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**Minister of Transport and Works grants PPV operators extension of deadline
for compliance of Badges**

The Transport Authority, on the instructions of the Minister of Transport & Works has extended the deadline for Public Passenger Vehicle operators in rural areas to become compliant with the revised badge requirements.

The Authority had announced in June that effective September 1, 2011 operators should be in possession of a Transport Authority Badge; however following on discussions between the Minister of Transport & Works Hon. L. Michael Henry and taxi operators today (August 11, 2011) an extension was granted with a view to assessing the effectiveness of the new procedures in the upcoming months.

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While an extension has been granted the Authority is urging public passenger vehicle operators to apply for their badges as the wearing of badges allows commuters to readily identify a licensed driver or conductor. Further it reduces opportunities for abduction, rape and theft as badges are only issued after a detailed review of the operators criminal records.

In the meantime operators are reminded that under sections 124, 125, 126 and 127 of the Road Traffic Regulations and Section 22 of the Road Traffic (Taxis & Contract Cars) Regulations, drivers and conductors of public passenger vehicles are required to wear badges while operating these vehicles.

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