

to carry, may be a ground for his refusal to issue a certificate of fitness or permit in respect of the vehicle, or may be a ground for the issuing of such certificate or permit only subject to certain conditions being complied with in respect of the passenger-service vehicle.

(2) Unless the Commissioner gives written permission to the contrary, the maximum number of passengers permitted to be carried by any omnibus shall be not greater than four-thirds of the number of passengers for which seating accommodation is provided, or the maximum number of seated and standing passengers which the Authorized Officer declares the omnibus to be fit to carry, whichever is the less, nor shall more passengers be carried on any other type of passenger-service vehicle than the number of passengers for which seating-accommodation is provided.

(3) It shall not be lawful for any person to operate a passenger-service vehicle or for the owner of any passenger-service vehicle to permit the same to be operated unless (a) its current certificate of fitness or permit is displayed in a conspicuous part of the interior of the vehicle, and approved by the Authorized Officer; (b) the certificate of fitness is displayed in a suitable frame or other holder; and (c) the seated passengers and standing passengers (if any) or other load on the passenger-service vehicle do not exceed the limitations of passengers and load fixed in the certificate or permit. For the purpose of computation of the number of passengers under this regulation (a) a child means any person under sixteen years of age, (b) each child shall have not less than 1 ft. of seat-width (provided that in the case of an omnibus an undivided seat measuring not less than 2 ft. 8 in. in width may accommodate three children), and (c) when standing passengers are permitted on an omnibus two children standing may be considered the equivalent of one adult standing.

Motor-vehicles Act Requirements.

28. No passenger-service vehicle shall be considered to be in a suitable condition for the carriage of passengers unless all the requirements of the Motor-vehicles Act, 1924, and its amendments, and any regulations for the time being in force thereunder in so far as they affect the passenger-service vehicle have been fulfilled.

Inspection.

29. For whatever purpose the passenger-service vehicle is presented for inspection, it shall on each such occasion be presented in a thoroughly clean condition in all parts.

The owner shall give without charge every facility for expediting the inspection of the vehicle or its separate parts or for any testing or weighing thereof, and, if requested so to do, shall supply all tools or workshop equipment that it is possible for him to provide for the prompt inspection of the vehicle. The owner shall also provide without charge any skilled or unskilled labour that may reasonably be required during the inspection.

PART II.

SPECIAL REGULATIONS APPLICABLE ONLY TO PASSENGER-SERVICE VEHICLES (OTHER THAN PASSENGER-TRUCKS) FIRST USED IN A PASSENGER-SERVICE AFTER THE 1ST DAY OF JUNE, 1932, OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN REGULATION 3.

Doorways.

30. Every doorway to a passenger-service vehicle for entrance or egress shall accord with the following requirements as may be appropriate according to the type of vehicle and doorway. The doorway shall give overall adjacent to the frame—

- (a) In the case of an omnibus at least 1 ft. 10 in. clear width for a height of at least 5 ft. from the floor if an emergency doorway, and at least the same width for a height of at least 6 ft. from the floor or step, as the case may be, if not an emergency doorway;
- (b) In the case of a service-coach at least 1 ft. 6 in. clear width for a height of at least 4 ft. 6 in. from the floor if an emergency door, and at least 1 ft. 10 in. clear width for a height of at least 5 ft. from the floor or step, as the case may be, if not an emergency doorway;
- (c) In the case of a service-car carrying eight persons or less (inclusive of the driver), at least 1 ft. 6 in. clear width for a height of at least 3 ft. 9 in. from the floor or step, as the case may be, for all doorways;
- (d) In the case of other service-cars at least 1 ft. 6 in. clear width for a height of at least 4 ft. from the floor if an emergency doorway, and at least 1 ft. 8 in. clear width for a height of at least 4 ft. from the floor or step, as the case may be, if not an emergency doorway.

Seats and Passenger Accommodation.

31. (1) In every seat there shall be provided for each seated passenger at least 1 ft. 4 in. in width, measured in a straight line along the front edge of the seat in the case of an omnibus, and at least 1 ft. 6 in. in width so measured in the case of a service-car or service-coach, and there shall similarly be provided widths of the same respective dimensions for the body and shoulders of each passenger. There shall also be provided for each seated passenger from the front edge of the seat horizontally to the back of the seat depth not less than 1 ft. 2 in. in the case of an omnibus and 1 ft. 4 in. in the case of a service-car or service-coach. The distance from the floor-covering to the top of the seat shall, in the case of an omnibus, be not less than 1 ft. 5 in., and in other cases shall be sufficient to provide reasonable comfort to the satisfaction of the Authorized Officer. For the purposes of this clause, any cushion or other covering shall be deemed part of the seat, and for computing the width, depth, and height of a seat, the cushion or other coverings shall be uncompressed.

(2) No seat may be so situated that when occupied it will be likely to cause unreasonable obstruction in the entrance and exit for passengers.

(3) Every seat in a passenger-service vehicle shall be of good-quality leather or other suitable, durable, and sanitary material, and in the case of every service-car or service-coach other than an omnibus shall be fitted with a sprung, stuffed, or otherwise comfortable cushion.

(4) Every seat of a passenger-service vehicle shall be provided with a back, and so far as is reasonable both the back and the bottom of the seat shall be so tilted or shaped; also the seat shall be so constructed and placed that there would be ample leg-room and reasonable comfort in the seat for an adult passenger of average proportions.

When seats face each other, or in any other way are so arranged that the respective passengers would be likely to interfere with each others comfort, the seats shall be so constructed and placed that each passenger shall have as leg-room from 6 in. above the highest portion of the front edge of the seat to the floor at least 9 in. clear space forward for the full length of the front-edge of the seat. The distance in every seat between the support for the passenger's back and the rear of the nearest seat that is facing the same way, or any other obstruction directly in front of a passenger when measured parallel with and 6 in. above the seat proper, or alternatively, when measured horizontally with and 2 ft. from the floor directly below, shall, in the case of an omnibus, be not less than 2 ft. 3 in. and in the case of a service-car or service-coach be not less than 2 ft. 6 in.

(5) If the seat used by the driver of a service-car or a service-coach is intended also to accommodate passengers on his left it shall have a length when measured 6 in. above the level of the seat and 6 in. forward of the back squab, of not less than for one passenger 3 ft., or not less than for two passengers 4 ft. 6 in.

Passageways.

32. From each doorway of an omnibus or service-coach (other than an emergency door or special doorway for the driver) to each row of seats adjoining one another, or to within 5 ft. of any individual seat, there shall be a passageway or aisle not less than 1 ft. 3 in. in width in the case of an omnibus and 1 ft. in width in the case of a service-coach, exclusive in both cases of the space reserved as leg-room for seated passengers under clause (4) of Regulation 31 and free throughout from structural projections or obstructions.

Dimensions.

33. (1) In every omnibus, for a distance of at least 8 in. on each side of the longitudinal centre-line of the aisle or passageway the height throughout measured from the top of the floor-covering to the roof (or extension thereof) clear of obstruction and exclusive of projections of any kind, including lighting fittings or ventilators, shall be not less than 6 ft. In every service-coach for a distance of at least 5 in. on each side of the longitudinal centre-line of the aisle or passageway the height throughout measured from the top of the floor-covering to the roof (or extension thereof) clear of obstruction and exclusive of projections of any kind as aforesaid shall be not less than 5 ft.

In the case of every passenger-service vehicle, the height measured throughout from the central portion of the top of the seat (and, if fitted with a cushion, measured while the cushion is normally depressed) to the roof (or extension thereof) clear of obstruction and exclusive of projections of any kind as aforesaid shall be not less than 3 ft. 2 in.

(2) The maximum length of a passenger-service vehicle, including fittings, attachments, and load, shall not exceed 30 ft.

(3) The body of any passenger-service vehicle shall not overhang its rear wheel-track by more than 1 ft. 3 in. on either side.