

**[ LTO MEMORANDUM, February 23, 1998 ]**

**DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH RESTRICTION CODES 2, 3, 4 AND 5**

This is to clarify issues arising from licenses with Restriction Codes (RC) 2, 3, 4, and 5 of the driver's license.

In general, the use of the term "VEHICLE" in RC 2 & 3 refers to any motor vehicle regardless of the transmission whether conventional or automatic. On the other hand, the use of the term "AUTOMATIC CLUTCH" in RC 4 and 5 means that the licensee is limited to drive a vehicle with automatic clutch or transmission only. The restriction codes are further categorized according to the Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) of the vehicle as indicated. For example:

1. A driver holding a driver's license with Restriction Code No. 2 is authorized to drive a conventional motor vehicle with GVW of up to 4500 kg. He is also authorized to drive a motor vehicle with automatic transmission (clutch) with the same GVW;

2. Similarly, a driver holding a driver's license with Restriction Code No. 3 is authorized to drive a conventional motor vehicle with GVW above 4500 kg., and is also authorized to drive a motor vehicle with automatic transmission (clutch) with the same GVW;

3. A driver holding a driver's license with Restriction Code No. 4 is only authorized to drive a motor vehicle with automatic transmission with GVW of up to 4500 kg. He is in violation of the rules if he drives a motor vehicle whose transmission is conventional with the same GVW; and

4. Similarly, the authority of a driver holding a driver's license with Restriction Code No. 5 is limited to a motor vehicle with automatic transmission (clutch) with GVW above 4500 kg. He is not allowed to drive a conventional motor vehicle with the same GVW.

For your guidance.

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