The Formentera Office of Mobility is pleased to report that from 21 to 31 January, both inclusive, applications will be accepted for seasonal chauffeur permits on Formentera for 2022 and 2023. All told, 24 seasonal taxi positions will be made available, with half the drivers working from the start of June to mid-September and the other half driving from mid-June through the end of September.

This initiative is included in Formentera's 2022-2023 Action Plan for Public Transport in Passenger Vehicles, which was approved with the consensus of the taxi drivers' association. Forty-nine drivers will provide service in summer 2022 and summer 2023: 25 with regular permits and 24 with seasonal ones. Rafael González, Councillor of Mobility, pointed out that the move would put 29% more cabs on the road than in summer 2021, when there were 38 cabs (25 ordinary permits and 13 seasonal).

"The plan improves the supply of Formentera's public taxi service, taking into account jumps in demand that have occurred in recent summers", explained the councillor. Demand for taxis increased 8% between 2021 and 2019.

This plan works toward the objectives outlined by the Sustainable Mobility Plan of the Consell de Formentera and formentera.eco, which in addition to regulating vehicles brought and driven on the island, establishes the need for improvements in local public transport.

Applications

This offer is open to holders of permanent permits; salaried transport sector employees and former holders of temporary permits. Among the permits that have been set aside, 19 are for holders of ordinary chauffeur permits on Formentera and five are for salaried workers and former permit-holders. Permits can only be used by the person named on the document.

Terms governing the application process were published yesterday in the Official Gazette of the Balearic Islands (BOIB) and on the Consell de Formentera website. Permits will be awarded in a process of open competition. The terms and conditions are available here.

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