Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules 2006

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# ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

## ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2006

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

### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and

Licensing) (Amendment) Rules 2006 and shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1st January 2006.

### Amendment of rule 2

**2.** Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "category (f) certificate of entitlement", the following definition:

" "CNG vehicle" means a vehicle —

- (a) which uses natural gas exclusively as its source of power; or
- (b) which has 2 separate fuel systems and can run on either natural gas or petrol, using only one type of fuel at a time;";
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "electric car", the following definitions:
  - " "electric vehicle" means a bus, a heavy goods vehicle or a light goods vehicle that is mechanically propelled by means of electric traction motors;
    - "Euro IV vehicle" means a vehicle the standard for exhaust emission of which complies with the specifications set out in Directive No. 98/69/EC of the Council of European Communities for the year 2005 and which uses diesel as its source of power;"; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of "hybrid car", the following definition:
  - " "hybrid vehicle" means a bus, a heavy goods vehicle or a light goods vehicle that is mechanically propelled by means of a combination of internal combustion engines and electric traction motors;".

### Amendment of rule 9A

**3.** Rule 9A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

"(3) Subject to paragraph (4), the amount of the rebate which the Registrar may grant upon an application under paragraph (1) shall be —

- (*a*) if the motor vehicle is first registered before 1st January 2006, an amount equal to 20% of the value of the motor vehicle as determined by the Registrar under rule 7 (3) at the date of its first registration; or
- (b) if the motor vehicle is first registered on any date between 1st January 2006 and 31st December 2007 (both dates inclusive), an amount equal to 40% of the value of the motor vehicle as determined by the Registrar under rule 7 (3) at the date of its first registration.".

### Amendment of rule 9B

4. Rule 9B of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

"(2) The Registrar may grant an application made under paragraph (1) if he is satisfied that the new vehicle in respect of which the application is made is a vehicle that comes within any of the descriptions in paragraph (5)(a) to (j).";

(b) by deleting paragraph (5) and substituting the following paragraph:

"(5) The rebate which the Registrar may grant upon an application made under paragraph (1) shall, subject to paragraph (6), be —

- (a) if the vehicle, being a private motor car, private hire motor car, station wagon (passengers only) or business service passenger vehicle (excluding a taxi), is a CNG vehicle, an amount equal to —
  - (i) 20% of the value of the vehicle if registered before 1st January 2006; or
  - (ii) 40% of the value of the vehicle if registered between 1st January 2006 and 31st December 2007 (both dates inclusive);
- (b) if the vehicle is a taxi which is a CNG vehicle and is registered on or after 1st June 2004 but before 1st January 2006, an amount equal to 100% of the value of the vehicle;