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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT  
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC  
(MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING LICENCES)  
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2015**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 48 and 140 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2015 and shall come into operation on 1 February 2015.

**Amendment of rule 2**

2. Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules (R 27) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

- (a) by deleting the semi-colon at the end of the definition of “provisional licence” and substituting a full-stop; and
- (b) by deleting the definitions of “registered medical practitioner” and “test”.

**Amendment of rule 3**

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (5)(a);

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph (5) and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following sub-paragraphs:

“(c) the Deputy Commissioner of Police or authorised officer is not satisfied that the applicant is physically fit to drive that class of vehicle; or

(d) the applicant has not passed the whole or such part of the prescribed test of competence to drive that class of vehicle as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may require.”; and

(c) by deleting paragraphs (6) and (7) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(6) The prescribed fee referred to in section 35(6) and (6A) of the Act is \$50 for —

(a) each grant of a driving licence for any class of vehicle; or

(b) a renewal of a driving licence in relation to all classes of vehicles specified or endorsed on the licence.

(7) Despite paragraph (6), no fee is payable —

(a) for the grant of a driving licence under rule 21 where a holder of a driving licence applies under that rule for a driving licence to drive a class of vehicle that his current driving licence does not permit him to drive; or

(b) for the grant of a driving licence to a person referred to in section 36(2)(a)(i) of the Act.

(8) A fee of \$25 is payable for each grant or renewal of a provisional driving licence for any class of vehicle.

(9) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may waive any fee referred to in this rule.”.

**Deletion of rule 3A**

4. Rule 3A of the principal Rules is deleted.

**Amendment of rule 4**

5. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) To avoid doubt, the reference in this rule to the application for and the grant of a licence does not include an application for a renewal of a licence.”.

**New rule 4A**

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 4, the following rule:

**“Validity of driving licences for all classes of vehicles other than Class 4, 4A and 5 where holder attains prescribed age**

**4A.** A Class 1, 2, 2A, 2B, 3 or 3A driving licence ceases to be in force on the date the holder of the driving licence attains 65 years of age and at the end of every 3 years after that date (called in this rule collectively the specified ages), unless the holder —

- (a) within 2 months before attaining any of the specified ages, undergoes a medical examination referred to in rule 5A(1) at his own expense; and
- (b) submits to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, within such time as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may require but in any event no later than the date before the holder attains any of the specified ages, a certification by the registered medical practitioner who conducted the medical examination that the holder is physically fit to drive a vehicle of that class.”.

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**Deletion and substitution of rule 5**

7. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

**“Validity of Class 4, 4A and 5 driving licences where holder attains prescribed age**

**5.—**(1) A person who has attained 70 years of age shall not drive a Class 4, 4A or 5 vehicle.

(2) A Class 4, 4A or 5 driving licence ceases to be in force on the date the holder of the driving licence attains 65, 66, 67, 68 or 69 years of age, unless the holder —

- (a) within 2 months before attaining any such age, undergoes a medical examination referred to in rule 5A(1) at his own expense;
- (b) submits to the Deputy Commissioner of Police, within such time as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may require but in any event no later than the date before the holder attains any such age, a certification by the registered medical practitioner who conducted the medical examination that the holder is physically fit to drive a vehicle of that class; and
- (c) within 2 months before attaining any such age, passes the whole or such part of the Proficiency Driving Test as may be required by the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(c), the Deputy Commissioner of Police may, in special circumstances, waive any of the requirements specified in the Proficiency Driving Test.”.

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**Deletion and substitution of rule 5A**

8. Rule 5A of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

**“Section 35(10A)(a) medical examination**

**5A.**—(1) The prescribed medical examination for the purposes of section 35(10A)(a) of the Act involves an examination of the driving licence holder’s —

- (a) past medical history;
- (b) vision;
- (c) hearing;
- (d) movement; and
- (e) physical or mental abnormalities which may make the holder physically unfit to drive.

(2) The medical examination referred to in paragraph (1) and the certification of a holder of a driving licence as being physically fit to drive a vehicle of a class specified in his driving licence is to be conducted by —

- (a) such registered medical practitioner as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may specify; or
- (b) a registered medical practitioner of the holder’s choice if the Deputy Commissioner of Police does not so specify.

(3) A person referred to in section 36(2)(a)(i) of the Act who applies for a new licence must —

- (a) within 2 months before his application, undergo a medical examination referred to in paragraph (1) at his own expense; and
- (b) submit together with his application, a certification by the registered medical practitioner who conducted the medical examination that the person is physically fit to drive a vehicle of that class.”.