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Remember to keep your bus registrations up to date - check yours on <https://www.gov.uk/manage-commercial-vehicle-operator-licence-online>

PLEASE NOTE:

The new enquiry telephone number: 020 4551 8711 and will be open Monday to Thursday - 9am to 5pm, Friday 9am to 4.30pm

Most correspondence from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner will now be sent to operators digitally through the Vehicle Operator Licensing (VOL) Service or by email.

The best and most efficient way to reach us is digitally. Please upload documents through your VOL user account or send a direct message through VOL. There may be delays if you send correspondence to us by post.

If you wish to make an objection to a public service vehicle application it is recommended you send the details to PSVOperatorLicensing@otc.gov.uk clearly stating 'Objection' in the subject line.

If you are an existing operator without a VOL user account, and you would like one, please email Notifications@vehicle-operator-licensing.service.gov.uk and a member of staff will contact you as soon as possible to arrange this. You will need to answer some security questions.

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Important Information

All correspondence relating to bus registrations and public inquiries should be sent to:

Office of the Traffic Commissioner
(Scotland)
Level 6
The Stamp Office
10 Waterloo Place
Edinburgh
EH1 3EG

The public counter in Edinburgh is open for the receipt of documents between 9.30am and 4pm Monday to Friday. Please note that only payments for bus registration applications can be made at this counter.

The telephone number for bus registration enquiries is 0131 200 4927.

General Notes

Layout and presentation – Entries in each section (other than in section 5) are listed in alphabetical order. Each entry is prefaced by a reference number, which should be quoted in all correspondence or enquiries.

Further notes precede sections where appropriate.

Accuracy of publication – Details published of applications and requests reflect information provided by applicants. The Traffic Commissioner cannot be held responsible for applications that contain incorrect information.

Our website includes details of all applications listed in this booklet. The website address is: www.gov.uk/traffic-commissioners

Legal Requirements at Sporting Events

- **Carriage of passengers to designated Sporting Events Voluntary Guidelines - Scotland**

Carriage of passengers to designated Sporting Events Voluntary Guidelines - Scotland

Section 70 of Part V of the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 1980, confers liability on operators of PSVs that are being operated for the principal purpose of conveying passengers to or from a designated sporting event.

Designation of sports grounds and sporting events is by [the Secretary of State for Scotland], by order under terms of section 68 of the Act, and those grounds and events designated are listed in The Grounds and Sporting Events (Designation) (Scotland) Order 1985, as amended.

It is an offence for the operator of a PSV, or his servant or agent, knowingly to cause or permit the carriage of alcohol on journeys to which these Regulations apply.

In addition to these statutory provisions, the police have asked that operators comply with the following guidelines when conveying passengers to all such sporting events south of the Border:

- a. Coach operators taking bookings from groups of supporters are to notify the police liaison officer at the destination, at least 48 hours before the event, of the number of supporters expected to travel and the number of coaches booked.
- b. Coaches are not to stop within 10 miles of the venue either en route to or on departure from the event unless prior agreement is obtained from the local police liaison officer.
- c. Unless directed otherwise by a police officer, coaches may stop at premises where intoxicating liquor is sold only if it is sold ancillary to a substantial meal. Prior agreement for meal stops where alcohol is available should be sought from the operator's local police liaison officer.
- d. Coaches are to arrive at the venue no earlier than two hours before and not later than one hour before the scheduled start of the game, unless otherwise directed by police.
- e. Coaches are not to set down or uplift passengers at any unauthorised locations without prior permission of the police.
- f. Coaches must leave the venue within one hour of the finish of the event.
- g. Intoxicating liquor must not be carried on coaches travelling to or from designated grounds. Operators will draw hirers' attention to the requirements of the law, and drivers shall, as far as reasonably practical, supervise boarding passengers and check that they are not obviously carrying intoxicating alcohol. Drivers will not be expected to carry out baggage or body searches, nor will they be expected to confiscate alcohol or to remove passengers without police assistance.

Operators are asked to comply with these guidelines on a voluntary basis. However if the police inform the Traffic Commissioner of any failure on an operator's part to comply with them the Commissioner will consider applying them as a formal condition to that operator's licence under the authority of Section 16(3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981."

All operations within Scotland should continue to comply with police restrictions in force at individual events.

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Section 1 – Special Notices



Section 2 – PSV Operator Licensing

A **statutory objector** may inspect a public service vehicle operator's licence or application under Regulation 4 of The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) Regulations 1995 by setting out their authority and requesting arrangements are made for inspecting the record by emailing – enquiries@otc.gov.uk

Objections against applications for licences must be made in writing by a Chief Officer of Police or by a local authority within 21 days of the date on which notice of an application is published in Notices and Proceedings. Objections must be made on the grounds that one or more of the requirements mentioned in Sections 14(1) and (3) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 are not satisfied in relation to the application. A copy of the objection must be sent by the objector to the applicant at the same time that it is sent to the Traffic Commissioner. The onus of proof in terms of the grounds on which an objection is lodged lies with the objector. There is no right of objection against an application for a special licence submitted under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985.

Classification of Operator Licences – There are four classes of licence:

- A **Standard International (SI)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on both national and international operations;
- A **Standard National (SN)** licence authorises the use of any description of public service vehicle on national operations;
- A **Restricted licence (R)** authorises the use of:
 - a) public service vehicles not adapted to carry more than eight passengers; and
 - b) those not adapted to carry more than sixteen passengers when used otherwise than in the course of a business of carrying passengers or by a person whose main occupation is not the operation of public service vehicles adapted to carry more than eight passengers;
- A **Special Restricted (SR)** licence, issued under Section 12 of the Transport Act 1985, authorises the holder of a taxi or private hire vehicle licence to operate local services.

Appeals in connection with PSV Operator Licences must be lodged with the Upper Tribunal – Administrative Appeal Chamber (Transport), 5th Floor, Rolls Building, 7 Rolls Buildings, Fetter Lane, London, EC4A 1NL not later than one month after the date of the letter conveying the Traffic Commissioner's (or Deputy Traffic Commissioner's) decision. Appellants can obtain guidance on lodging appeals, including downloading the appeal form, from the website: www.administrativeappeals.tribunals.gov.uk

Any previous entry in Notices and Proceedings is indicated by the publication number in brackets.

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Section 2.1 – New Applications Received

No entries

Section 2.2 – New Applications Granted

No entries

Section 2.3 – New Applications Refused

No entries

Section 2.4 – Variation Applications Granted

PM1078265 SN **J DOCHERTY & SONS LTD**
Director(s): JAMES DOCHERTY, EDITH WILMA DOCHERTY, WILLIAM JAMES DOCHERTY, COLIN DOCHERTY, NEIL DOCHERTY
PRIORY PARK, AUCHTERARDER, PH3 1GB
Increase at existing operating centre: PRIORY PARK, AUCHTERARDER, PH3 1GB
New authorisation at this operating centre will be: 47 vehicle(s)
New licence authorisation will be 47 vehicle(s)
New Undertaking Vehicles with eight passenger seats or less will not be operated under the licence without the prior written agreement of the Traffic Commissioner who may require you to agree to certain undertakings.. Attached to licence
New Undertaking Limousines and novelty type vehicles are not to be operated under this operator's licence.. Attached to licence

Section 2.5 – Variation Applications Refused

No entries

Section 2.6 – Licences Surrendered

No entries

Section 2.7– Applications Withdrawn Prior to Determination

No entries

Section 2.8 – Licences Revoked Without a Public Inquiry

PM1138362 R **MARK STENNETT**
13 CLARK PLACE, PEEBLES, EH45 8LB
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been revoked with immediate effect.

PM2033688 R **ALASTAIR MACDONALD & SON LTD**
Director(s): Roderick Macdonald
1 AHMOR, ISLE OF NORTH UIST, HS6 5BW
Registered Bus Services running under this licence have also been revoked with immediate effect.

Section 2.9 – Conditions Imposed Under Section 16.3 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 (without a Public Inquiry)

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Section 3 – Registration of Local Bus Services

Before an application is sent to the Traffic Commissioner, the operator must inform the relevant local authorities/SPT 14 days before submission. The operator will be required to demonstrate to the Commissioner that this requirement has been met before the application can be accepted. Until such times as revised application forms are available operators should enclose a copy of the letter sent to the local authorities/SPT with the application to the Traffic Commissioner.

Some of the periods of notice applicable before the operation of registered services, including variations or cancellations, are at the discretion of the Traffic Commissioner. In such cases the application must be accompanied by a written explanation of why a short notice period is required along with, if appropriate, a letter from the local authorities/SPT indicating support.

Copies of local bus service registrations can be made available for inspection under section 56 of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 by emailing – copyregistrations@otc.gov.uk

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Section 3.1 – Registration of New Services

PM0000005/907 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**

From: Inverness

To: Auldearn

Via:

Name or No.: 13A / 13

Service type: Normal Stopping

Effective date: 16 February 2026

Other details: Infrequent service Monday to Saturday

PM0000005/905 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**

From: Inverness

To: Inverness Royal Academy

Via:

Name or No.: 104

Service type: Normal Stopping

Effective date: 16 February 2026

Other details: One return trip Monday to Friday schooldays

Section 3.2 – Registration of New Services Granted Under Short Notice

No entries

Section 3.3 – Applications to Vary Existing Services

- PM0000005/731 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness [Craig Dunain] and Woodside Village given service number 2 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/730 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness and Nairn given service number 1 / 1A / 1B effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/732 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness [Craig Dunain] and Balloch given service number 3 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/734 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness and Inverness Shopping Park given service number 5A / 5C effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/744 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Alness and Tain given service number 25 / 25A effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/743 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness and Alness given service number 25 / 25A effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/748 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness [Bus Station] and Cromarty [Victoria Hall] given service number 26 / 26A / 126 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/749 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness [Bus Station] and Contin [Turning Circle] given service number 27 / 27A effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/751 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness [Bus Station] and Contin given service number 28A / 28 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/756 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Carrbridge and Aviemore given service number X37 / 37 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/755 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness and Carrbridge given service number X37 / 37 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/759 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness UHI Campus and Aviemore given service number M39 / 39 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.

- PM0000005/758 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness [Bus Station] and Inverness UHI Campus given service number M39 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/768 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Aviemore (Grampian Road) and Grantown on Spey (Grammar School) given service number 136 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/773 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Aviemore and Grantown on Spey given service number 337 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/746 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Alness and Tain given service number X25 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/747 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Tain and Brora given service number X25 / 25 / 25A effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/745 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness and Alness given service number X25 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.
- PM0000005/796 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness [Bus Station] and Scrabster [Pier] given service number X99 / 99 effective from 16 February 2026. To amend Timetable.

Section 3.4 – Applications to Vary Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

- PB1082425/9 **BORDERS BUSES LTD, RAMPARTS BUSINESS PARK, NORTH ROAD, BERWICK ON TWEED, TD15 1TX**
Operating between Berwick Upon Tweed, Chapel Street and St Abbs/Granthouse given service number 253 effective from 14 December 2025. To amend Timetable.

Section 3.5 – Cancellations of Existing Services

- PM0000005/875 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness Academy Street and Dalneigh Limetree Avenue given service number 8 effective from 16 February 2026.
- PM0000005/737 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness and Nairn given service number 11 / 11A effective from 16 February 2026.
- PM0000005/872 **BLUEBIRD BUSES LIMITED, STAGECOACH NORTH SCOTLAND, 1 SEAFIELD ROAD, INVERNSS, IV1 1SG**
Operating between Inverness and Inverness Royal Academy given service number 116 effective from 16 February 2026.

Section 3.6 – Cancellations of Existing Services Granted Under Short Notice

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Section 4 – Traffic Regulation Conditions

Section 4.1 – Requests

Section 4.2 – Determinations

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Section 5 – Public Inquiries

Anyone wishing to observe a physical or virtual public inquiry must request to do so from the relevant Office of the Traffic Commissioner in advance of the hearing. Due to space or technology restrictions we may not be able to accommodate all requests.

Please contact Scotlandhc@otc.gov.uk for further information.

There is no obligation on the traffic commissioner to provide a transcript of proceedings. Any decision to release will refer to the reasons for the request and there may be restrictions placed on its use. That request should be made via the relevant Office of The Traffic Commissioner and the applicant must understand that they will be liable for the cost of producing the transcript. This will vary according to demand and size of content.

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Section 5.1 – Notice of Public Inquiries to be Held

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Section 5.2 – Decisions Taken at Public Inquiries

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Section 5.3 – Notice of Transport Manager Public Inquiries to be Held

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 477166, Public Inquiry ID: 105912) for Mr DAVID WILLIAM COWAN to be held at Quarry House (Leeds), LS2 7UE, Quarry House, Leeds,
on 9 February 2026 commencing at 10:00
Article 6 of Regulation (EC) No 1071/2009
Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 477141, Public Inquiry ID: 105894) for SANDI-COSTINEL RADUTOIU to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 10 February 2026 commencing at 10:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3

TM Public Inquiry (Case ID: 477147, Public Inquiry ID: 105898) for DEREK STUART TAYLOR to be held at The Court Room (Cambridge), CB2 8BF, Eastern Traffic Area, Eastbrook, Shaftesbury Road, Cambridge,
on 11 February 2026 commencing at 14:00
Sch.3 - Consideration of Transport Managers Repute under Schedule 3 (The Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981)

Section 5.4 – Decisions Taken at Transport Manager Public Inquiries

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Section 6 – Corrections

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