

**Communique**  
**NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**  
**COVID-19 Exceptional Measures**

In line with the decision of Government to order temporary restrictions of movement as from 06 00 hrs on 10 March 2021 under the Quarantine Act 2020 as published in General Notice 467 of 2021, the National Land Transport Authority (NLTA) informs the public that, until further notice, the following will come into force:

**A. Public Transport facilities**

***Bus Services***

1. As from Monday, 15 March 2021, there will be a skeleton bus service in operation islandwide. Buses will operate along all major routes on a restricted basis from 06 00 hrs to 20 00 hrs.
2. Passengers shall have to abide by all sanitary measures onboard buses. Social distancing in buses shall have to be observed by using only unrestricted seats. Face masks have to be worn during the whole trip.
3. Passengers at bus stops and bus stations shall have to respect social distancing while queuing up.

***Taxis***

1. As from Monday 15 March 2021, taxi operations will resume subject to observance of sanitary measures.
2. Only three (3) passengers will be allowed in a taxi, one next to the driver and two on the rear seat. In case of a seven-seater taxi, up to a maximum of 4 passengers may be accommodated during a trip.
3. Face masks will have to be worn by all occupants.

**B. Petrol Service Stations**

1. As from Thursday, 11 March 2021, Petrol Service Stations will be opened between 06 00 hrs and 18 00 hrs during the whole week.

**C. Extension of delays for licences**

1. Renewals of all Public Service Vehicle Licences and Road Service Licences will be extended up to 31 August 2021.
2. Implementation of Contract Car and Contract bus Licences have been extended up to 31 August 2021
3. Renewals of licences for Petrol Service Stations shall be extended up to 31 August 2021 subject to a valid Fire Services Certificate.
4. Motor Vehicle Licences (MVLs) expiring on the last day of February 2021 shall be extended up to 31 August 2021 subject to the vehicle having a valid insurance cover. Upon renewal, arrears will have to be paid as from the expiry date, without any surcharge. However, after 31 August 2021, an expired MVL shall be subject to the applicable surcharge.
5. Where the Certificate of Fitness of a vehicle has lapsed or will lapse during the temporary restrictions of movement period, the vehicle will be allowed on the road only in exceptional circumstances, that is, in case of a person holding a valid work permit access delivered by the Commissioner of Police, a medical emergency, or where a person has to purchase essential food items or necessities, subject to the vehicle having a valid insurance cover.

The NLTA reserves the right to revise the above at any given time in consequence to the evolution of the sanitary situation, without prejudice to any concerned party.

The NLTA relies upon the cooperation of the public.

10 March 2021