



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

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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
**NO. 2022 - 023**

**SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF OPERATIONS OF PROVINCIAL PUBLIC UTILITY BUSES (PUBs) ON INTER-REGIONAL ROUTES DURING COMMUNITY QUARANTINE**

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**WHEREAS**, one of the powers and functions of the Board under Executive Order No. 202 is “*xx to prescribe and regulate routes of service, economically viable capacities and zones or areas of operation of public land transportation services. x xx.*”;

**WHEREAS**, in view of the gradual and calibrated resumption of public land transportation services in areas placed under GCQ and MGCQ period, the Board issued Memorandum Circular No. 2020-051, prescribing the guidelines for the operation of Provincial PUBs to and from Metro Manila, with list of provincial bus routes and their corresponding designated terminals, in coordination and approval by the concerned Local Government Units (point of origin/destination and passing through);

**WHEREAS**, the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-EID) has reclassified Provinces, Highly Urbanized Cities (HUCs), and Independent Component Cities (ICCs) to Alert Level System (Alert Level 1 to 4) for purposes of community quarantine, with each alert level limiting restrictions only to identified high-risk activities;

**WHEREAS**, on 4 November 2021, the IATF-EID issued Resolution No. 147, series of 2021, placing the National Capital Region to Alert Level 2, which allows intrazonal and interzonal movement with reasonable restrictions as may be imposed by the LGUs, and the increase in capacity for businesses and activities, including the transportation services as the country is now recovering from the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;

**WHEREAS**, the objective in easing intrazonal and interzonal movement of people, and the increase in capacity for businesses and activities may only be fully realized if the policies imposed in Public Transportation Services are modified accordingly;

**WHEREAS**, with respect to Commuter Routes coming from Region IV-A, the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) interposes no objection to the restoration of its original endpoint at Araneta Bus Terminal, Cubao, via C-5;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, for and in consideration of the foregoing, in addition to the routes already opened under Memorandum Circular Nos. 2020-051, 2020-051A to 2020-051I and 2021-023 and other related issuances, the Board hereby declares all Pre-Pandemic inter-Regional routes OPENED using all authorized units, subject to the coordination and approval of the concerned LGUS:

**A. COVERAGE**

This MC shall cover all PUB Operators with valid and existing Certificates of Public Convenience (CPC) (including those with expired CPCs but with filed Application for

Extension of Validity prior to its expiration), Provisional Authority (PA), and Special Permits.

## **B. ROUTES COVERED**

### 1. Inter-Regional Routes touching Metro Manila.

Included in these routes are those Provincial Commuter routes coming from Region 4A with pre-pandemic end point at Cubao but was later on modified to end at Parañaque Integrated Terminal Exchange (PITX). For the purpose of this MC, said Provincial Commuter routes are now restored back to its original endpoint, which is at the Araneta Bus Terminal, Cubao via C5.

### 2. Inter-Regional Routes NOT touching Metro Manila

## **C. MANDATORY USE OF QR CODE**

Operators covered herein are required to secure QR Code for each of their authorized units prior to operation, which is downloadable at [www.ltfrb.gov.ph](http://www.ltfrb.gov.ph). The requirements for the issuance of QR Code, as enumerated in Memorandum Circular No. 2021-023 are reiterated below:

### **Requirements:**

1. Coordination with the Provincial and Local Government Units approving the resumption of operations to and from their jurisdiction;
2. Memorandum from LTFRB-RFROs addressed to the Board allowing the operation based on the Letter-Indorsement from Provincial and Local Government Units concern with identified common pick and drop off points within their jurisdiction;
3. Clear copies of the current LTO Official Receipts (OR) and Certificate of Registration (CR) corresponding to the number of allowed units;
4. Valid Personal Accident Insurance; and
5. Sworn Undertaking to utilize the Terminal as endpoint in Metro Manila as required by IATF Resolution No. 101 and as provided in MC 2020-051 and signed by the Operators or Authorized representative and endorsed by Terminal Manager.

Request for QR Code including all the requirements shall be submitted or emailed to the Technical Division at [mmbussp.td@ltfrb.gov.ph](mailto:mmbussp.td@ltfrb.gov.ph) with the subject: "**PROVINCIAL BUS\_QR\_OPERATOR**". The Operator shall print the QR Code (size: 8.5"x11" short bond paper) and display conspicuously in the front windshield (without affecting the view of the driver). PUBs found to have violated the requirement herein will be apprehended accordingly.

## **D. Designated Bus Stops**

Operators covered herein may be allowed to load and unload passengers at their designated terminal/s or bus stops, provided the existing policy on the allowable passenger capacity is maintained.

## **E. Applicable provisions of Memorandum Circular No. 2020-051, in so far as the following items shall apply:**

1. Travel requirements imposed by LGUs, including Proof of Vaccination of passengers;

2. Conditions for Operations;
3. Fare Rates;
4. Pre-Booking is still encouraged;
5. Use of Contact Tracing; and
6. Imposable Penalties for violations of this MC.

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

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THROUGH TELECONFERENCE** by the undersigned Chairman and Board Member, this 16 th day of February 2022 at **Quezon City, Philippines.**

  
**ATTY. MARTIN B. DELGRA III, REB REA EnP**  
Chairman



  
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Board Member

  
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Attested by:

  
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