

Passengers Carrying Compressed Oxygen Cylinders
for Self-medical Use on Franchised Buses
and Other Road-based Public Transport Carriers and Ferries

Guidelines for Passengers

(I) Purpose

This set of guidelines sets out the arrangements for carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use on franchised buses, other road-based public transport carriers and ferries.

(II) Arrangements for carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use on franchised buses

With effect from 1 January 2020, Regulation 14A of the Public Bus Services Regulations (Cap. 230A) is amended and each passenger may carry no more than two compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use onto a franchised bus. However, each franchised bus can only carry a maximum of two compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use at any one time.

(III) Points-to-note for carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use onto franchised buses

- (a) Each passenger may carry no more than two compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use onto a franchised bus provided that the boarding of the passenger would not lead to the total number of compressed oxygen cylinder for self-medical use on board exceeding two.

- (b) Before boarding, the passenger should declare to the bus captain the number of compressed oxygen cylinder for self-medical use that he/she is carrying. The passenger should also satisfy the bus captain that the compressed oxygen cylinder(s) he/she is carrying is/are for his/her self-medical use (according to relevant requirements, the fact that the passenger is inhaling the oxygen through a nasal cannula or oxygen mask connected to the compressed oxygen cylinder would suffice to prove the passenger's medical need to carry the compressed oxygen cylinder(s) for self-medical use). The passenger has to obtain the bus captain's permission to board the bus before paying the fare.
- (c) Upon boarding, the passenger should sit on the lower deck (applicable to double-deck buses) or the priority seat (if any) as far as practicable.
- (d) The compressed oxygen cylinder(s) should be packed in a safe and easy-to-carry manner and should not occupy any seat or block the passage of the bus.
- (e) The passenger should notify the bus captain when alighting so that the bus captain may know the total number of compressed oxygen cylinders on the bus and decide whether or not to allow other passengers carrying compressed oxygen cylinders to board the bus.

(IV) Arrangements and points-to-note for carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use onto other road-based public transport carriers and ferries

The arrangements for carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use onto other road-based public transport carriers including public light buses, taxis, non-franchised buses and trams as well as ferries

have not changed, which are essentially the same as the amended arrangements for carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use onto franchised buses, i.e. each passenger may bring no more than two compressed oxygen cylinders on board. However, each carrier can only carry a maximum of two compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use at any one time.

The points-to-note in part (III) above are generally applicable to passengers carrying compressed oxygen cylinders for self-medical use when travelling on other road-based public transport carriers and ferries.

(V) Arrangements for carrying portable oxygen concentrator onto franchised buses and other road-based public transport carriers and ferries

Portable oxygen concentrator is not compressed oxygen cylinder. It is also not a kind of goods or dangerous goods prohibited to be carried under relevant legislation. Hence, passengers may carry portable oxygen concentrators onto franchised buses and other road-based public transport carriers and ferries.

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