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BUS MODERNISATION SCHEME**1. Bus Modernisation Scheme**

The scheme has been set up for the payment of a 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 license or to replace a bus under an existing license. Applications from an operator shall not exceed the number of buses licensed under his road service license(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 license holder from payment of Value Added Tax on such buses -

Type of Bus/Length of bus	Conventional/Diesel Engine <i>Rs Million</i>	Hybrid Engine <i>Rs Million</i>	Electric Engine <i>Rs Million</i>
Semi Low Floor Bus			
• Up to 9m	0.70	1.00	1.00
• Above 9m	1.00	1.30	1.30
Low Floor Bus			
• Up to 9m	0.70	1.00	1.00
• Above 9m	1.00	1.30	1.30
Double Decker Bus			
• Above 11m	1.30	1.30	1.30
Fully Built Minibuses (>16 seats < 32 seats)			
• Up to 9m	0.70	1.00	1.00
Conventional High Floor Bus (<i>Applicable to Rodrigues only</i>)			
• Up to 9m	0.70	1.00	1.00
• Above 9m	1.00	1.30	1.30

5. Replacement Period

A licensee who has already obtained a subsidy on the acquisition of a bus can replace the bus under the bus modernisation 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 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 NTA 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 Road Transport Commissioner for approval.
- Upon approval of the application, the licensee will be given the authorisation to place his order for the bus.

8. Disbursement of subsidy

- The licensee shall inform the Road Transport 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 Road Transport 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.

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