

“Licensing authority” means any local authority authorized to issue licenses under these regulations :

“Local authority” means the Council or Board of any city, borough, county, road district, or town district respectively :

“Minister” means the Minister of Public Works :

“Motor-omnibus” means any mechanically propelled vehicle having seating-capacity for not less than seven passengers and carrying or intended to carry passengers for hire at separate fares of not more than 2s. for each passenger per single journey ; but does not include a vehicle running on rails, or a vehicle which, though not running on rails, derives motive power from an overhead wire, if such vehicle is the property of and is managed by any local authority within the meaning of the Tramways Act, 1908 :

To “operate” means to use or drive on any road or street for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire, remuneration, or reward :

“Owner” of a motor-omnibus includes every person who is the owner, joint owner, or part owner of the motor-omnibus and any person who has the use of the motor-omnibus under a hiring or hire-purchase agreement :

“Public owner” means a local authority, and the promoters of a tramway, being the proprietor or proprietors of a motor-omnibus :

“Passenger” does not include the driver :

“Promoters of a tramway” includes—

(a.) The local authority of a district under the Tramways Act, 1908, empowered under that Act, or under any former Act, to construct a tramway, or who has under any such Act become the owner of a tramway in such district ; and

(b.) Any person having the delegated powers of a local authority for constructing a tramway under the Tramways Act, 1908 ; and

(c.) Any person empowered to construct a tramway in any district under any Act ; and

(d.) The lessees or assignees of the promoters of a tramway, but does not include a mortgagee or a trustee for debenture-holders, unless and until such mortgagee or trustee has taken possession of the tramway.

(2.) Where rights or liabilities are conferred or imposed upon promoters, the term “promoters” shall (unless manifestly repugnant to or inconsistent with the context) be limited to mean the particular promoters who, for the time being, have the control or management of the tramways or works incident to which the rights or liabilities are conferred or imposed, as the case may be.

(3.) These regulations may be cited as “The Motor-omnibus Regulations, 1926.”

## 2. MOTOR-OMNIBUS DISTRICTS.

(1.) For the purpose of controlling motor-omnibuses the motor-omnibus districts set forth in the First Schedule hereto are hereby constituted.

(2.) Each of the said districts shall be known by the respective number prefixed to the description of such district in the said First Schedule.

(3.) New districts may be constituted or any districts altered from time to time.

## 3. LICENSING AUTHORITIES.

(1.) Subject to the provisions of the next succeeding clause hereof, the Minister may from time to time, by warrant under his hand duly signed and dated, appoint any local authority to be a licensing authority in any district or portion thereof. Any such appointment may at any time be revoked in like manner by the Minister.

(2.) Each licensing authority shall from time to time consider and deal with any applications for motor-omnibus licenses and motor-omnibus driver's licenses received by it.

(3.) Upon any application for a motor-omnibus license, the licensing authority shall consider the provision already existing for the transport of passengers to places on or near a proposed route, and shall satisfy itself that the condition of the roads to be included in the route is such as to be capable of carrying motor-omnibus traffic thereon without unreasonable damage to the road, and that there are not sufficient other facilities for the conveyance of passengers to or from the district proposed to be served, and all other relevant facts and circumstances, and shall confer with or take the evidence of such