

# **Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) Rules**

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**ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, TEST) RULES**

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- 1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) Rules.**

## Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“authorisation” means any authorisation of a person to carry out an examination of a motor vehicle of such class as may be specified in the authorisation;

“chauffeured private hire car” means a motor car that is the subject of a chauffeured private hire car licence within the meaning of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14);

*[S 364/2017 wef 01/07/2017]*

“CNG system” and “CNG vehicle” shall have the same meanings as in the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5);

*[S 520/2008 wef 20/10/2008]*

“examination” means an examination of a motor vehicle for the purposes of ascertaining whether the prescribed statutory requirements applicable to the vehicle have been complied with;

*[S 891/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

“heavy vehicle” means a motor vehicle with at least 4 wheels and which has a maximum laden weight exceeding 3.5 metric tons;

*[S 891/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

“inspection report” means the report on the detailed results of an examination issued under rule 10(1)(b);

*[S 891/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

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“in-vehicle unit” has the same meaning as in rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Electronic Road Pricing System) Rules 2011 (G.N. No. S 97/2011);

*[S 891/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

“light vehicle” means a motor vehicle with at least 4 wheels and which has a maximum laden weight not exceeding 3.5 metric tons;

*[S 891/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

“passenger car” means a motor vehicle with at least 4 wheels and which is designed and constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects and is adapted to carry not more than 7 persons exclusive of the driver;

*[S 891/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

“prescribed statutory requirements” means the requirements specified in the First Schedule;

“vehicle testing station” means the premises at which the Registrar has authorised an examiner to carry out any examination or the premises provided by the Registrar for carrying out an examination.

## Application for authorisation

**3.—**(1) Every application for authorisation shall be made to the Registrar and shall be signed by the applicant or, where the applicant is a firm or a body corporate, by a person who is duly authorised to do so by the firm or body corporate.

(2) An applicant for authorisation must make to the Registrar a separate application in respect of each vehicle testing station at which the applicant proposes to carry out any examination.

*[S 891/2014 wef 01/01/2015]*

## Authorisation

**4.—**(1) Where an application is made under rule 3, the Registrar may, after making such investigation and carrying out such inspection as he thinks fit, authorise the applicant to be an examiner for the purpose of carrying out examinations of any class or classes of motor vehicles or reject the application without assigning any reason.

(2) The Registrar may authorise a person to carry out examinations even if the person has not made an application under rule 3.

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## Conditions to be complied with by authorised examiner

**5.—**(1) Every authorised examiner shall comply with such conditions, if any, as may be specified in the authorisation and also with the following conditions:

- (a) the examiner shall carry out in accordance with these Rules examinations of motor vehicles in any such class as is specified in the authorisation of the examiner and shall in all other respects comply with such of the provisions of these Rules as applicable to the examiner;
- (b) subject to sub-paragraph (ba), the examiner must appoint, in respect of each of the examiner's vehicle testing stations —
  - (i) a manager to oversee the operations of the station;
  - (ii) an engineer to manage and oversee the operations of the station;
  - (iii) a chief inspector to manage the operations of the station; and
  - (iv) one or more inspectors to carry out or personally supervise examinations at the station and to sign test certificates;

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(ba) the examiner must not appoint the same person —

- (i) as manager under sub-paragraph (b)(i) in respect of more than

3 vehicle testing stations;

- (ii) as engineer under sub-paragraph (b)(ii) in respect of more than one vehicle testing station; or
- (iii) as chief inspector under sub-paragraph (b)(iii) in respect of more than one vehicle testing station;

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(c) the examiner must notify the Registrar in writing of —

- (i) the name of each person whom the examiner proposes to appoint as a manager, an engineer, a chief inspector or an inspector; and
- (ii) any cessation in the appointment of any person as a manager, an engineer, a chief inspector or an inspector, no later than 7 days after such cessation in appointment;

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(ca) the examiner must prepare or cause to be prepared for each of the examiner's vehicle testing stations a daily roster that sets out the name of each inspector, each inspector's respective assigned vehicle test lane and the time slots during which each inspector is on duty at the inspector's assigned vehicle test lane;

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(d) the examiner shall put up and keep exhibited in some conspicuous place in his vehicle testing station so as to be legible to persons submitting vehicles for examination at the station —

- (i) the authorisation in which that vehicle testing station is specified;
- (ii) a list of the names of the inspectors for the time being appointed to carry out or personally supervise examinations at that station and to sign test certificates; and

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- (iii) the daily roster referred to in sub-paragraph (ca) for that vehicle testing station;

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(da) the examiner must put up and keep exhibited in conspicuous places within the examiner's vehicle testing station, a sufficient number of signs to indicate the expected waiting time at the station during peak and off-peak