

Taxi

Providing taxi services via roaming around the Kingdom or by picking up / dropping off passengers from designated taxi parking areas; for the purpose of transporting passengers to their desired destinations; utilizing a fleet of vehicles with pre-determined specifications including a taxi meter; utilizing sets tariff rates that are approved by the relevant authorities.

Business Requirements:

- Age : 18 and above
- Bahraini Ownership : Allowed up to 100%
- Foreign ownership allowed, but must include a Bahraini shareholder : Yes
- Allowed for Individual Commercial Registration (ICR) : Yes
- Allowed for Company Commercial Registration (CCR) : Yes
 - Bahrain Shareholding Company (Public)
 - With Limited Liability Company
 - Bahrain Shareholding Company (Closed)
 - Partnership Company
 - Simple Commandite Company
 - Commandite By Shares Company
 - Single Person Company
 - Non Profit Company

Required Step of Licenses and Approvals

1	Land Transportation Regulations Directorate – Taxi - Pre	Estimated Processing Time (Days): 15	Fee Details <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard Site Visit: BD50 (for each yard) • License Fee : BD500 • Issuance of each operating card (per vehicle): BD 40 • Renewal of each operating card (per vehicle): BD 40
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The requirements for the vehicles that will be used in practicing the licensed activity:

1. The minimum number of vehicles required to practice Taxi activity is 50 vehicles and the maximum is 300 vehicles.
2. The vehicles must be in a good condition throughout their usage. The vehicles must not have been used for more than 2 years at the time the operating card is requested, and in any case must not have exceed 7 years from the date of manufacture upon the renewal of the operating card.
3. The investor shall bear any liability resulting from the purchase of the vehicles before obtaining the final approval (license) from the Ministry of Transportation and Telecommunications.

The requirements for the vehicles yard address:

1. The yard must not be located in an area classified as a residential area.
2. The yard size must accommodate 30% of the vehicles that will be used in operating the licensed activity.
3. Comply with other requirements specified by the Land Transportation Regulation Directorate.

*If the licensee wishes to add a branch with the same license, the licensee must comply with the requirements of the headquarters without prejudice to the requirements of the vehicles yard.

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Required Step of Licenses and Approvals (continued)

2	Approval by General Directorate of Criminal Investigation	Estimated Processing Time (Days): 7	There is no fee details (if any) in this license.
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The applicant should not have a criminal record, unless they have been rehabilitated in criminal cases³

3	Municipality Affairs - Site Approval for Taxi activities	Estimated Processing Time (Days): 3	Fee Details: BD 10
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General Conditions:

1. Size of shop/premises must be sufficient for the activity
2. Businesses may not carry out the activity outside the boundaries of the shop/premises
3. It is prohibited to display or store any items or equipment outside the shop / premises boundary without prior approval from the Municipality. In the event of non-compliance, the Ministry of Municipality Affairs has the right to take necessary action.
4. Maintain cleanliness of the site
5. Comply with the parking space regulations as per the Construction Regulatory Requirements

Activity Specific Conditions:

The commercial address of the Commercial Registration for this activity can an office address

Note: Uploading pictures of the site/shop may expedite the process of obtaining approval

4	Land Transportation Regulations Directorate - Final site inspection	Estimated Processing Time (Days): 15	Fee Details: BD 500
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The requirements for the vehicles yard address:

1. The yard must be located in an area classified as industrial or a service area.
2. The yard size should accommodate 30% of the vehicles that will be used in operating the licensed activity.
3. The yard site should be fenced and have an emergency exit as well as security and safety facilities.
4. Erecting a metal fence or wall around the yard with a height of at least 1.2 meters.
5. The exits leading to the area must be suitable and safe.
6. The exits leading to the yard cannot face main roads with heavy traffic activity.
7. The exits leading to the yard cannot directly face major or minor crossroads and intersections.
8. Both the entrance and the exits to the yard must be suitably sized ,and must be lockable.

The requirements of the placard:

1. Must place a placard in the rest area for vehicles showing the commercial registrations name and number (made from metal of any other suitable materials that have been approved by the Directorate).
2. The placard must be at least 1 m x 60 cm and contains the name of the approved company/ individual establishment in a clear text.
3. Erecting a sign showing the rest area belonging to the company/individual establishment if the yard is located near a warehouse.

*Comply with other requirements specified by the Land Transportation Regulation Directorate

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