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### **ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)**

#### **ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) RULES 2018**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 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 2018 and come into operation on 26 November 2018.

#### **Amendment of rule 8**

2. Rule 8 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs (2) and (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) An application under paragraph (1) may be made by or on behalf of the person eligible to be granted a rebate under paragraph (4).

(3) A rebate on —

(a) the fees payable under rules 6 and 7; and

(b) the quota premium payable under the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) Rules (R 31) for a certificate of entitlement,

in respect of a new vehicle or secondhand vehicle (as the case may be) at the time of its registration may be granted under paragraph (4) by the Registrar on his own initiative to the person eligible to be so granted.”;

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- (b) by deleting the words “if he is satisfied that the applicant satisfies or undertakes to comply with all the following conditions” in paragraph (4) and substituting the words “to a person in respect of whom the Registrar is satisfied that all the following conditions are met”;
  - (c) by deleting the word “applicant” in paragraph (4)(a) and substituting the word “person”;
  - (d) by deleting sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (4) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:
    - “(b) no tax or fee payable under the Act in respect of the person’s old vehicle is outstanding;
    - (c) the old vehicle of which the person is or was the registered owner was, or is to be, de-registered any time on or after 31 December 1975, and one of the following applies:
      - (i) it has a chassis number and an engine number which is the same as the chassis number and engine number of the vehicle as recorded in the register of vehicles and has been, or is to be, destroyed, exported or otherwise removed permanently from all roads in Singapore;
      - (ii) it has a chassis number or an engine number which is different from the chassis number or engine number of the vehicle as recorded in the register of vehicles, but not because the person wilfully or negligently caused the difference with the intention of dishonestly obtaining the rebate, or the person is wilfully furthering such an intention;

- (iii) it has been lost through theft or criminal breach of trust and the circumstances described in paragraph (15) apply in relation to the old vehicle;
  - (iv) it has been seized under any written law and the circumstances described in paragraph (15A) apply in relation to the old vehicle;”;
- (e) by deleting sub-paragraph (g) of paragraph (4) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
  - “(g) the new vehicle or secondhand vehicle (as the case may be) to be registered will be registered in the name of the person within 12 months after the date the old vehicle is de-registered or within such further period as the Registrar may allow in any particular case.”;
- (f) by deleting the words “the applicant” in paragraph (5) and substituting the words “the person granted the rebate”;
- (g) by deleting paragraphs (9), (10) and (11) and substituting the following paragraphs:
  - “(9) Subject to paragraphs (10) and (11), where the amount of the rebate granted under paragraph (4) exceeds the amount of fees payable under rules 6 and 7 and the quota premium payable under the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) Rules for a certificate of entitlement in respect of the vehicle to be registered, the excess amount of the rebate is forfeited.
  - (10) A person who holds the benefit of any rebate granted under paragraph (4) may apply to the Registrar for the whole amount of the rebate to be divided into such smaller portions as the person may require and —

- (a) to use each such portion for the registration of a separate vehicle; or
- (b) to transfer any such portion to another person under paragraph (6).

(11) A person who holds the benefit of any rebate granted under paragraph (4) in respect of 2 or more old vehicles may apply to the Registrar for the benefits of such rebates to be used collectively for the registration of one or more vehicles.”; and

- (h) by deleting paragraphs (15), (15A) and (15B) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(15) The following are the applicable circumstances relating to an old vehicle for the purpose of paragraph (4)(c)(iii):

- (a) the old vehicle was reported to the police to be lost —
  - (i) on or after 1 April 1994, through theft and more than 3 months have passed after the date of that report; or
  - (ii) on or after 1 January 2005, through criminal breach of trust and more than one year has passed after the date of that report;
- (b) at the time it was reported to the police as lost through theft, the old vehicle was insured under a policy of insurance effected on or after 1 April 1994;
- (c) at the time it was reported lost to the police, the old vehicle —
  - (i) if not a taxi, was not more than 10 years old; or
  - (ii) if a taxi, was not more than 8 years old;