



Transport Act 1985

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PART I

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO ROAD PASSENGER TRANSPORT

Modification of PSV requirements in relation to vehicles used for certain purposes

19 Permits in relation to use of buses by educational and other bodies

- (1) In this section and sections 20 and 21 of this Act—
- " bus " means a vehicle which is adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
 - " large bus " means a vehicle which is adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers;
 - " small bus " means a vehicle which is adapted to carry more than eight but not more than sixteen passengers ; and
 - " permit" means a permit granted under this section in relation to the use of a bus for carrying passengers for hire or reward.
- (2) The requirements that must be met in relation to the use of a bus under a permit for the exemption under section 18(a) of this Act to apply are that the bus—
- (a) is being used by a body to whom a permit has been granted under this section ;
 - (b) is not being used for the carriage of members of the general public nor with a view to profit nor incidentally to an activity which is itself carried on with a view to profit;
 - (c) is being used in every respect in accordance with any conditions attached to the permit; and
 - (d) is not being used in contravention of any provision of regulations made under section 21 of this Act.
- (3) A permit in relation to the use of a small bus may be granted by a body designated by an order under subsection (7) below either to itself or to any other body to whom, in accordance with the order, it is entitled to grant a permit.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).

- (4) A permit in relation to the use of a small bus may be granted by a traffic commissioner to any body appearing to him to be eligible in accordance with subsection (8) below and to be carrying on in his area an activity which makes it so eligible.
- (5) A permit in relation to the use of a large bus may be granted by a traffic commissioner to any body which assists and co-ordinates the activities of bodies within his area which appear to him to be concerned with—
- (a) education;
 - (b) religion;
 - (c) social welfare ; or
 - (d) other activities of benefit to the community.
- (6) A traffic commissioner shall not grant a permit in relation to the use of a large bus unless satisfied that there will be adequate facilities or arrangements for maintaining any bus used under the permit in a fit and serviceable condition.
- (7) The Secretary of State may by order designate for the purpose of this section bodies appearing to him to be eligible in accordance with subsection (8) below and, with respect to any body designated by it, any such order—
- (a) shall specify the classes of body to whom the designated body may grant permits ;
 - (b) may impose restrictions with respect to the grant of permits by the designated body and, in particular, may provide that no permit may be granted, either generally or in such cases as may be specified in the order, unless there are attached to the permit such conditions as may be so specified ; and
 - (c) may require the body to make returns with regard to the permits granted by it.
- (8) A body is eligible in accordance with this subsection if it is concerned with—
- (a) education;
 - (b) religion;
 - (c) social welfare;
 - (d) recreation; or
 - (e) other activities of benefit to the community.
- (9) A body may hold more than one permit but may not use more than one bus at any one time under the same permit.