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**TRANSPORT AUTHORITY WARNS PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES OPERATORS
AGAINST THE ACQUISITION AND USE OF FRAUDULENT BADGES**

The Transport Authority is issuing a stern warning to public passenger vehicle operators to discontinue the use of fraudulent badges. Arising out of road operations, a number of fraudulent badges have been confiscated and as such operators have been fined by the traffic court for the offence while warrants have been issued for several other individuals. The Authority will continue to take swift action against the perpetrators of this crime in order to curtail this activity and avoid any possible threat to the safety of the commuting public.

Meanwhile, drivers and conductors of public passenger vehicles in rural parishes will now have to become compliant with the badge requirement by January 2012 at the commencement of the new licensing period.

In August, 2011, following on instructions from the Minister of Transport & Works the September 1, 2011 deadline for the rural operators was extended allowing the Authorities to review the existing procedure. During the period of extension, the Transport Authority discontinued prosecution for this offense in the rural parishes.

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Under section 124, 126, and 127 of the Road Traffic Regulations and section 22 of the Road Traffic (Taxis and Contract Cars) Regulation the wearing of driver/conductor badges is a pre-requisite for operating public passenger vehicles. The Authority is therefore urging operators to use the legitimate means to apply for and collect their badges.

For further information contact us toll free at 1-888-991-5687 or visit any of our offices islandwide.

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