

Minister of Finance Circular No. 7 of 1998

FROM: MINISTER OF FINANCE

TO: ALL PERMANENT SECRETARIES, HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS, HEADS OF STATUTORY AUTHORITIES AND CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR, TOBAGO HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY

DATED: 16TH JUNE, 1998

Subject:

REVISED REMUNERATION FOR CHAUFFEURS IN THE EMPLOY OF CERTAIN OFFICE HOLDERS WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE SALARIES REVIEW COMMISSION

I wish to inform you that approval has been granted for the revision, with effect from 1st January, 1997 of the salaries and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) payable to Chauffeurs in the employ of certain office holders within the purview of the Salaries Review Commission. The details are set out hereunder:

A. Personal Chauffeurs

The revised rate of salary for Personal Chauffeurs in the employ of holders of officers listed at Appendix I is as follows:—

- \$2,250 per month with effect from 1st January, 1997
- \$2,320 per month with effect from 1st January, 1998

B. Chauffeur Allowance

The Chauffeur Allowance payable to the undermentioned groups of office holders:

- (a) incumbents of Special and Similar Offices, covered by section 136(6) of the Constitution, section 5(5) of the Industrial Relations Act, Chap. 88:01 and section 5(5) of the Tax Appeal Board Act, Chap. 4:50, who were in service as at 31st December, 1994 and who retained the Chauffeur Allowance. (The list of offices is at Appendix II); and
- (b) office holders as at 31st December, 1994, who exercised the option given under the terms of Minister of Finance Circular No. 5 of 1995 dated 15th February, 1995, to retain the Chauffeur Allowance as personal to themselves. (The list of offices the holders of which had this option is at Appendix III)

has been revised as follows:


- (i) Where the Chauffeur Allowance was equivalent to the minimum basic salary of a Chauffeur I in the Public Service
 - \$2,115 per month with effect from 1st, January, 1997 and
 - \$2, 178 per month with effect from 1st, January, 1998
- (ii) Where the Chauffeur Allowance was equivalent to the minimum basic salary of a Chauffeur II in the Public Service
 - \$2,245 per month with effect from 1st January, 1997, and
 - \$2,312 per month with effect from 1st January, 1998

C. Cost of Living Allowance (COLA)

The revised rate of COLA payable to Personal Chauffeurs and Chauffeurs employed by office holders who are eligible for the Chauffeur Allowance is \$50 per month in 1997 and 1998, respectively.

2. Ministries and Departments, in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, are to identify funds to meet the expenditure to be incurred in giving effect to the provisions for 1998 above and in respect of arrears for 1997.

3. Permanent Secretaries, Heads of Departments/Statutory Authorities and the Chief Administrator, Tobago House of Assembly are requested to bring the contents of this Circular to the attention of the office holders to whom they are applicable.


BRIAN KUEI TUNG
MINISTER OF FINANCE.

APPENDIX I

LIST OF OFFICES, THE HOLDERS OF WHICH ARE ENTITLED TO PERSONAL
CHAUFFEURS

Prime Minister

Minister of Government

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Leader of the Opposition

Parliamentary Secretary

Chief Justice

Justice of Appeal

Justice Judge

Chairman, Tax Appeal Board

Chief Secretary,	}	Tobago House of Assembly
Deputy Chief Secretary		
Secretary		
Presiding Officer		

APPENDIX II

INCUMBENTS WHO HELD THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL AND SIMILAR OFFICES UNDER SECTION 136(6) OF THE CONSTITUTION AND SECTION 5(5) OF THE TAX APPEAL BOARD ACT AND SECTION 5(5) OF THE INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS ACT, AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1994 AND WHO RETAINED THE ARRANGEMENT FOR A CHAUFFEUR ALLOWANCE (EQUIVALENT TO THE MINIMUM SALARY OF EITHER THE CHAUFFEUR I OR THE CHAUFFEUR II IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE)

Ombudsman

Auditor General

Director of Public Prosecution

Chief Parliamentary Counsel

Solicitor General

Chairman, Elections and Boundaries Commission

Chairman and Member, Service Commission

Chairman, Integrity Commission

Member, Tax Appeal Board

President and Member, Industrial Court
(including the Vice-President and Chairman, Essential Services Division)

APPENDIX III

LIST OF OFFICES, THE HOLDERS OF WHICH IF ELIGIBLE FOR A CHAUFFEUR ALLOWANCE (EQUIVALENT TO THE MINIMUM SALARY OF EITHER A CHAUFFEUR I OR A CHAUFFEUR II IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE) AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1994, HAD THE OPTION TO RETAIN THIS ARRANGEMENT AS PERSONAL TO THEM

Permanent Secretary to the Prime Minister and Head of the Public Service

Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance

Commissioner of Inland Revenue and Chairman of the Board of Inland Revenue

Economic Adviser to the Prime Minister

Permanent Secretary

Chief Personnel Officer

Director of Personnel Administration

Chief Medical Officer

Director of Contracts

Commissioner of Inland Revenue

Comptroller of Accounts

Director of Budgets

Director, Research and Development

Clerk, Tobago House of Assembly (now Chief Administrator, Tobago House of Assembly)

Secretary to the Ombudsman (now Executive Officer, Office of the Ombudsman)

Chief Magistrate

Master of the High Court

Deputy Chief Magistrate

Senior Magistrate

Magistrate

President, National Institute of Higher Education (Research, Science and Technology)

Director, Financial Institutions, NIHERST

Director, Investment/Divestment, Ministry of Finance

Inspector of Police Services

Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on Crime

Chairman, Police Complaints Authority

Secretary, National Security Council Secretariat

High Commissioner/Ambassador (Non-Resident)