



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

ROAD TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF NAMIBIA (RTBN)

PRESS STATEMENT: TARIFF INCREASE DURING COVID-19- PANDEMIC STATE OF EMERGENCY (STAGE 2).

1. Reference is made to the Consultative meeting, held on Friday, 8th May 2020, between the Ministry of Works and Transport (MWT) Top Leadership and the Road Transportation Board of Namibia (RTBN), regarding the numerous complaints and requests received from Commuters, Operators and specifically the Namibia Bus and Taxi Association (NABTA), Namibia Public Passenger Transport Association (NPPA) and Bridge Cross Investment, respectively. The Road Transportation Board of Namibia and the Ministry of Works and Transport, have carefully, comprehensively and empathetically considered all these complaints and requests, in detail, and consequently resolved accordingly.
2. The requests from the three (3) entities were to increase the tariffs charged, with 10%, 12% and 33% respectively, to make up for the fact that: the operators can only fill busses and taxis up to 50%.
3. In consideration of the State of Emergency Covid-19 Regulations, 2020, as amended, and the requests and complaints as received, the Road Transportation Board (RTB) has deliberated and resolved as follows:
 - (a) That the Bus and Taxi fares be increased by a maximum of 15%, in light of the substantial loss, as a result of the measures implemented to combat the COVID -19 Pandemic.



(b) This increase is temporary and will cease with the end of the State of Emergency, or until full capacity loading is permitted.

(c) All Bus and Taxi Operators must adhere to all health measures and guidelines as adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health and Social Services, plus any other applicable measures, as developed from time to time in response to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

4. The RTBN hereby also wants to bring to the attention of all Road Operators that: it has received complaints of unauthorised price increases, by some Operators: especially major long distance Bus Operators. Appropriate, legal steps will be taken against any such Operators, who may have violated the provisions of the applicable Laws. The Road Transportation Board of Namibia, with the support of the MWT, are busy investigating such complaints.

5. Finally, we urge all Bus and Taxi Operators, to assist in advocating and implementing hygiene measures, amongst the Commuters, to reduce the spread of Covid-19. It is equally important, to note that: every economic sector of the country is affected and this increase is to relatively cushion Bus and Taxi Operators, against increased financial losses, which can negatively affect the provision of Public Transport to the Citizens, Residents and Visitors to our country.

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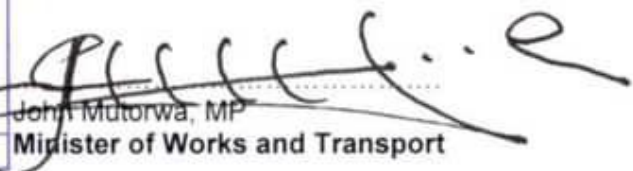


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CONTENT IS FULLY ENDORSED!



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