy. Poctol (Perpetual Help), San Vicente (Barcelona), Junction Abuyog-Gubat-Ariman Rd., AH26 (Sorsogon City) Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	UVE Class 3	15	44.09
17	<b>PRIETO DIAZ - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Prieto Diaz, Junction Gubat-Prieto Diaz Rd., Junction Abuyog-Gubat-Ariman Rd., AH26 (Sorsogon City), Sorsogon City Grand Central Terminal	UVE Class 3	15	39.67
<b>NEW ROUTES</b>				
1	<b>BARCELONA - CASIGURAN vice versa</b> Barcelona Proper, San Vicente, Olandia, Fabrica, Santa Lourdes, Inalagadian, pass thru Gubat-Casiguran Rd, Escuela, San Juan, Boho, AH26, Casiguran Proper, Casiguran	PUJ Class 2	15	23.9

2	<b>BULAN - MAGALLANES vice versa</b> Bulan, Bulan-Magallanes Rd., Juban-Magallanes Rd., Magallanes	PUJ Class 2	15	28
3	<b>BULUSAN - MATNOG via Sta. Magdalena vice versa</b> Bulusan, Sabang Bridge (Bulusan), (Sta. Magdalena, San Isidro (Sta. Magdalena), Turn Left to AH26 (Matnog), Matnog	PUJ Class 2	15	32.8
4	<b>DONSOL - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Donsol, Donsol-Pioduran Rd., Putiao-Pilar-Donsol Sorsogon Rd., Turn right to AH26 (Pilar), AH26 (Castilla), Sorsogon City	UVE Class 3	15	66.47
5	<b>PILAR - SORSOGON CITY vice versa</b> Pilar, AH26 (Pilar), AH26 (Castilla), Sorsogon City	UVE Class 3	15	55.69
	<b>TOTAL NO. OF ROUTES / NO. OF UNITS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>451</b>	

Only those units compliant with the OFG and DTI – PNS shall be accepted.

In case there are affected Transport Service Entities (TSEs), due to the results of the LPTRP study, the Regional Franchising and Regulatory Office (RFRO) shall conduct a stakeholders' consultation meeting to discuss the Transfer Plan and Social Support mechanism, in coordination with the Local Government Unit (LGU).

For **RATIONALIZED** routes, the provisions under MC 2019-066 shall apply except Item I.B.3 thereof. In which case, the existing provisions under MC 2021 - 021 Item I.A.1.v. shall apply, to wit:

*The consolidated entity must comply with the Undertaking to Substitute the old/existing units within the period:*

- *6 months - 25% of the total number of authorized units*
- *9 months - 50% of the total number of authorized units*
- *12 months - 100% of the total number of authorized units*

The Board shall issue a Certificate of Public Convenience to the applicant when the latter complies with the following required number of units:

- If the number of authorized units (NAU) is more than fifteen (15), the applicant shall have at least fifteen OFG - compliant units;
- If the number of authorized units (NAU) is fifteen (15) or less, the applicant shall comply with all the NAU.

If no existing operator filed for consolidation in the rationalized routes or if the consolidated entities fail to meet the unit requirement, the Board shall open the said route to qualified new entrants for application or to fill/complete the number of authorized units, respectively. In either case, the process of selecting the new entrant shall be governed by the procedures prescribed for NEW routes as provided in the following paragraphs.

For **NEW** routes, the procedures in the selection of the operator under Section V-B of MC 2019-013 shall apply except Item No. 6 thereof. In which case, the provisions under MC 2021 - 021 Item I.A.1.v. regarding the compliance period of the compliant units, which shall be within the following period:

- *6 months - 25% of the total number of authorized units*
- *9 months - 50% of the total number of authorized units*
- *12 months - 100% of the total number of authorized units*

The Board shall issue a Certificate of Public Convenience to the applicant when the latter complies with the following required number of units:

- If the number of authorized units (NAU) is more than fifteen (15), the applicant shall have at least fifteen (15) OFG - compliant units;
- If the number of authorized units (NAU) is fifteen (15) or less, the applicant shall comply with all the NAU.

Meanwhile, pending the issuance of CPC, the selected operator shall operate in an interim service within fifteen (15) days from receipt of the Notice of Selection using either its own units or units that are leased or chartered from other operators, manufacturers or dealers which must be roadworthy as determined by the Land Transportation Office (LTO). The corresponding Special Permit (for units with existing CPC) or Provisional Authority (for units without CPC) shall be issued, pursuant to the provisions of MC 2019-013.

The pre-qualification conferences shall be held at LTFRB Regional Office No. 5 on **18 February 2022 at 2:00 PM.**

Letter of Intent and qualification documents shall be submitted **NOT LATER THAN** the indicated deadline below:

<b>Region</b>	<b>Route</b>	<b>Deadline</b>	<b>Venue of Submission</b>
Region 5	All Routes	28 February 2022 @ 9:00 AM	Office of the Regional Director – RFRO 5

Opening of the sealed documents will immediately follow **at 10:00 AM of the same date.**

A qualified Applicant may be selected for more than one (1) route and subsequently processed for the grant of CPC following the applicable provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 2019-013 also known as the Consolidated Guidelines on the Process of Issuance of Certificate of Public Convenience (CPC), and Provisional Authority (PA)/Special Permit (SP) under the Omnibus Franchising Guidelines & Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP) dated 15 March 2019 and Memorandum Circular No. 2021-021 also known as Guidelines for the Issuance of Provisional Authority to Units of Individual Operators with Pending Application for Consolidation and those that Failed to File an Application for Consolidation Pursuant to the Omnibus Franchising Guidelines (OFG) and the Procedure in the Qualification and Selection of Applicants dated 30 March 2021.

In case of failure on the initial qualification process, the Selection Committee shall issue a Resolution declaring the failure on the selection process, with the corresponding date for the resubmission of their Letter of Intent and qualification documents by the interested applicants.

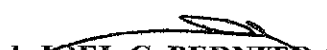
This Memorandum Circular shall take effect immediately following its publication in a newspaper of general circulation and the filing of three (3) copies hereof with the U.P. Law Center pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 11 dated 09 October 1992.

**SO ORDERED.**

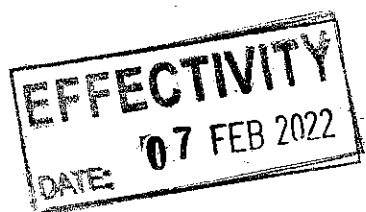
**APPROVED and SIGNED** by the undersigned chairman and members of the Board this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, Quezon City, Philippines.

  
**ATTY. MARTIN B. DELORA III**  
Chairman



  
**P/Col. JOEL C. PERNITO (Ret.)**  
Board Member

  
**Engr. SHERWIN MYLIL S. BEGYAN**  
Board Member



Attested by:

  
**MARIA KRISTINA E. CASSION**  
Executive Director

ZAH/dsb 10.21.2021