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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) RULES 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34 and 140 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2020 and come into operation on 20 December 2020.

Amendment of rule 9A

2. Rule 9A of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by inserting, immediately after the words “petrol-electric taxi” in the rule heading, the words “registered on or before 31 December 2012”.

New rule 9AB

3. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 9AA, the following rule:

“Rebate for new or secondhand electric car or electric taxi registered between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2023

9AB.—(1) Subject to rule 8, any person who wishes to register a new or secondhand electric car or electric taxi between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2023 (both dates inclusive) may apply to the Registrar for a rebate on the fee payable under rule 7(1)(a) in respect of that vehicle.

(2) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), the amount of the rebate which the Registrar may grant upon an application under paragraph (1) is an amount equal to 45% of the fee payable under rule 7(1)(a) or \$20,000, whichever is the lower.

(3) In the case of a secondhand electric car or electric taxi, any rebate granted under paragraph (2) must not be used to offset the sum of \$10,000 payable under rule 7(1A) at the time of its first registration in Singapore.

(4) In granting an application under paragraph (1), the Registrar may impose such conditions as the Registrar thinks fit.

(5) The Registrar must not grant an application under paragraph (1) unless the Registrar is satisfied that the new or secondhand electric car or electric taxi was originally constructed, by a manufacturer approved by the Registrar, to use electricity exclusively.

(6) Where the amount of fee payable under rule 7(1)(a) (less any rebate granted under rule 10(2)), is less than \$5,000 after the rebate under paragraph (2) is granted, the minimum amount of fee payable under rule 7(1)(a) (less any rebate granted under rule 10(2)) is \$5,000.

(7) Any excess amount of rebate allowable under paragraph (2) that reduces the fee payable under rule 7(1)(a) (less any rebate granted under rule 10(2)) to less than \$5,000, is forfeited.”.

Amendment of rule 10

4. Rule 10 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (7) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(7) Any excess amount of rebate allowable under paragraph (2) that reduces the fee payable under rule 7(1)(a) to less than \$5,000, is forfeited.”.

Amendment of rule 36

5. Rule 36 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after “(4AB)” in paragraph (4), “, (4AC)”;
- (b) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (4)(d);
- (c) by deleting the words “or after 1st July 2008.” in paragraph (4)(e) and substituting the words “any date between 1 July 2008 and 31 December 2020 (both dates inclusive); or”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (e) of paragraph (4), the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(f) the Twentieth Schedule, if the licence begins on or after 1 January 2021.”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (4AB), the following paragraph:

“(4AC) Despite paragraphs (4) and (4A), where —

- (a) a licence is for a vehicle that uses diesel, or both diesel and either natural gas or electricity, as its source or sources of power, and is —

- (i) a bus (other than an omnibus that is kept or used to provide bus services under a public bus services contract); or

- (ii) a goods vehicle, prime mover or goods-cum-passengers vehicle; and

- (b) the licence begins on any date on or after 1 August 2022,

then the fee payable for the licence is the appropriate fee specified in the Twenty-First Schedule.”;

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- (f) by deleting the words “Twelfth Schedule” in paragraph (4F)(b) and substituting the words “Twenty-First Schedule”;
 - (g) by deleting the words “or after 1 July 2008” in paragraph (ii) of the definition of “A” in paragraph (8)(d) and substituting the words “any date during the period from 1 July 2008 to 31 December 2020 (both dates inclusive)”;
 - (h) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (ii) of the definition of “A” in paragraph (8)(d), the following paragraph:
 - “(iia) in the Twentieth Schedule, if the licence begins on or after 1 January 2021, except as stated in paragraph (iv) or (v);”;
 - (i) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (iii) of the definition of “A” in paragraph (8)(d); and
 - (j) by deleting the full-stop at the end of paragraph (iv) of the definition of “A” in paragraph (8)(d) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:
 - “(v) in the Twenty-First Schedule, if the special motor vehicle or special type of motor vehicle uses diesel or both diesel and either natural gas or electricity as its source or sources of power and the licence begins on or after 1 August 2022.”.

Amendment of rule 36A

6. Rule 36A of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (c);
- (b) by deleting the words “or after 1st July 2008.” in paragraph (d) and substituting the words “any date

between 1 July 2008 and 31 December 2020 (both dates inclusive); or”; and

- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (d), the following paragraph:

“(e) the Twentieth Schedule, if the licence begins on or after 1 January 2021.”.

Amendment of rule 36B

7. Rule 36B of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (1)(c);
- (b) by deleting the words “or after 1st July 2008” in paragraph (1)(d) and substituting the words “any date between 1 July 2008 and 31 December 2020 (both dates inclusive)”;
- (c) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1) and substituting the word “; or”, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraph:

“(e) the Twentieth Schedule, if the licence begins on or after 1 January 2021.”;

- (d) by deleting the words “after 31 July 2016.” in paragraph (1C)(b) and substituting the words “between 31 July 2016 and 31 December 2020 (both dates inclusive);”; and

- (e) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (1C), the following sub-paragraph:

“(c) the appropriate fee specified in the Twentieth Schedule calculated proportionately for the period of the licence remaining on or after 1 January 2021.”.