

Civil Aviation (Passenger Service Charge) Regulations 1999

GN 98/1999

THE CIVIL AVIATION ACT 1974

Regulations made by the Minister under section 11 of the Civil Aviation Act 1974

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Civil Aviation (Passenger Service Charge) Regulations 1999**.

2. In these regulations -

"airlines" means the airlines operating to, through or in Mauritius, by themselves or through local agents;

"airport operator" means

(i) the Airports of Mauritius Co. Ltd for SSR International Airport; and

(ii) Airport of Rodrigues Ltd for Sir Gaetan Duval Airport

Amended by [\[GN No. 35 of 2004\]](#); [\[GN No. 3 of 2012\]](#)

"Minister" means the Minister to whom responsibility for the subjects of civil aviation is assigned;

"passenger" means a person leaving Mauritius by air;

"passenger service charge" means the fee specified in the First Schedule.

3. Airlines responsible for payment of charges

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2) and regulation 5(2), the airlines or their agents shall, in respect of every passenger, pay to the airport operator the passenger service charge.
- (2) No passenger service charge shall be paid in respect of the passengers specified in the Second Schedule.

4. Recovery of charges from passengers

The airlines or their agents may recover the passenger service charge from every passenger in respect of whom it is payable-

- (a) at the time of the issue to any passenger of his travel ticket; or
- (b) on the confirmation or reconfirmation of a reservation already held by any passenger; or
- (c) at any time before the passenger leaves Mauritius.

5. Time for payment

- (1) The airport operator shall claim the passenger service charge from the airlines or their agents periodically on the basis of the number of persons departing by each air flight and the airlines or their agents shall, on the presentation of such claim, pay to the airport operator, subject to paragraph (2), the amount claimed.
- (2) The Minister may, in consideration of the expenses or services incurred by the airlines or their agents in connection with the recovery of the passenger service charge from the passengers, allow the airlines or their agents a rebate.

(3) Where an airline or its agent fails to remit the passenger service charge within 30 days of the presentation of the claim under paragraph (1), it shall, in addition to the charge, pay to the airport operator –

- (a) a penalty of 5 per cent; and
- (b) interest at the rate of one percent per month or part of a month,

on the charge for the period in respect of which the claim has been presented.

Amended by [\[GN No. 272 of 2022\]](#)

- 5A** Notwithstanding regulation 3, no airline or its agent shall, in respect of any passenger embarking on a domestic flight, pay to the airport operator the appropriate passenger service charge for the period 1 August 2009 to 31 December 2010.

Added by [\[GN No. 87 of 2009\]](#)

- 6.** These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 01 April 1999.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulation 2]

Passenger Service Charge

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1. SSR International Airport	
(a) Passenger Embarking on International Flights	
(i) Passenger below 2 years	Nil
(ii) Passenger aged 2 and above but below 12 years	500
(iii) Passenger aged 12 and above, other than a passenger referred to in subparagraph (iv)	1,000
(iv) Citizens of Mauritius of the age 60 and above	500
(b) Passenger Embarking on Domestic Flights (to Rodrigues)	
(i) Passenger below 2 years	Nil

(ii) Passenger aged 2 and above Nil

2. **Sir Gaëtan Duval Airport - Amended by [\[GN No. 3 of 2012\]](#)**

(a) **Passenger Embarking on International Flights**

(i) Passenger below 2 years Nil

(ii) Passenger aged 2 and above 500

(b) **Passenger Embarking on Domestic Flights (to the island of Mauritius)**

(i) Passenger below 2 years Nil

(ii) Passenger aged 2 and above 150

Amended by [\[GN No. 70 of 2000\]](#); [\[GN No. 41 of 2001\]](#); [\[GN No. 35 of 2004\]](#); [\[GN No. 184 of 2005\]](#); [\[GN No. 67 of 2011\]](#)

SECOND SCHEDULE

(regulation 3(2))

Persons exempt from passenger service charge

1. Heads of State and their families.

2. Passengers in transit for less than 24 hours holding onward reservations on the same aircraft or interlining at the airport, provided –

(a) they do not check out of the airport;

(b) they are not travelling to Mauritius on an international flight to connect to Rodrigues or from Rodrigues to Mauritius to connect an international flight, unless they are expected to stay longer due to delay in the departure of the flight on which

the onward booking is held whether due to force majeure or any technical reasons.

Amended by [\[GN No. 3 of 2012\]](#)

3. Airline crew members who are on duty.
4. Ministers of foreign governments and their families; Ambassadors or Commonwealth representatives and their families; Consuls other than Honorary Consuls and their families; officials, experts and fellows from the United Nations, specialised agencies or serving under bilateral agreements or technical assistance, and their families; diplomatic agents and their families.
5. Disabled persons in receipt of Basic Invalidity Pension from the Government.
6. Passengers proceeding for medical treatment and holding a medical certificate from a specialist medical practitioner certifying that such treatment is required.
7. A person who forms part of a group of at least 10 persons going on pilgrimage to a holy place, provided that the pilgrimage is supported by a certificate issued by a recognized religious body in receipt of subsidy or grant from the Government.

Amended by [\[GN No. 35 of 2004\]](#)
