

## **BUS MODERNISATION SCHEME**

### **1. Bus Modernisation Scheme**

The scheme has been set up for the payment of subsidy to bus operators holding road service licenses for the purchase of buses complying with the provisions of Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010.

### **2. Who is eligible for the subsidy?**

Under the scheme, all bus operators providing stage carriage services in Mauritius and in Rodrigues will be eligible for the subsidy to purchase a bus either to implement a new road service licence or replace a bus under an existing licence. Applications from an operator shall not exceed the number of buses licensed under his road service licence(s).

### **3. Type of buses qualifying for the subsidy**

- (i) Semi-low floor or low floor buses of any engine technology.
- (ii) High-floor buses of any engine technology (for operators in Rodrigues only).
- (iii) Double-decker buses of any engine technology
- (iv) Fully built minibuses (up to 32 seats) of any engine technology.

#### 4. Government Contribution

Government will provide subsidy as per amounts set out hereunder for the corresponding type of bus purchased and exempt the licence holder from payment of Value Added Tax on such buses –

	Type of Bus	Approximate Cost	Subsidy
	<b>Semi Low Floor</b>		
	<b>Semi Low Floor bus (Conventional)</b> Carrying Capacity < 50 Carrying capacity ≥ 50	Rs 2.2m Rs 3.2m	Rs 0.70m Rs 1.0m
2.	<b>Semi Low Floor Bus (Hybrid)</b> Carrying Capacity < 50 Carrying capacity ≥ 50	Rs 5.5m Rs 6.0m	Rs 1.0 Rs 1.3m
	<b>Low Floor Bus</b>		
3.	<b>Low Floor Bus (Conventional)</b> Carrying capacity ≥ 50	Rs 5.0m	Rs 1.0m
4.	<b>Low Floor bus (Hybrid)</b> Carrying capacity ≥ 50	Rs 7.5m	Rs 1.3m
	<b>Other Types of Buses</b>		
5.	Double decker bus	Rs 4.7m	Rs 1.3m
6.	<b>Fully Built minibuses (up to 2 seats)</b>	Rs 2.5 m Inclusive of Rs 0.5m as customs duty + VAT	Rs0.7m
6.	<b>High Floor Buses (For Rodrigues only)</b>		
	<b>High Floor bus (Conventional)</b> Carrying Capacity < 50 Carrying capacity ≥ 50	Rs 2.2m Rs 3.0m	Rs 0.70m Rs 1.0m
7.	<b>High Floor bus (Hybrid)</b> Carrying Capacity < 50 Carrying capacity ≥ 50	Rs 4.0m Rs 5.0m	Rs 1.0m Rs 1.3m

#### 5. Replacement Period

A licensee who has already obtained a subsidy on the acquisition of a bus can replace the bus under the bus modernization scheme only after the bus has attained the age of 10 years.

#### 6. How to benefit from the scheme?

A licensee is required to submit a request to the Road Transport Commissioner (Commissioner) on an application form, which can either be collected from the National Transport Authority, MSI Building, Les Cassis, Port Louis or the NTA sub-office at Port Mathurin, Rodrigues, or downloaded from the website of the Authority (<http://nta.gov.mu>), together with the technical drawings and specifications in respect of the bus.

## **7. Processing of application**

- The Authority shall verify as to whether or not the licensee is eligible for the subsidy under the Scheme.
- If the licensee is eligible, the application is referred to the Chief Vehicle Examiner to ascertain compliance of the specifications with the provisions of Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010.
- Where the application is in order, it will be submitted to the Commissioner for approval.
- Upon approval of the application, the licensee will be given the authorization to place his order for the bus.

## **8. Disbursement of subsidy**

- The licensee shall inform the Commissioner when the bus is ready for examination.
- If the bus meets the requirements of Part 1 of the Fourth Schedule of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2010, the licensee will be allowed to register and license his bus.
- The Commissioner will concurrently arrange for the disbursement of the subsidy to the licensee.
- Before disbursement of the subsidy, the licensee shall sign an Undertaking to abide by the terms and conditions governing the said subsidy.

## **9. Disbursement of subsidy for bus operators (Rodrigues)**

- The procedures set out at paragraphs 6,7 and 8 shall apply.
- The application for subsidy shall be made through the NTA sub-office at Port Mathurin.
- The disbursement of the subsidy shall be made to the Operator in his bank account.