

## LPTV1 and LPTV2 – Easy Guide for Operators

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## TOPIC: LPTV1 and LPTV2 – Easy Guide for Operators

### 1. What is the difference between LPTV1 and LPTV2?

The Operator Licence category depends on the number of vehicles authorised under the licence.

- LPTV1 – for operators with **one (1) to four (4)** authorised vehicles.
- LPTV2 – for operators with **five (5) or more** authorised vehicles.

Additional requirements apply to LPTV2 operators because they operate five (5) or more authorised vehicles.

### 2. How long are LPTV1 and LPTV2 Operator Licences valid?

- An **LPTV1 Operator Licence** is valid for **two (2) years**.
- An **LPTV2 Operator Licence** is valid for **one (1) year** and must therefore be renewed annually.

Both licences must be renewed before their expiry date for the operator to continue operating.

### 3. What happens if an LPTV1 operator reaches five vehicles?

An LPTV1 Operator Licence cannot have more than four (4) authorised vehicles.

Before increasing the operation to five (5) or more authorised vehicles, the operator must satisfy the requirements applicable to **LPTV2** and change the Operator Licence category accordingly.

#### **4. What additional requirements apply to LPTV2 compared with LPTV1?**

LPTV2 operators must satisfy additional requirements because they operate five (5) or more authorised vehicles.

These include:

- Form LPTS011 – Declaration for each garaging facility, confirming its vehicle capacity;
- a valid Planning Authority Development Permit for each garaging facility, confirming that the premises are authorised for use as a public service garage;
- a valid Tax Compliance Certificate, or a valid agreement with the relevant Government Authority or Entity; and
- an Auditor's Statement confirming the operator's good financial standing.

The combined approved capacity of all garaging facilities must be sufficient to accommodate all vehicles authorised under the LPTV2 Operator Licence.

#### **5. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 vehicles have the same operating rights?**

Yes. Vehicles authorised under both LPTV1 and LPTV2 Operator Licences may operate through authorised intermediary booking platforms.

They may also provide independently arranged pre-booked passenger transport services.

SOV vehicles operate under a separate Operator Licence and cannot operate through intermediary booking platforms.

#### **6. Can LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators accept their own pre-booked services?**

Yes. LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators are not limited to services obtained through intermediary booking platforms.

They may also accept independently arranged pre-booked passenger transport services directly from customers or through other permitted booking channels.

#### **7. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators need the same number of drivers as vehicles?**

Yes. For both LPTV1 and LPTV2, the number of authorised vehicles cannot exceed the number of drivers legally employed or commissioned by the operator and registered with Transport Malta.

A minimum vehicle-to-driver ratio of 1:1 must therefore be maintained.

#### **8. What are the parking rules for LPTV1 and LPTV2 vehicles?**

When an LPTV1 or LPTV2 vehicle is not in use and is parked on the road, the official Transport Malta parking clock must be clearly displayed and correctly set.

The maximum permitted parking period is:

- two (2) hours between **05:01 and 16:59**; and
- one (1) hour between **17:00 and 05:00**.

Failure to display or correctly use the Transport Malta parking clock may result in enforcement action in accordance with the applicable Regulations.

#### **9. Can LPTV1 and LPTV2 vehicles operate through intermediary booking platforms?**

Yes. Both LPTV1 and LPTV2 vehicles may operate through authorised intermediary booking platforms.

Drivers operating through an intermediary booking platform must comply with the applicable driver identification and facial-recognition verification requirements.

**10. Can LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators display the fare and destination before accepting a booking through an intermediary booking platform?**

For LPTV1, an intermediary booking platform may provide the driver with the fare and destination details before the booking is accepted only where the operator is self-employed and is personally driving their own authorised vehicle.

This concession does not apply to drivers employed by an LPTV1 operator.

For LPTV2, intermediary booking platforms cannot provide drivers with the fare and destination details before the booking is accepted.

**11. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 Operator Licences have the same renewal requirements?**

No.

An LPTV1 Operator Licence is valid for two (2) years, while an LPTV2 Operator Licence is valid for one (1) year.

At renewal, the operator must continue to satisfy all requirements applicable to their licence category.

For LPTV2, this includes the additional requirements relating to garaging capacity, Planning Authority authorisation, tax compliance and financial standing.

**12. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators pay the same application and renewal fees?**

Yes.

The fee for the issue of a new LPTV1 or LPTV2 Operator Licence is €200.

The fee for the renewal of an LPTV1 or LPTV2 Operator Licence is also €200.

Any additional fees relating to changes to the Operator Licence, authorised vehicles or replacement Operator Licence certificates are payable separately.

### **13. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators need to use the Transport Malta parking clock?**

Yes.

The official Transport Malta parking clock must be clearly displayed and correctly set whenever an LPTV1 or LPTV2 vehicle makes use of the permitted on-street parking period.

The clock indicates the time when the vehicle was parked and allows the applicable parking period to be determined.

### **14. What are the working and rest requirements for LPTV1 and LPTV2 drivers?**

Drivers operating LPTV1 and LPTV2 vehicles may not work for more than **twelve (12) hours in any twenty-four (24) hour period.**

Drivers must also have at least **one (1) day of rest per week.**

Operators must organise their operations and drivers' working schedules to ensure that these requirements are complied with.

### **15. Where should LPTV1 and LPTV2 vehicles be parked when not in use?**

As a general rule, when an LPTV1 or LPTV2 vehicle is not in use, it must be parked at an approved garaging facility or otherwise parked off-street in accordance with the applicable requirements.

The permitted on-street parking periods using the Transport Malta parking clock are exceptions to this general requirement.

Operators must therefore maintain sufficient approved garaging capacity for the vehicles authorised under their Operator Licence.

### **16. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 drivers need a Transport Malta Driver Permit Tag?**

Every driver operating an LPTV1 or LPTV2 vehicle must hold a valid Transport Malta Driver Permit Tag and satisfy the applicable driver requirements.

Drivers must also be legally employed or commissioned by the operator and registered with Transport Malta.

### **17. Do LPTV2 operators need wheelchair-accessible vehicles?**

Yes, where the applicable fleet-size threshold is reached.

LPTV2 operators with fleets exceeding thirty (30) vehicles must have wheelchair-accessible vehicles registered and available in the market by the end of April 2028.

**18. Are there penalties for failing to comply with the parking and Transport Malta parking clock requirements?**

Yes.

Where an LPTV1 or LPTV2 vehicle fails to display the official Transport Malta, a **€500 penalty applies**.

For other applicable parking-clock infringements, the penalties are applied on a staggered basis, starting at **€100** and increasing to **€200, €300, €400 and €500** for subsequent infringements, as applicable.

Operators and drivers must therefore ensure that the official Transport Malta parking clock is displayed, correctly set and that the permitted parking period is not exceeded.

**19. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators need to comply with facial-recognition requirements when using intermediary booking platforms?**

Yes.

When a driver operates through an intermediary booking platform, the applicable facial-recognition verification requirements must be complied with.

The purpose of this requirement is to verify that the person using the platform and operating the vehicle is the authorised driver.

**20. Do LPTV1 and LPTV2 operators need to keep their information with Transport Malta up to date?**

Yes.

Operators must ensure that the information registered with Transport Malta remains accurate and up to date.



This includes details relating to the operator, Operating Centre, approved garaging facilities, authorised vehicles and registered drivers.

Any applicable changes must be notified to Transport Malta and the required documentation submitted.

## **21. How do I obtain a Transport Malta parking clock for my LPTV1 or LPTV2 vehicles?**

The official Transport Malta parking clock is provided **free of charge**.

Before collecting the parking clock, the operator must complete the applicable online form to update their contact details.

**QR Code link to form**



Once the form has been completed, the parking clock may be collected from the Transport Malta offices in Paola.

A parking clock is required for each authorised Y vehicle.