

**[ LTFRB MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2010-021,  
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**OPENING OF AIRCONDITIONED TAXI SERVICE EXCLUSIVELY  
FOR OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS (OFWS) IN THE NATIONAL  
CAPITAL REGION (NCR)**

The significant contribution given by Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to uplift the country's economic situation has been repeatedly recognized by the government. In fact, OFWs have been regarded as the nation's new heroes (bagong bayani) as they withstand the anxiety of being separated from their families to seek better opportunities abroad. In recent years, however, many countries have suffered from the global financial crisis which led to the closure of businesses even by the most established firms. The turn around of events have resulted in many of our OFWs being displaced or terminated from employment. While some may be fortunate to find another work abroad, there are quite a number of OFWs who were forced to return back to the country with no employment to look forward to.

Given the continuing demand for public land based transport service, and in line with the government's program to provide economic support to displaced OFWs as they continue to assist their families, the Board deems it necessary to come up with a program exclusively for OFWs who may opt to engage in providing transport services to the public as a source of income. Thus, pursuant to Section 5 (i) and (k) of Executive Order No. 202 which gives the Board the power to promulgate rules and regulations appurtenant to public land based transportation services, the Board hereby allows the opening of airconditioned taxi service exclusively to qualified OFWs within the National Capital Region under the following terms and conditions:

1. The Board allows a total of **ONE THOUSAND (1,000)** units for this Program.
2. New applications under this program shall have a maximum number of **Two (2) Units** per OFW.
3. The taxicab units to be applied for/used shall be:
  - Brand new units – unused and year model is the current year or year before the application is filed;
  - Four (4) door sedan or wagon, but mini and/or compact models or smaller shall not be allowed. It must have comfortable leg room for the maximum of five passengers-including driver, sufficient luggage compartment, and with the following minimum dimensions:
  - Overall Length, Width, and Height – mm 4280 x 1695 x 1470

- Wheelbase – 2500 mm
- Overhang – rear 940mm
- White in color;
- Equipped with BIR accredited taxi meter-issuing receipts with at least three (3) year memory;
- And such other conditions which may be issued by this Board from time to time.

4. The taxi units to be authorized shall adopt a taxi sequence coding system in accordance with the following specifications:

4.1 Taxi Sequence Code Color- RED

- Height/Vertical Length – 6 inches
- Width/Horizontal Length – 3 inches
- Thickness/Linear Extent (side to side) – 1 inch

4.2 The assigned sequence code shall start with the control number and end with the letters NCR (for easy reference) and shall be place on:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Body Code Marking – Middle portion of the left rear door
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Body Code Marking – Middle portion of the right rear door
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Body Code Marking – Top Center portion on the rear glass

4.3 No other body numbers shall be allowed on above Body Code Markings.

4.4 The permanent body reference code shall be indicated in the Decision granting the application and shall be properly marked in the taxi units during the scheduled inspection.

5. Apart from the usual documentary requirements for application for Certificate of Public Convenience, the applicant shall submit the following:

- Income Tax Receipt (ITR) for the immediately past three years
- OWWA/POEA Certification/Indorsement
- OWWA/POEA ID
- Photocopy of OFW Contract
- Valid Passport of Applicant