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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (VOCATIONAL LICENCES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS, TRISHAW RIDERS AND PASSENGERS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2019 and come into operation on 15 April 2019.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “occupational therapist”, the following definition:

““permanent resident of Singapore” means a person who holds a valid entry permit under section 10 of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133) or a valid re-entry permit under section 11 of that Act;”.

Amendment of rule 5

3. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) If the applicant for a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car is not a citizen of Singapore, the Registrar must, before granting a licence, be satisfied that the applicant is employed as a chauffeured private hire car driver by —

(a) a certified private hire car licensee; or

(b) a private hire car booking service operator which is not a certified private hire car licensee.”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2), the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) evidence of the applicant’s employment, where relevant;”.

Amendment of rule 7A

4. Rule 7A of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Unless earlier suspended or revoked, a licence (other than a licence to drive an omnibus or a chauffeured private hire car) is valid for a period not exceeding 3 years starting from the date specified by the Registrar in a written notice to the licensee on the grant of the licence.”;

(b) by deleting the words “the licensee” in paragraph (3)(a)(i) and (d) and substituting in each case the words “the person”;

(c) by deleting the word “applicant” wherever it appears in paragraph (3)(a)(ii), (b)(i) and (iii), (c)(i) and (iii) and (d)(ii) and (iii) and substituting in each case the word “person”;

(d) by deleting the words “not a citizen of Singapore” in paragraph (3)(c) and (d) and substituting in each case the words “a permanent resident of Singapore”;