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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.

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#### 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)**

PK1085877 SI **BESSWAY TRAVEL LIMITED**  
**Director(s): SUSAN M HEFFERNAN, MICHAEL D HEFFERNAN.**  
IMPACT BUSINESS PARK, 7-9 WADSWORTH ROAD, PERIVALE  
GREENFORD UB6 7JD  
Operating Centre: IMPACT BUSINESS PARK, 7-9 WADSWORTH ROAD,  
PERIVALE GREENFORD UB6 7JD  
Authorisation:3 Vehicle(s).  
Transport Manager(s): MICHAEL D HEFFERNAN

K1079046 R  
(2143)

**Section 2.2 New Applications Granted**  
**DAVID NICHOLAS ROBERTS & JULIA ANNE ROBERTS T/A**  
**TRUMBLES**  
**Partner(s): JULIA ANNE ROBERTS, DAVID NICHOLAS ROBERTS.**

STAN HILL CHARLWOOD HORLEY RH6 0EP

Operating Centre: TRUMBLES, STAN HILL, CHARLWOOD HORLEY RH6 0EP

Authorisation: 1 Vehicle(s).

New Condition: (a) Each stretched limousine 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 stretched limousine will receive every 10 weeks a full safety inspection in premises suitable for the type of vehicle.

(c) At no time will a stretched limousine 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 stretched limousines will carry with them documentary evidence that separate fares have been charged for the current journey.

(f) In using stretched limousines, the operator will comply with s2 and s6 of the 1985 Act in 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 – s20 (3) of the 1981 Act.

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(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 – s20 (3) of the 1981 Act.

Attached to Licence.

- PK1083480 SI (2158) **JOHN P GRIFFIN & LIAM GRIFFIN T/A RELIANCE TRAVEL**  
**Partner(s): LIAM GRIFFIN, JOHN PATRICK GRIFFIN.**  
 UNIT 8, NORFOLK ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE , GRAVESEND DA12 2PS  
 Operating Centre: UNIT 8 NORFOLK ROAD GRAVESEND DA12 2PS  
 Authorisation:17 Vehicle(s).  
 Transport Manager(s): DAVID HOCKLEY
- PK1078729 R (2142) **SPRINGWOOD HOUSE LIMITED T/A SPRINGWOOD HUEST HOUSE**  
**Director(s): SUSAN DENMAN.**  
 58 MASSETTS ROAD HORLEY RH6 7DS  
 Operating Centre: 58 MASSETTS ROAD HORLEY RH6 7DS  
 Authorisation:1 Vehicle(s).  
 New Condition: agreed to the small vehicle conditions which are shown below:  
 (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 in 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 — s20 (3) of the 1981 Act.  
 Attached to Licence.

### **Section 2.3 New Applications Refused**

- PK1077841 R (2149) **YACOB GHEBREMEDHIN**  
 34 LENTHALL HOUSE, CHURCHILL GARDENS , LONDON SW1V 3BA

### **Section 2.4 Variation Applications Granted**

No Entries

### **Section 2.5 Variation Applications Refused**

No Entries

### **Section 2.6 Licences Surrendered or Terminated**

No Entries

### **Section 2.7 Application withdrawn prior to determination**

- PK1084857 SI (2160) **WALTER WILLIAM PEACH & TIMOTHY MARTYN BOWSER T/A T W COACHES WAYS**  
 22 ST. MARYS WAY LONGFIELD DA3 7PD

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

No Entries

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

- PK0002499 SI (2163) **DESMOND MCNULTY T/A MCNULTY COACHES INTERNATIONAL**  
149 MOORHOUSE ROAD HARROW HA3 9JE  
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been revoked with immediate effect.
- PK1072917 SN (2133) **WODHILL ENTERPRISES LTD**  
**Director(s): MICHAEL DAVID JOHN HARRISON.**  
9, GEORGE LANE ROCHESTER ME1 1NW  
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**

No Entries

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

- PK0000098/203 **EAST KENT ROAD CAR CO LTD, THE BUS STATION, ST. GEORGES LANE , CANTERBURY CT1 2SY**  
 From: Broadstairs  
 To: St Georges School  
 Via:  
 Name or No: 933  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping  
 Effective Date: 04-Jan-2009  
 Other Details: School days. One morning journey, two afternoon journeys.
- PK0000098/204 **EAST KENT ROAD CAR CO LTD, THE BUS STATION, ST. GEORGES LANE , CANTERBURY CT1 2SY**  
 From: Northdown Park  
 To: Westwood Cross  
 Via:  
 Name or No: 937  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping  
 Effective Date: 04-Jan-2009  
 Other Details: School days
- PK0000098/205 **EAST KENT ROAD CAR CO LTD, THE BUS STATION, ST. GEORGES LANE , CANTERBURY CT1 2SY**  
 From: Westgate  
 To: Ellington School  
 Via:  
 Name or No: 938  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping  
 Effective Date: 04-Jan-2009  
 Other Details: School days
- PK1055816/26 **KENT TOP TEMPS LTD T/A KENT TOP TRAVEL, THE FORSTAL, BEDDOW WAY , AYLESFORD ME20 7HB**  
 From: Brookland  
 To: Rye Railway Station  
 Via:  
 Name or No: 553  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping  
 Effective Date: 29-Dec-2008  
 Other Details: School days only
- PK1055816/27 **KENT TOP TEMPS LTD T/A KENT TOP TRAVEL, THE FORSTAL, BEDDOW WAY , AYLESFORD ME20 7HB**  
 From: East Hill  
 To: Wilmington  
 Via:  
 Name or No: 427/422  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping  
 Effective Date: 29-Dec-2008  
 Other Details: Mondays to Saturdays
- PK1055816/28 **KENT TOP TEMPS LTD T/A KENT TOP TRAVEL, THE FORSTAL, BEDDOW WAY , AYLESFORD ME20 7HB**  
 From: Hextable  
 To: Crockenhill  
 Via:  
 Name or No: K2  
 Service Type: Normal Stopping  
 Effective Date: 29-Dec-2008  
 Other Details: Mondays to Fridays

- PK1048613/10 **MANN'S TRAVEL LTD T/A MANN'S TRAVEL, ENTERPRISE HOUSE,  
NORFOLK RD , GRAVESEND DA12 2PS**  
From: New Ash Green, Redhill Wood  
To: Axton Chase School  
Via:  
Name or No: 489  
Service Type: School or Works  
Effective Date: 05-Jan-2009  
Other Details: School days only
- PK0000141/50 **NU-VENTURE COACHES LTD, UNIT 2F, DEACON TRADING ESTATE,,  
FORSTAL ROAD , AYLESFORD ME20 7SP**  
From: Gladdish Turning  
To: Cornwallis Academy  
Via:  
Name or No: 14  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 05-Jan-2009  
Other Details: Mondays to Fridays, school days.
- PK0002365/3 **SOUTH EAST LONDON & KENT BUS CO LTD T/A SELKENT, 2-4  
CLEMENTS ROAD ILFORD IG1 1BA**  
From: London/Kent Boundary - Old Bexley Lane  
To: Wilmington Schools  
Via:  
Name or No: 601  
Service Type: Normal Stopping  
Effective Date: 26-Jan-2009  
Other Details: School days only

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

- PD0000738/227 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD,  
EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between YEOVIL and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 033 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000738/196 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD,  
EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between SOUTHSEA and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 030 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000738/193 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD,  
EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between EASTBOURNE and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 025 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Route, Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PD0000738/188 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD,  
EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between CHICHESTER and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 027 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000738/192 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD,  
EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between HASTINGS and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 024 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000738/189 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD,  
EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between BEXHILL and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 023 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.

- PD0000738/187 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD, EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between RAMSGATE and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 022 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000738/186 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD, EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between DOVER and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 021 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PD0000738/194 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD, EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between DEAL and LONDON VICTORIA given service number 007 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Stopping Places and Timetable.
- PD0000738/184 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD, EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between Halifax and London Victoria given service number 564 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF1031469/2 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD, EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between NORWICH and GATWICK AIRPORT given service number 727 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PF1031469/1 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD, EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between CAMBRIDGE and HEATHROW AIRPORT given service number 787 effective from 02-Mar-2009. To amend Route, Stopping Places and Timetable.

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

- PK0001285/3 **ARRIVA KENT THAMESIDE LTD T/A ARRIVA SOUTHERN COUNTIES, INVICTA HOUSE, ARMSTRONG ROAD , MAIDSTONE ME15 6TX**  
Operating between New Ash Green and Gravesend given service number 489 effective from 22-Dec-2008. To amend Timetable.
- PK0001285/4 **ARRIVA KENT THAMESIDE LTD T/A ARRIVA SOUTHERN COUNTIES, INVICTA HOUSE, ARMSTRONG ROAD , MAIDSTONE ME15 6TX**  
Operating between Dartford and New Ash Green given service number 423 effective from 24-Nov-2008. To amend Timetable.
- PK0002261/6 **ARRIVA LONDON SOUTH LTD, 16 WATSONS RD, WOOD GREEN , LONDON N22 7TZ**  
Operating between Coulsdon Road at London Boundary and Caterham On The Hill, Westway Common given service number 466 effective from 17-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PK0003562/53 **ARRIVA MEDWAY TOWNS LTD T/A ARRIVA SOUTHERN COUNTIES, INVICTA HOUSE, ARMSTRONG ROAD , MAIDSTONE ME15 6TX**  
Operating between Chatham Bus Station and Chatham Bus Station given service number 113 effective from 22-Dec-2008. To amend Route.
- PK0003556/103 **COMPASS TRAVEL (SUSSEX) LTD T/A COMPASS TRAVEL, FARADAY CLOSE, DURRINGTON , WORTHING BN13 3RB**  
Operating between Heath End and Midhurst given service number 412 effective from 05-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PK0003556/104 **COMPASS TRAVEL (SUSSEX) LTD T/A COMPASS TRAVEL, FARADAY CLOSE, DURRINGTON , WORTHING BN13 3RB**  
Operating between Hampers Green and Midhurst given service number 431 effective from 05-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.

- PK0000098/198 **EAST KENT ROAD CAR CO LTD, THE BUS STATION, ST. GEORGES LA  
, CANTERBURY CT1 2SY**  
Operating between Black Bull and Cheriton Post Office given service number 971  
effective from 04-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PK0000098/13 **EAST KENT ROAD CAR CO LTD, THE BUS STATION, ST. GEORGES LA  
, CANTERBURY CT1 2SY**  
Operating between Harvey Grammar School and Canterbury Bus Station given  
service number 16/16A effective from 04-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PK0000098/197 **EAST KENT ROAD CAR CO LTD, THE BUS STATION, ST. GEORGES LA  
, CANTERBURY CT1 2SY**  
Operating between Black Bull and Folkestone Academy given service number 977  
effective from 04-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.
- PK0000098/27 **EAST KENT ROAD CAR CO LTD, THE BUS STATION, ST. GEORGES  
LANE , CANTERBURY CT1 2SY**  
Operating between RAMSGATE and CANTERBURY given service number 8/8A  
effective from 04-Jan-2009. To amend Timetable.

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

- PD0000738/268 **NATIONAL EXPRESS LTD, MR PAUL WHITLEY, 1 HAGLEY RD,  
EDGBASTON BIRMINGHAM B16 8TG**  
Operating between Birmingham and Weymouth given service number 306 effective  
from 02-Mar-2009.

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

No Entries



## **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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Public Inquiry (37623) to be held at Court Room(SEMTA), Ivy House, Ivy Terrace, Eastbourne, East Sussex, BN21 4QT, on 09 February 2009 commencing at 14:00(Previous Publication:(2163)

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PK1004847 SI  
ROBIN FLINT T/A COUNTY  
11 RICHMOND TER BRIGHTON BN2 9SA

**PSV - S17 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 17 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)**

**PSV - S28 - Consideration of disciplinary action under Section 28 (The Transport Act 1985)**

## **Section 5.2 Decisions Taken At Public Inquiries**

No Entries

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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."