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(CHAPTER 259B)**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT COUNCIL  
(TAXI FARE PRICING POLICY) ORDER 2016**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 23B(1) of the Public Transport Council Act, the Public Transport Council makes the following Order:

PART 1  
PRELIMINARY

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the Public Transport Council (Taxi Fare Pricing Policy) Order 2016 and comes into operation on 22 January 2016.

**Definitions**

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

“basic unit charge” has the meaning as in paragraph 6;

“distance rate” means a fixed amount payable per distance as set out in paragraph 6(*b*), (*c*) or (*d*), when the taxi is travelling at the following speeds or faster:

(*a*) 32 kilometres per hour for the first 10 kilometres travelled;

(*b*) 28 kilometres per hour after the tenth kilometre travelled;

“ERP Rules” means the Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) Rules 2015 (G.N. No. S 226/2015);

“flag down sum” means an amount charged on a hired taxi being set in motion at the beginning of the hiring;

“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;

“late night hiring period” means the period specified in paragraph 11 or another period substituted on variation under paragraph 13;

“location surcharge destination” means any public place where a location surcharge may be payable under Part 5 for every journey by taxi the hiring of which begins or ends at that place at the time specified in that Part;

“owner”, in relation to a public place, means any person who has an estate or interest in the public place and whose permission

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to enter the public place is needed by another before that other may enter the place;

“passenger”, in relation to a taxi, excludes the taxi driver;

“peak period” means any period specified in paragraph 9 or another period substituted on variation under paragraph 13;

“premium taxi” means a taxi that —

- (a) is a luxury vehicle model or a special purpose vehicle;
- (b) is painted wholly black or wholly white; and
- (c) is —
  - (i) designed to carry more than 4 passengers; or
  - (ii) is used to provide a luxury quality unscheduled taxi passenger service;

“public place” means —

- (a) any place (open to the air or otherwise) to which members of the public have access as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission, whether or not on payment of a fee, and whether or not access to the place may be restricted at particular times or for particular purposes; or
- (b) a part of a place that the occupier of the place allows members of the public to enter, but only while the place is ordinarily open to members of the public;

“public taxi stand” means a public stand provided for taxis under section 109 of the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276), and includes a taxi stop;

“road user charge” means the amount of road user charge prescribed under the ERP Rules;

“standard taxi” means a taxi that is not a premium taxi;

“taxi driver” means the individual driving the taxi if the person holds a valid licence under Part V of the Road Traffic Act authorising the individual to drive the taxi for hire or reward;

“taxi service” means a taxi service to which this Order applies;

“total basic fare”, for any journey by taxi, means the amount for the journey recorded on the taximeter of the taxi, that taximeter being calibrated to record all basic unit charges for the journey;

“waiting time” means travel by a hired taxi at below the following speeds (including stopping at traffic lights or being stationary because of traffic congestion):

- (a) 32 kilometres per hour for the first 10 kilometres travelled;
- (b) 28 kilometres per hour after the tenth kilometre travelled.

(2) In this Order, a hiring of a taxi begins —

- (a) where the taxi is engaged at a public taxi stand or as a result of plying on any road or any driveway for picking up or setting down passengers, upon the entry into the taxi of the hirer, or a person accompanying the hirer;
- (b) where the taxi is engaged to commence the hiring at a specified place, as soon as the hirer, a person accompanying the hirer or a person apparently acting on behalf of the hirer, acknowledges the taxi driver after arriving at that place; and
- (c) where the taxi is engaged to commence the hiring at a specified place and at a specified time, on arrival of the taxi at that place at, or after, that time.

(3) In Part 7, a taxi is pre-booked for hire when the taxi driver accepts the hiring of the taxi for taxi services communicated or assigned to the taxi driver through a booking service provided by —

- (a) a licensed taxi service operator; or
- (b) a registered provider.

### **Scope of Order, etc.**

**3.—**(1) This Order sets out the fare pricing policy for all taxi services offered or provided to the public anywhere in Singapore for any journey wholly within Singapore, but not for taxi services