

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

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
Number 2022-066

SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF SCHOOL TRANSPORT SERVICE OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, face-to-face classes have been suspended since March 2020, which led to the non-operation of school transport services. With the de-escalation to Alert Level 1 status in most parts of the country, the majority of pre-pandemic routes of different denominations were allowed to resume operations with one hundred percent (100%) seating capacity;

WHEREAS, several circulars were issued to address the growing passenger demand in public land transportation services as the nation opened the economy toward recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic crisis;

WHEREAS, Department of Education Order No. 034, Series of 2022 set the start of classes on 22 August 2022, with the corresponding guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for School Year 2022-2023;

WHEREAS, part of the preparations undertaken by the Board in the opening of classes is to have sufficient school transport services;

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, by the powers and functions of the Board under Executive Order No. 202 "to prescribe and regulate routes of service, economically viable capacities and zones or areas of operation of public land transportation services," the Board hereby **ALLOWS the RESUMPTION OF OPERATION** of school transport Services, subject to the following guidelines:

A. COVERAGE

This Memorandum Circular shall cover those with valid Certificates of Public Convenience (CPCs) or Provisional Authority (PA) and expired CPCs with pending Application for Extension of Validity.

B. WAIVER OF PENALTIES

Recognizing the financial impact because of the non-operation of school transport services due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board mandates the following:

1. Allow late filing of Application for Extension of Validity with a waiver of penalties for CPCs of School Transport Service, with an expiry date from 01 March 2020 to 31 August 2022. Operators shall directly file for the extension of validity without the need to file a Motion to Accept Late Filing; and
2. Waive penalties for Non-Confirmation of Units starting March 2020 to 31 August 2022.

C. HEALTH PROTOCOLS

Operators shall strictly comply with the existing IATF and DOH health protocols, such as but not limited to the following:

1. Regular examination of the drivers and conductors' fitness to work by checking their body temperature and screening for any symptoms of COVID-19 virus. Should the driver or conductor show symptoms of COVID-19, they shall be prohibited from reporting for work and should quarantine immediately;
2. Regular disinfection of the frequently touched surfaces of the vehicle, such as but not limited to seats, armrests, and handles; and
3. Mandatory wearing of face mask at all times by the drivers and conductors, including all the passengers.

D. OPERATING CONDITIONS

Operators shall observe the terms and conditions as provided under existing circulars, such as but not limited to the following:

1. Secured windows (steel grilled);
2. Seatbelts for all passengers;
3. Workable portable fire extinguisher;
4. Portable "STOP" and "GO" signage to be carried by the conductor when children cross the street; and
5. Wearing of prescribed uniform by the drivers and conductors.

All other issuances inconsistent herewith are deemed modified or suspended 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.

SO ORDERED.

APPROVED by the undersigned Chairperson and Board Members, this 28 JUL 2022 day of July 2022, Quezon City, Metro Manila.

EFFECTIVITY
DATE: **01 AUG 2022**



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