

BUSES, TAXIS & OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE

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BACKGROUND MUSIC IN BUSES, TAXIS & OTHER VEHICLES FOR HIRE

Playing music in your vehicle, whether it be a taxi, maxi taxi or bus provides a more relaxed atmosphere for your passengers, especially during traffic congestion after a long day at the office or job site.

A COTT licence ensures that you can legally use our extensive repertoire to create a more positive experience for your travellers. By obtaining our licence you are ensuring that the creators behind the music you use are compensated.

Our licence covers the Copyright [CR] in the musical works and the Neighbouring Rights [NR] in the sound recordings.

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SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY OF TARIFF

This tariff applies to public performances of recorded music within COTT's repertoire as general background music in buses, taxis, maxis, sightseeing vehicles, excursion maxis and other public vehicles or vehicles for hire.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ANNUALLY

The following rates apply to royalties falling due from **1st January 2023**

PERSON CAPACITY PER CONVEYANCE	CR	NR
1 - 5	228.25	185.00
6 - 15	343.75	280.00
16 -25	460.63	375.00
26 - 45	572.00	465.00
46 - 70	715.00	585.00
71 - 100	893.75	730.00
More than 100	1,117.88	916.00

CR	NR	TOTAL
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WORKED EXAMPLE:

The owner of Harry's Pleasure Ride has repurposed an old PTSC bus and is now using it for giving tours and family excursions. The bus has seating for 34 passengers and can accommodate 8 persons standing. The bus is used periodically throughout the year.

Person capacity 26 - 45	572.00	465.00	1,037.00
Licence Fee per Annum	\$1,037.00		

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DEFINITIONS

“Background Music” means music played in a vehicle by mechanical means that is not used as a prominent feature and/or to accompany featured or live performances.

“COTT’s Repertoire” means all and any musical works (including words associated therewith) and sound recordings, in which the right of public performance, communication to the public and broadcast is controlled by COTT or by any of the societies in other countries with which COTT is affiliated.

“Copyright” is a property right which subsists in literary and artistic works that are original intellectual creations. <http://ipo.gov.tt/types-of-ip/copyright/>

“Neighbouring rights” are similar to copyright. These rights exist in the public performance of a sound recording. Neighbouring rights are collected on behalf of performers and producers of sound recordings.

“Person Capacity” means the full number of persons you are authorised to carry including, driver, and attendants. This will include people seated and/ or standing as in the case of buses or coaches.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- ❖ COTT reserves the right to make such variations to this tariff it considers appropriate where performance particulars have changed; including but not limited to the way in which the music is made accessible to the public.
- ❖ COTT is not bound to adhere to the rates quoted in this tariff in respect of any performances for which an application was not made in advance.
- ❖ Licensees under this tariff shall provide COTT with the actual particulars to enable us to calculate the royalty due. If the actual particulars are not known an estimated figure would be used to calculate the fees payable.
- ❖ Should the Licensee fail to provide actual particulars in accordance with COTT’s General Terms and Conditions, COTT reserves the right to make a reasonable estimate of the particulars and to invoice the Licensee accordingly.
- ❖ All information provided must be certified by an Auditor or in a manner acceptable to COTT.

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PERFORMANCE PARTICULARS

Licensees under this tariff shall provide COTT with the authorised Person Capacity per vehicle.

PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES

The royalties due under this tariff are payable on account immediately upon receipt of COTT's invoice. The sum invoiced is based on the particulars available to COTT at the time of issuing the invoice. Any charge made under such invoice may be adjusted after the Licensee has furnished COTT with details of the actual performance particulars.

Should the Licensee fail to pay any sum due and payable within 30 days of COTT's invoice, without prejudice to any other rights it may have, COTT reserves the right to charge the Licensee interest on the amount overdue calculated daily at the rate of 1.5 percent per annum above the base lending rate as per the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago.

All royalties payable under this Tariff are exclusive of Value Added Tax or other governmental taxes or levies of any kind.

ROYALTY ADJUSTMENT

COTT reserves the right to adjust the royalties payable under this tariff every year by the percentage (to the nearest whole percentage point) by which the Retail Prices Index published by the Central Statistical Office changed when compared with the figure for the previous year. provided that: -

1. We provide You with reasonable notice (at least 1 month) of any such amendments; and
2. The changes so notified will only take effect at the commencement of the year following the year in which the amendment notice was received.