

# Communique

## NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY Operation of Taxis during COVID-19 Period

The National Land Transport Authority (NLTA) hereby informs the public that taxis are now allowed to provide service without the requirement of having a Work Access Permit (WAP).

Taxi drivers shall have to produce their Public Service Vehicle (Taxi) Licence (PSVL) or Full-Time Driver's Licence or Part Time Driver's Licence, as applicable, to an Enforcement Officer, on demand. The PSVL (Taxi) Licence or Full-Time Driver's Licence or Part Time Driver's Licence will serve as a WAP for the taxis. Taxi operators should also strictly adhere to sanitary protocols.

In line with the Closing Down Order applicable in Constituencies 15,16 and 17, taxi operators having their base of operation in these Constituencies will be authorised to operate only within Constituencies 15,16 and 17 and will not be allowed to operate outside these Constituencies. However, these taxi operators will be allowed to proceed outside these Constituencies **ONLY** in the following exceptional circumstances:

1. in case of a medical emergency or to convey a person to the hospital for his appointment. The person proceeding to a medical institution for appointment should, on demand, produce documentary evidence to an Enforcement Officer; and
2. to convey students sitting for an examination in an Examination Centre situated outside Constituencies 15,16 and 17. The student should, on demand, produce his Timetable and Student Identity Card to an Enforcement Officer.

Likewise, taxi operators having their base of operation outside Constituencies 15,16 and 17 will not be allowed to enter into these Constituencies except in case of a medical emergency, that is, to convey passengers to a medical institution found in these Constituencies or to convey students sitting for an examination in an Examination Center found within these Constituencies. The student should, on demand, produce his Timetable and Student Identity Card to an Enforcement Officer.

The public is reminded to strictly abide to physical distancing arrangement and to wear a face mask when travelling in a taxi.

The NLTA relies upon the cooperation of the public.

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