

TO: THE NEWS EDITOR

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TRANSPORT AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVISED ROAD LICENCES TO ROUTE TAXI OPERATORS INSTEAD OF ADDENDA COMMENCING AUGUST 30, 2011

Following on instructions from the Minister of Transport & Works, Hon. L. Michael Henry the Transport Authority will be issuing revised road licences to Route Taxi Operators instead of addenda commencing next Tuesday, August 30, 2011. The revised road licences will contain route descriptions with via points similar to those issued to the operators prior to 2009.

The decision to issue revised road licences to the over 13 000 route taxi operators instead of addenda, is in keeping with an agreement between the Transport Authority and the National Council of Taxi Association (NCOTA) and the Route Taxi Association of Jamaica (RTAJ), subsequent to talks held with the Authority, taxi groups and the Transport Minister Hon. L. Michael Henry on August 19, 2011.

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The issuing of revised licences was preferred over the addenda on the basis that these road licences would:

1. Represent a new contract with the route taxis operators;
2. Prevent inconsistencies in the interpretation of the addenda by regulatory entities;
3. Is less cumbersome for the operators as an addenda could be dislodged from the road licence; and
4. Allows for greater internal control by the Transport Authority

Meanwhile, the distribution of the revised licences will be done through the Authority's three Regional offices in Montego Bay, St. James, Mandeville, Manchester, Tower Isle, St. Mary and the Corporate Office in Kingston.

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