

Government Circular No. 53/71

G.O. Reference No. T.2908/6

ISLE OF MAN
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By His Excellency Sir Peter Hyla Gawne Stallard,
K.C.M.G., C.V.O., M.B.E., M.A., Lieutenant
Governor of the said Isle &c. &c. &c.

THE ASSISTANCE TO ROAD SERVICES OPERATORS ORDER
1971

Whereas on the 15th June, 1971 Tynwald passed a Resolution which included the following provision -

"That the Treasurer of the Isle of Man be authorised to apply during the years ending 31st March, 1972 and 31st March, 1973 out of monies to be supplied by Tynwald, grants to the Isle of Man Road Services Ltd. and to Douglas Corporation Transport Department equivalent to 50% of the cost of vehicles purchased for use on approved scheduled services between 1st April, 1971 and 31st March, 1973, in accordance with arrangements and conditions to be made by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor."

Now, therefore, I, the said Lieutenant Governor, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by the said Resolution and of all other powers me in that behalf enabling do hereby make the following Order:-

- Grant Scheme 1. Grants will be paid by the Government Treasurer to the road services operators (hereinafter called "the operators") described in the Schedule hereto in respect of vehicles purchased by the operators for the purpose of using the same in the running of approved scheduled services.
- Amount of Grant 2. The amount of grant shall be fifty per cent (50%) of the cost of vehicles purchased and delivered to the operators on or after 1st April, 1971 and on or before 31st March, 1973.

Conditions of
Grant

3. Grants will be paid to the operators subject to the satisfactory fulfilment of the following conditions -

- (a) The annual fleet replacement programme of the operators and the disposal of any vehicle bought with government assistance must receive prior approval of the Government Treasurer.
- (b) 50% of the amount realised on the sale of any vehicle purchased with government assistance will be repaid to the Government Treasurer if the vehicle is not retained for ten years from the date of delivery to the operator.
- (c) If any operator shall, except in an emergency, use any vehicle in respect of which a grant has been paid under this Order for other than approved scheduled services, the amount of the grant paid in respect of that vehicle shall immediately be repaid to the Government Treasurer.
- (d) The operators will, where possible, continue their existing policies of rationalising routes, improving scheduling, reducing manpower, and introducing more one-man operated vehicles.
- (e) The operators will prepare accounts for the summer periods in the years 1971/72 and 1972/73 and submit them to the Government Treasurer not later than the 31st day of January in the years 1972 and 1973 respectively.

(f) The operators will cost all routes more accurately and prepare estimates of possible savings by suggesting withdrawal of what are considered to be non-essential services.

(g) The operators will commence negotiations with each other immediately with a view to one fully integrated service of both buses and horse-trams being operated from 1st April, 1973.

Claims

4. Claims shall be submitted by the operators in duplicate to the Government Treasurer in the prescribed form.

Inspection

5. It shall be a condition precedent to the receipt of any grant under this Scheme that the operators shall afford all reasonable and proper facilities to an officer or officers of Finance Department, duly authorised in that behalf by the Government Treasurer to satisfy himself by inspection of the relevant books and records of the operators that any claim under this Scheme is true and correct.

Interpretation

6. (1) In this Order "approved" and "prescribed" means approved and prescribed respectively by Finance Board.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1970 shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Tynwald.

Citation and
Commencement

7. This Order may be cited as the Assistance to Road Services Operators Order 1971 and shall be deemed to have taken effect on 1st April, 1971.

GIVEN under my hand this 25th day of June, 1971

F.H.G. STALLARD

Lieutenant Governor.

SCHEDULE

1. The Transport Department of Douglas Corporation
2. Isle of Man Road Services Limited

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport).

This Order sets out the Scheme whereby grants will be paid to the Transport Department of Douglas Corporation and Isle of Man Road Services in respect of vehicles purchased and delivered to them for the running of approved scheduled services.