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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, TEST)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2014**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 90 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) (Amendment) Rules 2014 and shall come into operation on 1 January 2015.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) Rules (R 21) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting the definition of “examination” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “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;

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

(b) by deleting the words “or 15(5)” in the definition of “inspection report”; and

(c) by deleting the definition of “inspector” and substituting the following definitions:

“ “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);

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

“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;”.

Amendment of rule 3

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(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.”.

Amendment of rule 4

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

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

Amendment of rule 5

5. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(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;
- (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;
- (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;
- (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;";
- (b) by deleting the word "and" at the end of paragraph (1)(d)(i);
- (c) by deleting sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (1)(d) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:
 - "(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
 - (iii) the daily roster referred to in sub-paragraph (ca) for that vehicle testing station;";

(d) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (d) of paragraph (1), the following sub-paragraph:

“(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 hours;”;

(e) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(2) A person must not be appointed as a manager for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(i) unless —

(a) the person has at least a degree in engineering (or an equivalent qualification) and 5 years of relevant working experience; and

(b) the Registrar is of the opinion that the person is competent to act as a manager.

(3) A person must not be appointed as an engineer for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(ii) unless —

(a) the person has at least —

(i) a degree in engineering (or an equivalent qualification); or

(ii) a diploma in engineering (or an equivalent qualification) and 5 years of relevant working experience; and

(b) the Registrar is of the opinion that the person is competent to act as an engineer.

(4) A person must not be appointed as a chief inspector for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(iii) unless —

(a) the person has 5 years of relevant working experience and at least —

(i) a National Institute of Technical Education Certificate;

(ii) a National Technical Certificate 2; or

(iii) any other equivalent qualification; and

(b) the Registrar is of the opinion that the person is competent to act as a chief inspector.

(5) A person must not be appointed as an inspector for the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(iv) unless —

- (a) the person has at least a National Institute of Technical Education Certificate, a National Technical Certificate 3 or any other equivalent qualification;
- (b) the person has attended and completed a course in vehicle inspection conducted by the Institute of Technical Education or any training centre approved by the Registrar; and
- (c) the Registrar is of the opinion that the person is competent to act as an inspector.

(6) A person must not be appointed by an authorised examiner as a manager, an engineer, a chief inspector or an inspector unless the person is —

- (a) in the case where the authorised examiner is an individual, the authorised examiner;
- (b) in the case where the authorised examiner is a partnership, a partner in the authorised examiner;
- (c) in any case, an employee of the authorised examiner.”.

New rule 5A

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 5, the following rule:

“Cancellation of appointment

5A.—(1) If it appears to the Registrar that a person appointed by an authorised examiner as a manager, an engineer, a chief inspector or an inspector (called in this rule the relevant appointee) is unfit to perform the functions and duties of the appointment, the Registrar may by notice in writing require the examiner to cancel the relevant appointee’s appointment as such.

(2) The Registrar must, before requiring an authorised examiner to cancel a relevant appointee’s appointment under paragraph (1), give the examiner and the relevant appointee notice in writing of the Registrar’s intention to do so and an opportunity to submit reasons, within such period as the Registrar may specify in that notice, as to why the relevant appointee’s appointment should not be cancelled.