

Public Transport Council (Exempt Ride-hail Service Providers) Order 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the Public Transport Council Act, the Public Transport Council makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order is the Public Transport Council (Exempt Ride-hail Service Providers) Order 2020 and comes into operation on 30 October 2020.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“hirer” means the person by whom a taxi is hired to transport the hirer (with or without other passengers), and includes a person attempting to hire a taxi;

“Singapore-Johore taxi service” means a ride-hail service whereby —

- (a) the hiring is for a journey by taxi —
 - (i) that starts anywhere in Singapore and ends at Larkin Terminal in Johore Bahru; or
 - (ii) that starts at Larkin Terminal in Johore Bahru and ends at any destination in Singapore;
- (b) the provision of the service is for a fixed sum agreed between the hirer and the ride-hail service licensee which owns the taxi; and
- (c) no other fares are payable by the passengers to the taxi driver or the ride-hail service licensee which owns the taxi;

“taxi driver”, in relation to a taxi, means the individual driving the taxi and holding a valid licence under Part V of the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276) authorising him or her to drive the taxi for hire or reward;

“wheelchair-accessible taxi” means a taxi bearing a vehicle registration number set out in the Schedule.

Exempt ride-hail service provider

3.—(1) A ride-hail industry participant who provides any ride-hail service as follows, and any taxi driver of a taxi used for any ride-hail service as follows, is exempt from sections 23(2A)(a) and (2B) and 23E(1) of the Act with respect to fares for the provision of that ride-hail service if it is provided in the manner described in sub-paragraph (2):

- (a) a Singapore-Johore taxi service;
- (b) a ride-hail service using a wheelchair-accessible taxi for the carriage of any passenger, whether or not travelling in a wheelchair.

(2) Every ride-hail fare for a ride-hail service mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(a), and every ride-hail fare for a ride-hail service mentioned in sub-paragraph (1)(b) that is not a fixed sum or rate agreed upon between the person who booked the service and the ride-hail industry participant, must —

- (a) be published by the ride-hail industry participant providing the service