



MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT

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ON THE

CONVERSION OF INDEFINITE PASSENGER TRANSPORT

ROAD CARRIER PERMITS TO TWO-YEAR RENEWABLE PERMITS

**Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Members,**

I rise to provide this Honourable House and through this Honourable House to the public, our most important citizens, with an update on the conversion of passenger transport road carrier permits which have been issued indefinite to two-year transitional renewable permits pending the finalization of the amendment of the, Road Transportation Act, of 1977.

This reform aims to regularise and modernise the permit system to better reflect the current operational landscape of our passenger transport sector. The indefinite permits, some dating as far back as 1978, have posed significant administrative challenges, with many found to be inactive or held by operators who no longer have roadworthy vehicles or are no longer in operation, but simply renting them out which is an illegal arrangement.

Further, the current issuance regime has been manipulated to disadvantage the most disadvantaged, the downtrodden, in that a few clique with no vehicles were issued with these licenses and they then rent them out at fees ranging from N\$ 500.00-N\$ 1000.00 a month to the taxi owners while those with vehicle's applications were either turned down or never responded to despite several follow-ups and appeals.

Honourable Members,

In view of the above abnormalities, and the inconveniences against the downtrodden, the Ministry of Works and Transport, through its Transportation Board and Roads Authority have resolved for corrective measures in the interest of our people. As such, the following measures are put in place.

1. Permits will now only be issued in favor of persons who present vehicles intended to be used to transport passengers.
2. Permits will be issued in the name of the owner and the vehicle so designated.

3. Permits will no longer be used as a trading commodity, therefore, the deserving passenger vehicle owners will no longer have to depart with their hard earned cash in the name of permit rental fees.
4. The transition unfortunately will require the vehicle owners to in the meantime continue using those rented permits while they are acquiring their own.
- 4.8. Subsequently, the rented permits will surrender its validity
- 5.8. Those with indefinite permits have a window period ending 30 September 2025 to convert their permits to the two year transitional permits, pending the finalization of the amendment of the Transportation Act of 1977
- 6.8. Those renting will be required to apply within the period ending 30 September 2025 and will continue to use such rented permits until they are issued with their own two year transitional permits.

Honorable Members, the requirements to convert the indefinite permits to the two year transitional period are:

1. Original permit
2. Valid motor vehicle license
3. Certificate of registration of the vehicle
4. Certified copy of identity document

While the process to apply for the new permits in relinquishing the rented permits/acquire a new permit as a new operator, are as follows, in accordance with the Transportation Act of 1977:

- **Month 1:** Receipt of applications
- **Month 2:** Submission for publication in the Government Gazette
- **Month 3:** Public objection period (21 days)
- **Month 4:** Board adjudication and finalization of decisions; applicants are notified
- **Total Duration:** Approximately 4–5 months

Honorable Members, I must emphasize that permit conversions, where all required documents are submitted, are to be processed on the same day, ensuring minimal delays for compliant applicants.

Honourable Speaker,

The Ministry of Works and Transport under the leadership of Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah ^{Administration} remains committed to ensuring that our regulatory systems are responsive, efficient, and supportive of a well-functioning transport sector. The conversion of permits and the amendment of the law go hand in hand in our efforts to modernize and streamline operations in the public transport space. Similarly, all our efforts and strategies are geared toward ground based impactful service delivery.

I thank you.



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Minister