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AUTHORITY CLARIFIES LEGALITY OF BUS FARE TICKETS

The Land Transport Authority seeks to clarify the above issue and say that **IT IS AN OFFENCE for drivers not to issue tickets for bus fares**, this is subject to Regulation 22(1) (e) and Regulation 58 of the Land Transport (Public Service Vehicle Regulation) 2000 which states that *“The driver of a public service vehicle, other than a rental vehicle, when driving must charge the correct fare and if required, issue tickets to passengers under relevant public service permit.”* (58) *“A person who fails to comply with these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction to the corresponding penalty prescribed for that offence in column 5 of schedule 2 of the Land Transport (Fees and Penalties) Regulation 2000.”*

The penalty for such an offence is \$50 or a maximum penalty of \$500 or three months imprisonment.

Furthermore, Regulation 23 (1) (t) of the Land Transport (Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2000 states that *“a passenger on a public service vehicle, other than a rental, vehicle must not, if requested to do so, fail to produce to a police officer or an authorised officer a ticket issued to him or her in respect of the journey”*.

The penalty for such an offence is also \$50 or a maximum penalty of \$500 or three months imprisonment.

The issuance of ticket is a condition of the permit[Road Route License] which the Authority and the Fiji Bus Operators Association are working together to ensure that it is issued by the driver, and received or demanded by the passenger.

The LTA confirms that the issuance of ticket is subject to the LTA Act 1998 and the Land Transport (Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2000.

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