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## **Licence Conditions For Party Bus Operators and Rules For Patrons Dec 2018**

This Code of Conduct outlines the Licence Conditions which establish the minimum standards that the Road Transport Licensing Committee requires of party bus operators and lists the rules with which patrons must be required to comply by the operators. Party bus operators may choose to include additional requirements that are appropriate to their own business.

### **Responsibilities of the party bus operator**

The operator of the party bus must promote the responsible behaviour of patrons, including the responsible consumption of alcohol. To meet this requirement, the operator must comply with the following:-

- If visiting licensed premises during the trip, notify the licensee of the premises at least 24 hours in advance of the visit of the following the date, approximate time and number of patrons who will be attending;
- Avoid entering into any agreements with licensed venues that encourage irresponsible consumption of alcohol;
- Display any warning signs, provided by the Licensing Forum and approved by the Road Transport Licensing Committee, in a prominent place on the bus in relation to:-
  - Unruly or drunken behaviour;
  - Fines for Supplying Alcohol to Minors.
- Keep a copy of the Code of Conduct on the bus, and make a verbal announcement about patron responsibilities and prohibited behaviours at the commencement of the trip;
- Check each patron's proof of age documentation if they appear to be under the age of 25 and refuse entry to minors unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, spouse or responsible adult;
- If stopping at licensed premises during the trip inform staff members about any patrons who appear to be intoxicated;
- Monitor the amount of alcohol consumed and attend to any patron who appears to be intoxicated by:-
  - asking the patron to remain on the bus with a 'friend';

- arranging for a taxi for the patron, if practicable.
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that patrons do not cause a public nuisance—for example: littering, making excessive noise, congregating in a public place, or behaving in an offensive or indecent manner;
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that pickup and drop-off points provide easy access to public toilets and public transport (e.g. bus or taxi);
- Take all reasonable steps to ensure that patrons do not take alcohol off the bus during the trip;
- The operator to be familiar with the local by-laws operating in the areas to be visited;
- Support any Police Officer in carrying out their functions under the Licensing Act 1995.

### **Responsibilities of the Patrons**

Patrons boarding the bus:-

- Must produce proof of age documentation at the time of pick-up in accordance with challenge 25;
- Must not take alcohol off the bus during the course of the trip;
- Must not, at any stage while travelling on or disembarking from the bus:-
  - behave in a manner likely to distract the driver of the bus;
  - urinate in a public place - including a street, lane, alleyway or doorway;
  - litter - including empty drink containers, food wrappings or cigarette butts;
  - vandalise property, the bus, or another vehicle;
  - make excessive noise;
  - bring, consume or distribute illegal drugs;
  - become drunk and incapable;
  - behave in a violent or aggressive manner;
  - behave in an indecent or offensive manner;
- Must comply with a direction by a Police Officer, including a direction to produce proof of age documentation.

- Must not throw any article from the vehicle or attach to or trail from the vehicle, any streamer, balloon, flag or other article in such a manner as to overhang the road; - this is from the Public Passenger Vehicle (Conduct of Passengers) Regulations 2002<sup>1</sup>.
- Must not smoke or carry a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette in any vehicle or part of any vehicle in or on which a notice is displaying that smoking is prohibited; - this is from the Public Passenger Vehicle (Conduct of Passengers) Regulations 2002.
- Must not stand on the upper deck of a vehicle or on any step leading to its upper deck while the vehicle is in motion; - this is from the Public Passenger Vehicle (Conduct of Passengers) Regulations 2002.

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<sup>1</sup> SD 45/2002

## Conduct on the Bus

1. All passengers must be over the age of 18 years to consume alcohol.
2. The Driver/organiser has the right to ask for Proof of Age of any passenger.
3. The Driver has the 'Right to Refuse' any person from boarding the bus at any point; this includes at the start of the proposed trip or at any other point during the excursion.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated. If fighting occurs between passengers, those passengers will be asked to leave the bus. If necessary, the excursion will be terminated.
5. Drivers or employees reserve the right to deny access to the bus to any passenger that seems excessively intoxicated or disruptive enough that would endanger the safety of other guests.
6. The driver has the right to remove any unruly passengers at any time during the trip.
7. For the safety of everyone on the bus, do not distract the driver at any time.
8. Throwing anything out the window or placing any part of the body out of the window or bus will result in termination of the party.
9. All passengers must show respect to the driver throughout the trip to help ensure a pleasant experience for everyone. This includes everyone listening to the pre-trip rules that the driver will announce.
10. No open containers are allowed off the bus at any time by passengers.
11. Under Section 35 of the Licensing Act 1995 any licensed premises visited has the right to refuse entry to their premises at any time without providing a reason for their decision.
12. Please be mindful and respectful when entering another establishment such as Public House of their rules for customers and be respectful of their staff and existing customers.



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