



# Transport (Scotland) Act 2001

## 2001 asp 2

### PART 2

#### BUS SERVICES

#### [<sup>F1</sup>CHAPTER 2]

#### [<sup>F1</sup>LOCAL SERVICES FRANCHISES]

#### *Interpretation of Part*

### 48 Interpretation of Part 2

(1) [<sup>F1</sup>Subject to subsection (1A)] in this Part of this Act—

“community bus permit” means a permit under section 22 of the 1985 Act;

“local service” has the meaning given by section 2 of the 1985 Act;

<sup>F2</sup>  
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[<sup>F3</sup>“operational service standard” is to be construed in accordance with section 3C(1)(b)];

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<sup>F5</sup>  
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“relevant general policies”, in relation to a local transport authority, means the authority’s local transport strategy and—

(a) where the authority is a local authority,

[<sup>F6</sup>(i)] the policies formulated by them from time to time under section 63(2)(b) of the 1985 Act; [<sup>F7</sup> or

(ii) any policies formulated by them from time to time in accordance with that strategy which, were the area to which those policies relate not in a passenger transport area, could have been formulated by them under that provision and which relate to [<sup>F8</sup>providing services of the kind mentioned in section 2A(1) of this Act or] matters which may be the subject matter of [<sup>F9</sup>a partnership scheme or a franchising framework];]

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(b) where the authority is the Strathclyde Passenger Transport Authority, the policies formulated by them from time to time under section 9A(1) of the Transport Act 1968 (c.73);

[<sup>F10</sup>“route service standard” is to be construed in accordance with section 3C(1)(a)];

[<sup>F11</sup>...  
<sup>F11</sup>...]

[<sup>F12</sup>“Transport Partnership” means a Transport Partnership created by order under section 1 the Transport (Scotland) Act 2005];

“traffic commissioner” means the person appointed from time to time to be the commissioner for Scotland under section 4 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (c.14); and

“traffic regulation order” means an order under—

- (a) the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c.27); or
- (b) any other enactment (other than this Act),

regulating the use of roads or other places by public service vehicles.

[<sup>F13</sup>(1A) The definition of “traffic regulation order” in subsection (1) does not apply for the purposes of chapter 1 of this Part.]

(2) In this Part of this Act the following expressions have the same meaning as in the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (c.14)—

- “fares”;
- “modification”;
- “public service vehicle”; and
- “PSV operator’s licence”.

(3) References in this Part of this Act to the operator of a passenger transport service of any description are to be construed in accordance with section 137(7) of the 1985 Act.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 48(1) inserted (4.12.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 3(6)(a)(i)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F2** Words in s. 48(1) repealed (4.12.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 3(6)(a)(ii)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F3** Words in s. 48(1) inserted (4.12.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 3(6)(a)(iii)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F4** Words in s. 48(1) repealed (1.4.2013) by Police and Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012 (asp 8), s. 129(2), **Sch. 8 Pt. 1**; S.S.I. 2013/51, art. 2 (with transitional provisions and savings in S.S.I. 2013/121)
- F5** Words in s. 48(1) repealed (4.12.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 3(6)(a)(iv)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.
- F6** Word in s. 48(a) inserted (10.10.2005) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 12), **ss. 51(2)(a)**, 54(2); S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2
- F7** S. 48(a)(ii) and preceding word inserted (10.10.2005) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2005 (asp 12), **ss. 51(2)(b)**, 54(2); S.S.I. 2005/454, art. 2, Sch. 2
- F8** Words in s. 48(1) inserted (24.6.2022) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. para. 3(6)(a)(v)(A)** (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2022/204, reg. 2(b)
- F9** Words in s. 48(1) substituted (4.12.2023) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), s. 130(2), **sch. paras. 3(6)(a)(v)(B)**, (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2023/250, sch.

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- Pt. 2 Ch. 3 applied in part by [2019 asp 17 s. 47\(1\)\(2\)](#)
- Pt. 2 Ch. 3 inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 41\(2\)](#)
- Pt. 2 Ch. 4 heading inserted by [2019 asp 17 sch. para. 3\(2\)](#)
- s. 27B and cross-heading inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 42\(2\)](#)
- s. 29(3A)-(3C) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 44\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 29(7)(8) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 44\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- s. 30(3)(ca)-(cc) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 44\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 31(1A) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 44\(4\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 31(3)(ca) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 44\(4\)\(b\)\(iii\)](#)
- s. 31(5)-(7) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 44\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- s. 32A inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 45\(2\)](#)
- s. 32B and cross-heading inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 46\(2\)](#)
- s. 35A inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 40\(2\)](#)
- s. 39(1)(ca) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 40\(3\)](#)
- s. 79(1)(ca) inserted by [2019 asp 17 s. 48\(2\)\(b\)](#)