

## **ELIGIBILITY OF SUBSIDY ON THE PURCHASE OF NEW SEMI-LOW FLOOR BUSES UNDER THE BUS REPLACEMENT MECHANISM**

### **1. Mechanism**

The mechanism has been set up with a view to subsidizing bus operators holding a road service licence (licensee) for the purchase of semi-low floor buses which should comply with the provisions of Part I of the Fourth Schedule of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010.

### **2. Government contribution**

Government will provide a subsidy of one million rupees (Rs1,000,000) per bus and will exempt the licensee from payment of Value Added Tax on the purchase of this type of bus.

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

Under the scheme, a licensee will be eligible for the subsidy to purchase a bus either to implement a new licence or in replacement of his existing bus. An application from a licensee shall not exceed the number of buses licensed under his road service licence(s). Applications will be treated on a first come first served basis.

### **4. Replacement period**

A licensee who has already obtained a subsidy on the acquisition of a semi-low floor bus can replace the bus under the mechanism only after the bus has attained the age of 10 years.

### **5. How to benefit from the scheme?**

A licensee submits a request to the Road Transport Commissioner (Commissioner) on an application form, which can either be collected from the Licensing Section of the National Transport Authority, MSI Building, Les Cassis, Port Louis **or** be downloaded from the website of the Authority (<http://nta.gov.mu>), together with the technical drawings and specifications in respect of the bus.

### **6. Processing of application**

- The Licensing Section verifies as to whether or not the licensee is eligible for the subsidy under the scheme.
- If the licensee is eligible, the application is then referred to the Chief Vehicle Examiner to ascertain as to whether or not the specifications comply with the provisions of Part I 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.
- On approval of the application, the licensee will be authorised to place his order for the bus.

### **7. Disbursement of subsidy**

- The licensee will inform the Commissioner when the bus is ready for examination.
- If the bus meets the requirements of Part I of the Fourth Schedule of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Motor Vehicles) Regulations 2010, the licensee will then be allowed to register and license his bus.
- At the same time, the Commissioner will subsequently arrange for the release of the subsidy to the licensee.