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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Welsh Traffic Area - Change of Postal Address for Public Service Vehicle Operators.**

Following a review by VOSA of its operations, the processing of Operator licence applications will be moving from the regional Traffic Area Offices to a central processing unit in Leeds.

#### **This note contains important information about forthcoming changes to the Postal Address of the Welsh Traffic Area.**

Centralisation will deliver more consistent handling of applications and an improved service with one correspondence address for all operator licensing.

The central processing unit will support the existing Traffic Commissioners and their role as the independent Licensing Authority will not be affected. Licences will continue to be issued by the Traffic Commissioners with the central unit processing applications for licences under each Traffic Commissioners' delegated authority.

Traffic Area boundaries will remain unchanged and Public Inquiries will continue to be held in the area of each Traffic Commissioner.

#### **Change of Postal Address for Welsh Traffic Area affecting PSV Operators**

The postal address for applications and general correspondence for Public Service Vehicle Operator Licensing and Bus Registrations is now-

#### **Welsh Traffic Area**

**Hillcrest House  
386 Harehills Lane  
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LS9 6NF**

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Welsh Traffic Area  
38 George Road  
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B15 1PL

#### **Public Counter**

The Public Counter in Birmingham will remain available to receive documents between 9.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Please note there will be no facility to make payments at this counter in connection with Public Service vehicle licensing.

#### **TELEPHONE ANF FAX NUMBERS**

Telephone Numbers: 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday  
8.30am to 4.30pm Friday

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# NOTICES AND PROCEEDINGS

## GENERAL NOTES

**Layout and presentation** – Entries in each Section (other than in Section 5) are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry is prefaced by a reference number, which should always be quoted in any correspondence or enquiry.

**Further notes** precede each section, where appropriate.

**Accuracy of publication** – Details published of applications and requests reflect information provided by applicants. The Traffic Commissioner cannot be held responsible for applications that contain incorrect information.

**The VOSA website** includes details of all applications listed in this booklet. The website can be visited at [www.transportoffice.gov.uk](http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk).

**Copies of Notices and Proceedings** can be inspected free of charge at this Traffic Area Office.

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## Section 1

### Special Notices



## Section 2

### PSV Operator Licensing

**Inspection of licence applications** can be requested under the provisions of Regulation 4 of the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 by anybody who holds statutory Objector status. Applications may be inspected free of charge at the Traffic Commissioner's office by any person who carries written authorisation to act in that capacity. Alternatively, copies of weekly publications can be obtained by either an annual subscription of £91 or £3.50 for individual publications. Details can also be viewed by visiting **the VOSA website at [www.transportoffice.gov.uk](http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk)**

**Objections against applications for licences** may be made in writing by a Chief Officer of Police or local authority within 21 days after the date on which notice of an application is published in Notices and Proceedings. Objections must be made on the grounds that one or more of the requirements mentioned in Section 14(1) and (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 are not satisfied in relation to the application. A copy of the objection must be sent by the Objector to the applicant at the same time that it is sent to the Traffic Commissioner. The onus of proof in terms of the grounds on which an objection is lodged lies with the objector. There is no right of objection against an application for a special licence submitted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985.

**Classification of Operator Licences** - There are four classes of licence: -

- A **Standard International (S/I)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on both National and International operations;
- A **Standard National (S/N)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on National operations;
- A **Restricted licence (R)** authorises the use of (a) public service vehicles not adapted to carry more than eight passengers and (b) those not adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers when used otherwise than in the course of a business of carrying passengers or by a person whose main occupation is not the operation of public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- A **Special Restricted (SR)** licence under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985 is granted to the holder of a taxi licence to enable local services to be operated.

**Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences** must be lodged with the Transport Tribunal, Procession House, 55 Ludgate Hill, London EC4M 7JW not later than 28 days after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. A copy of the appeals booklet is available from the Traffic Area Office on request. Appellants can alternatively obtain guidance on lodging appeals by visiting **the VOSA website at [www.transportoffice.gov.uk](http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk)**

**Any previous entry in Notices and Proceedings** is indicated by the publication number in brackets.

**The VOSA web-site** contains details of all applications listed in this section.

### Section 2.1 New Applications Received

(UNDER SECTION 14 OF THE PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES ACT 1981)

PG1084795 SN **CAVENDISH LIMOUSINES LTD**  
**Director(s): STEPHEN HOLLISTER.**  
UNIT 1, WOODLANDS WORKSHOPS, COEDCAE LANE PONTYCLUN CF72  
9DW  
Operating Centre: UNIT 1, WOODLANDS WORKSHOPS, COEDCAE  
PONTYCLUN CF72 9DW  
Authorisation:4 Vehicle(s).  
Transport Manager(s): JUSTIN FORD

## Section 2.2 New Applications Granted

PG1076039 R **BRIAN FRANK MATTHEWS T/A CHAUFFEURDRIVEN**  
(1835) 66, BEDWLWYN ROAD YSTRAD MYNACH HENGOED CF82 7AE  
Operating Centre: 66, BEDWLWYN ROAD YSTRAD MYNACH HENGOED  
CF82 7AE  
Authorisation:2 Vehicle(s) and 0 Trailer(s).  
New Condition: a) Each small vehicle to be used under the licence must have a  
V5, and the operator must possess and produce when asked to do so a document  
confirming this.

(b) Each small vehicle will receive every 10 weeks a full safety inspection in  
premises suitable for the type of vehicle.

(c) At no time will a small vehicle carry more than 8 passengers.

(d) The operator will at all relevant times comply with legislation in respect of  
charging separate fares, and retain for at least 12 months evidence of this  
compliance on each journey.

(e) Drivers of small vehicles will carry with them documentary evidence that  
separate fares have been charged for the current journey.

(f) In using small vehicles, the operator will comply with s2 and s6 of the 1985  
Act as amended with regard to local service registration.

(g) The operator will advise the office of the Traffic Commissioner of the type and  
registration numbers of vehicles to be used under the licence, and will advise of any  
changes in accordance with – s20 (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.

. Attached to Licence.

New Undertaking: Limousines can/will not be operated on this licence. Attached to  
Licence.

PG1083659 SN **CWMDOWN LTD**  
(1856) **Director(s): DARRELL AXFORD.**  
120 COED CELYNEN DRIVE, ABERCARN , NEWPORT NP11 5AT  
Operating Centre: CWMCARN FOREST DRIVE, VISITOR CENTRE,  
NANTCARN ROAD, CROSS KEYS, NEWPORT NP11 7FA  
Authorisation:2 Vehicle(s).  
Transport Manager(s): DARREL AXFORD  
New Condition: Bank statements to be provided to the traffic commissioners office  
for February, March and April 2009 no later than 30th May 2009. Attached to  
Licence.

## Section 2.3 New Applications Refused

No Entries

## Section 2.4 Variation Applications Granted

- PG1030520 SN **A.C. JENKINS (AIRPORT SERVICES) LTD**  
**Director(s): JANET JENKINS, ALEC CHARLES JENKINS.**  
260 DUNVANT RD, DUNVANT , SWANSEA SA2 7SR  
Increased authorisation at existing operating centre: 1 KILLAN ROAD,  
DUNVANT , SWANSEA SA2 7TD ()  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 12 vehicle(s),
- PG1067802 SN **HEART OF WALES BUS & COACH LTD T/A BUS & COACH WALES (CYMRU)**  
**Director(s): CLAYTON JONES.**  
CASTLE HOUSE, CARDIFF ROAD, TAFFS WELL CARDIFF CF15 7RD  
Increased authorisation at existing operating centre: LUDLOW ROAD TRADING ESTATE KNIGHTON LD7 1LP ()  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 12 vehicle(s),
- PG1075134 SI **ROBERT ANTHONY PRICE T/A V R TRAVEL**  
32, YNYS-Y-GORED ROAD ABERFAN MERTHYR TYDFIL CF48 4QF  
Removed operating centre: UNIT 4, FOUNDRY ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, RHONDDA TONYPANDY CF40 2XD  
New operating centre: TMS GREENWOOD, TWYN ROAD, YSTRAD MYNACH CAERPHILLY CF82 7EP ()  
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 3 vehicle(s),

## Section 2.5 Variation Applications Refused

No Entries

## Section 2.6 Licences Surrendered or Terminated

- PG1056107 R (1838) **Licence surrendered WEF 05 November 2008**  
**CHRISTOPHER YENDLE & PHILLIP VERNALLS T/A P C TRAVEL**  
**Partner(s): PHILLIP VERNALLS, CHRISTOPHER YENDLE.**  
5 CAE NANT GLEDYR, PENRHOS , CAERPHILLY CF83 2BB  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been surrendered with immediate effect.
- PG1064078 SI (1808) **Licence not continued WEF 07 November 2008**  
**OWENS (ROAD SERVICES) LTD**  
**Director(s): THOMAS HUW OWEN, EUROF WYN OWEN, CAROL LINDA OWEN.**  
DAFEN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE DAFEN LLANELLI SA14 8QE  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been set to CNS with immediate effect.
- PG0006822 SI (1) **Licence surrendered WEF 04 November 2008**  
**RONALD JAMES MAINWARING T/A RON MAINWARING**  
36 OAK ST, GILFACH GOCH , PORTH CF39 8UG  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been surrendered with immediate effect.

## Section 2.7 Application withdrawn prior to determination

No Entries

## **Section 2.8 Grants not taken up (grant fee not paid)**

No Entries

## **Section 2.9 Licences Revoked without a Public Inquiry**

PG1056617 SN (1860) **GO STRETCH LTD**  
**Director(s): SCOTT JULES DEMARET, JULIE DAWN DEMARET.**  
ARLINGTON HOUSE,, ARLINGTON CLOSE, UNDY CALDICOT NP26 3EF  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been revoked with immediate effect.

## **Section 2.10 Conditions imposed under Section 16.3 of the PPPV Act 1981 (without a Public Inquiry)**



## **Section 3**

### **Registration Of Local Bus Services**

The current fees for new and variation applications can be found on the VOSA website. Applications to cancel registrations are free.

**When an application is sent to the Traffic Area Office**, a copy of all application forms and supporting documents must also be sent to each of the County Councils and Unitary Authorities in whose area the service will operate. Failure to do so may delay acceptance of that application.

**Some of the periods of notice applicable before the operation of registered services**, including variations or cancellations, are at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioner. In such cases the application must be accompanied by a written explanation of why a short notice period is required.

**Any registration may be inspected at the office of the Traffic Commissioner** during public business hours and copies of registrations can be sent by post or fax to any interested party upon prior receipt of a written request together with a fee of £3.00 per copy for posted copies or £5.00 per copy for faxed copies.

The VOSA web-site ([www.transportoffice.gov.uk](http://www.transportoffice.gov.uk)) contains details of all registration applications listed in this section

### **Section 3.1 Registration Of New Services**

PG0007429/20 **DRAKE TRAVEL SERVICES LTD T/A FRANCIS DRAKE, THE COACH HOUSE, HIGH STREET, BLAINA ABERTILLERY NP13 3AN**  
From: Newport  
To: Rhiwderin  
Via: Forge Lane  
Name or No: 51  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 05-Jan-2009  
Other Details: Monday to Saturday (except Bank Holidays) hourly service)

- PG0007440/15 **GLAMORGAN BUS CO LTD T/A GLAMORGAN BUS & COACH, 11 DERWENT DR, CWMBACH , ABERDARE CF44 0LN**  
 From: Aberdare Bus Station  
 To: Swansea, Tesco  
 Via:  
 Name or No: X98  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping, Hail & Ride  
 Effective Date: 20-Dec-2008  
 Other Details: Saturdays only, does not operate Christmas Day, Boxing Day or New Years Day
- PG0006927/4 **PHILLIP RHODRI EVANS T/A FFOSHELIG COACHES, MAES Y PRIOR, ST. PETERS , CARMARTHEN SA33 5DS**  
 From: Carmarthen Bus Station  
 To: Bancyfelin  
 Via: Johnstown  
 Name or No: 219  
 Service Type: Hail & Ride  
 Effective Date: 05-Jan-2009  
 Other Details: Monday to Saturday inc Good Friday. No other Bank holidays. One journey only.

### **Section 3.2 Registration Of New Services Granted Under Short Notice**

- PG0004902/54 **SILCOX MOTOR COACH CO LTD T/A SILCOX COACHES, WATERLOO GARAGE, WATERLOO , PEMBROKE DOCK SA72 4RR**  
 From: Pembroke Dock  
 To: Carmarthen  
 Via:  
 Name or No: 333  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping, Hail & Ride  
 Effective Date: 12-Nov-2008  
 Other Details: Wednesdays & Fridays.

### **Section 3.3 Applications To Vary Existing Services**

- PG1068684/1 **BATH BUS COMPANY LTD T/A CITY SIGHTSEEING CARDIFF, 6 NORTH PARADE, BATH , SOMERSET BA1 1LF**  
 Operating between Cardiff, Castle Street and Cardiff, Castle Street given service number Cardiff Tour effective from 10-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PG1023499/6 **CARTEL TRAVEL LIMITED, UNIT 2, CROSS WAYS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, CROSSWAY , COWBRIDGE CF71 7LJ**  
 Operating between Barry and Barry given service number 100 effective from 07-Jan-2009. To amend Route, Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PG0007429/19 **DRAKE TRAVEL SERVICES LTD T/A FRANCIS DRAKE, THE COACH HOUSE, HIGH STREET, BLAINA ABERTILLERY NP13 3AN**  
 Operating between Magor and Newport given service number 61 effective from 05-Jan-2009. To amend Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PG0007429/18 **DRAKE TRAVEL SERVICES LTD T/A FRANCIS DRAKE, THE COACH HOUSE, HIGH STREET, BLAINA ABERTILLERY NP13 3AN**  
 Operating between Newport and Foxgloves Morrisons given service number 5 effective from 05-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PG0007440/12 **GLAMORGAN BUS CO LTD T/A GLAMORGAN BUS & COACH, 11 DERWENT DR, CWMBACH , ABERDARE CF44 0LN**  
 Operating between Brynheulog, Perthcelyn and Asda, Ffordd Tirwaun given service number 95 effective from 20-Dec-2008. To amend Route and Timetable.

- PG1008935/20 **GWYN RICHARD LEWIS, LLYGAID DYFFRIN, LLANGEITHO , TREGARON SY25 6QU**  
Operating between Aberystwyth Bus Station and Aberystwyth Bus Station given service number 306/306A effective from 02-Jan-2009. To amend Route and Stopping Places.
- PG0006927/2 **PHILLIP RHODRI EVANS T/A FFOSHELIG COACHES, MAES Y PRIOR, ST. PETERS , CARMARTHEN SA33 5DS**  
Operating between CARMARTHEN BLUE STREET and LLANYBRI given service number 227 effective from 05-Jan-2009. To amend Route and Timetable.

### **Section 3.4 Applications To Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice**

- PG1023499/3 **CARTEL TRAVEL LIMITED, UNIT 2, CROSS WAYS INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, CROSSWAY , COWBRIDGE CF71 7LJ**  
Operating between Cowbridge and Cowbridge given service number V1/V2 effective from 15-Dec-2008. To amend Timetable.
- PG0000421/318 **FIRST CYMRU BUSES LTD, HEOL GWYROSYDD, PENLAN , SWANSEA SA5 7BN**  
Operating between FABIAN WAY CAR PARK and ST MARY'S SQUARE given service number 502 effective from 16-Nov-2008. To amend Timetable.
- PG0000421/424 **FIRST CYMRU BUSES LTD, HEOL GWYROSYDD, PENLAN , SWANSEA SA5 7BN**  
Operating between Landore Park & Ride Site and Swansea City Centre given service number 501 effective from 16-Nov-2008. To amend Timetable.
- PG0000421/203 **FIRST CYMRU BUSES LTD, HEOL GWYROSYDD, PENLAN , SWANSEA SA5 7BN**  
Operating between Llandeilo New Road/Ath Club and Swansea Quadrant Bus Station given service number X13/X14 effective from 10-Nov-2008. To amend Route and Timetable.
- PG0000421/81 **FIRST CYMRU BUSES LTD, HEOL GWYROSYDD, PENLAN , SWANSEA SA5 7BN**  
Operating between AMMANFORD INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS and BONLLWYN given service number 275/276 effective from 10-Nov-2008. To amend Route and Timetable.

### **Section 3.5 Cancellations Of Existing Services**

- PG0007217/44 **HUGHES BROS (LLANRWST & TREFRIW) LTD T/A ALPINE TRAVEL, CENTRAL COACH GARAGE, BUILDER ST WEST , LLANDUDNO LL30 1HH**  
Operating between GELLIOEDD and YSGOL -Y- BERWYN, BALA given service number 507 effective from 01-Jan-2009.

### **Section 3.6 Cancellations Of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice**

- PG1059311/5 **HOGGANS EUROPEAN COACHES LTD T/A HOGGANS, UNIT 19, MILLAND ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , NEATH SA11 1NJ**  
Operating between PENYWERN ROAD and DWR Y FELIN LOWER SCHOOL given service number 547 effective from 14-Oct-2008.
- PG1059311/12 **HOGGANS EUROPEAN COACHES LTD T/A HOGGANS, UNIT 19, MILLAND ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , NEATH SA11 1NJ**  
Operating between NEW ROAD (CROWN INN) and DWR Y FELIN UPPER SCHOOL given service number 545 effective from 14-Oct-2008.

- PG1059311/28 **HOGGANS EUROPEAN COACHES LTD T/A HOGGANS, UNIT 19, MILLAND ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , NEATH SA11 1NJ**  
Operating between Goytre Cemetery and Swansea given service number 66 effective from 14-Oct-2008.
- PG1059311/2 **HOGGANS EUROPEAN COACHES LTD T/A HOGGANS, UNIT 19, MILLAND ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , NEATH SA11 1NJ**  
Operating between LAN COED WINCH WEN and BISHOP SCHOOL given service number 206 effective from 14-Oct-2008.
- PG1059311/11 **HOGGANS EUROPEAN COACHES LTD T/A HOGGANS, UNIT 19, MILLAND ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , NEATH SA11 1NJ**  
Operating between PENIEL GREEN (BOWEN ARMS) and DWR Y FELIN UPPER SCHOOL given service number 543 effective from 14-Oct-2008.



## Section 4

### TRAFFIC REGULATION CONDITIONS

#### Section 4.1 Requests

#### Section 4.2 Determinations



## Section 5

### Section 5.1 Notice Of Public Inquiries To Be Held

**A transcript of the taped proceedings of Public Inquiries** (either in full or in part) may be ordered from the Traffic Area Office Compliance Unit. The cost of the transcript varies according to demand and size of content and the Compliance Unit will be able to advise on the scale of charges when an order is placed.

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No Entries

## Section 5.2 Decisions Taken At Public Inquiries

Public Inquiry (36361) held at Newport Tribunal Hearing Centre, Columbus House, Langstone Business Park, Chepstow Rd, Newport NP18 2LX on 15 October 2008 at 10:30

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PG1056617 SN

GO STRETCH LTD

Director(s): SCOTT JULES DEMARET, JULIE DAWN DEMARET.

ARLINGTON HOUSE,, ARLINGTON CLOSE, UNDY CALDICOT NP26 3EF

**The Deputy Traffic Commissioner's decision was as follows:-**

**The operator's licence is revoked with immediate effect in accordance with Sections 17(1); Section 17(3)(aa); and Section 17(3)(b) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 as amended.**

**Julie Dawn Demaret and Scott Jules Demaret are both disqualified from holding or applying for a PSV Operator's Licence in any Traffic Area for a period of 5 years.**

**Julie Dawn Demaret has lost her repute as a Transport Manager.**

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## Section 6

### ERRATA

No Entries

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### [Legal Requirements at Sporting Events](#)

### [Carriage of passengers to designated Sporting Events Voluntary Guidelines - England and Wales](#)

For some years the coach industry has complied with a voluntary code of practice whereby operators taking passengers to a designated sporting event meet certain guidelines set by the police. This has worked very well, and it has seldom been necessary for a Traffic Commissioner to take any further action against an operator who has contravened the guidelines. Nevertheless the police in England and Wales are concerned that football hooliganism is again on the increase, and have asked the Commissioners to remind PSV operators of the guidelines. This has been done in conjunction with the Confederation of Passenger Transport (CPT).

PSV operators are reminded of the terms of Section 1 (1) of the Sporting Events (Control of Alcohol) Act 1985, as amended by the Public Order Act 1986, which prohibits the carriage of alcohol on a PSV that is being used for the principal purpose of carrying passengers for the whole or part of a journey to or from a designated sporting event.

A “designated sporting event” generally means any association football match, whether national or international. The full legal definition of “designated sporting events” may be found in The Sports Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation Order) 1985, as amended by SI 1520/1987.

It is an offence for an operator of a PSV (or his servant or agent) knowingly to cause or permit the carriage of alcohol on journeys to which these Regulations apply.

In addition to these statutory provisions, the police have asked that operators comply with the following guidelines when conveying passengers to such sporting events:

- a. Coach operators taking bookings from groups of supporters are to notify the police liaison officer at the destination, at least 48 hours before the event, of the number of supporters expected to travel and the number of coaches booked.
- b. Coaches are not to stop within 10 miles of the venue either en route to or on departure from the event unless prior agreement is obtained from the local police liaison officer.
- c. Unless directed otherwise by a police officer, coaches may stop at premises where intoxicating liquor is sold only if it is sold ancillary to a substantial meal. Prior agreement for meal stops where alcohol is available should be sought from the operator’s local police liaison officer.
- d. Coaches are to arrive at the venue no earlier than two hours before and not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the game, unless otherwise directed by police.
- e. Coaches are not to set down or uplift passengers at any unauthorised locations without prior permission of the police.
- f. Coaches must leave the venue within one hour of the finish of the event.
- g. Intoxicating liquor must not be carried on coaches travelling to or from designated grounds. Operators will draw hirers’ attention to the requirements of the law, and drivers shall, as far as reasonably practical, supervise boarding passengers and check that they are not obviously carrying intoxicating alcohol. Drivers will not be expected to carry out baggage or body searches, nor will they be expected to confiscate alcohol or to remove passengers without police assistance.

Operators are asked to comply with these guidelines on a voluntary basis. However if the police inform the Traffic Commissioner of any failure on an operator’s part to comply with them the Commissioner will consider applying them as a formal condition to that operator’s licence under the authority of Section 16(3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.”