

## Key amendments

THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS	THE AMENDMENT REGULATIONS
<b>Regulation 2</b>	
The Principal Regulations applied to public hire vehicles with carrying capacity of below 15 passengers. [1]	The Amendment Regulations will apply to public hire vehicles with carrying capacity of not more than 30 passengers.
<b>Regulation 20</b>	
Special hire vehicle licences were granted to special hire vehicle licensees who have vehicles which are road worthy, fitted with Vehicle Tracking Devices (VTD), comply with the authorised number of passengers and carriage capacity, bear special identification marks and carry a group of people travelling to a common destination.	<p>The special hire vehicle licences will be granted to special hire vehicle which have fitted a VTD, bear special identification marks and carry a group of people travelling to a common destination.</p> <p>The requirement to be road worthy has been removed. Although this has been deleted under the Amendment Regulations, there is still a requirement under the Roads Act No. 13 of 2007 (as amended) for all vehicles to be road worthy.</p>
<b>Regulation 21</b>	
Licensees who failed to provide required services were required, in cases of pre-paid services, to refund the full fare to the passengers.	Under the Amendment Regulations, licensees who fail to provide required services are required, in cases of pre-paid services, to refund the full fare to the passengers within 24 hours.
This provision was not clear as to the time limit within which the passenger was to be refunded.	
<b>Regulation 26</b>	
Licensees were required to issue a ticket to passengers upon payment of fare for every journey.	<p>Under the Amendment Regulations, licensees are required to issue electronic tickets to passengers upon payment of fare for every journey.</p> <p>It should be noted that prior to this amendment, most licensees issued electronic tickets which were sent to passengers via email or could be accessed in the relevant application.</p>
<b>Regulation 27</b>	
The Principal Regulations had not provided for penalties for offences committed by special hire vehicle licensees in contravention with the Principal Regulations.	The Amendment Regulations have introduced a fine of not less than TZS 200,000 (approx. USD 90) but not exceeding TZS 500,000 (approx. USD 220) or imprisonment for a term of not exceeding six months or both, for offences committed in contravention with the Amendment Regulations by special hire vehicle licensees.
<b>Second Schedule</b>	
The Principal Regulations had not provided for annual fees for foreign ride sharing operators and for local and foreign special hire vehicle licensees.	<p>The Amendment Regulations have introduced the annual fees as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• local special hire vehicle licensees - TZS 300,000 (approx. USD 130);</li> <li>• foreign special hire vehicle licensees - USD 150; and</li> <li>• foreign ride sharing operators - USD 500.</li> </ul>
<b>Third Schedule</b>	
The Principal Regulations provided for offences and penalties but not specifically for offences and penalties in case of contravention by private hire services licensees.	The Amendment Regulations provide for various offences and their respective penalties for all private hire services licensees, i.e. failure to comply with performance indicators issued by LATRA, failure to issue ticket or receipt to a passenger upon payment of fare for a respective journey, etc.

[1] Public hire vehicles include motorcycles and motor tricycles.