

Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2002

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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING LICENCES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2002

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.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2002 and shall, with the exception of rules 2(a) and (b), 3 and 6 to 9, come into operation on 1st November 2002.

(2) Rules 2(a) and (b), 3 and 6 to 9 shall come into operation on 16th December 2002.

Amendment of rule 2

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

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “demerit points”, the following definition:

“ “authorised officer” means a person authorised by the Deputy Commissioner of Police to perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Deputy Commissioner of Police under these Rules, and includes an overseas representative;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “overall height”, the following definition:

“ “overseas representative” means a diplomatic or consular officer of the government in any foreign country and includes a Trade Commissioner of Singapore in any foreign country;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “provisional licence”, the following definition:

“ “Proficiency Driving Test” means the test specified in Part III of the Second Schedule;”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 3

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Application for grant or renewal of licence

3.—(1) Except with the approval of the Deputy Commissioner of Police or an authorised officer, a person who desires to obtain or renew a licence shall —

(a) submit in person to the Deputy Commissioner of Police or authorised officer an application in such form as the Deputy Commissioner of

Police may determine; and

- (b) furnish such particulars as the Deputy Commissioner of Police or authorised officer may require.

(2) An application for the grant or renewal of a driving licence shall be accompanied by one photograph of the applicant.

(3) The photograph referred to in paragraph (2) shall comply with the specifications set out in the Ninth Schedule.

(4) An application for the grant or renewal of a licence may be received and dealt with at any time within one month before the date on which the grant or renewal of the licence is to take effect.

(5) The Deputy Commissioner of Police or authorised officer may refuse to grant or renew a driving licence for any of the classes of vehicles in respect of which the application is made if —

- (a) the applicant fails to submit a photograph in accordance with paragraph (2); or
- (b) in the opinion of the Deputy Commissioner of Police or authorised officer, the photograph of the applicant accompanying his application for the driving licence —
 - (i) does not comply with the specifications set out in the Ninth Schedule;
 - (ii) is distorted or unclear; or
 - (iii) has been tampered with.

(6) The fee payable for the grant or renewal of a driving licence shall be as follows:

- (a) where the applicant is a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, \$50 for the duration of the applicant's lifetime; or
- (b) where the applicant is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, \$50 for any period not exceeding 5 years from the date of the grant or renewal of the licence.

(7) The fee payable for the grant or renewal of a provisional driving licence for each class of vehicle shall be \$25 for 6 months or part thereof.”.

New rule 3A

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 3, the following rule:

“Validity of Class 1, 2, 2A, 2B and 3 driving licences

3A.—(1) A Class 1, 2, 2A, 2B or 3 driving licence shall cease to be valid and shall be of no effect upon the holder thereof attaining the age of 65, 68, 71, 74, 77, 80, 83, 86, 89, 92, 95, 98 or 101, unless the Deputy Commissioner of Police has, within 2 months before the holder attains any such age, received a copy of the holder’s medical report issued by a registered medical practitioner certifying that he is physically and mentally fit to drive a motor vehicle.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, within 2 months before the holder attains each of the ages specified in paragraph (1), require the holder, at his own expense, to be certified physically and mentally fit to drive a motor vehicle by a registered medical practitioner of his own choice, or by such registered medical practitioner as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may determine.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 5 and new rule 5A

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

“Validity of Class 4, 4A and 5 driving licences

5.—(1) A Class 4, 4A or 5 driving licence shall cease to be valid and shall be of no effect upon the holder thereof attaining the age of 65, 66, 67, 68 or 69, unless —

- (a) the Deputy Commissioner of Police has, within 2 months before the holder attains any such age, received a copy of the holder’s medical report issued by a registered medical practitioner in the service of the Government certifying that he is physically and mentally fit to drive a motor vehicle; and
- (b) where required by the Deputy Commissioner of Police, the holder has passed the Proficiency Driving Test within 3 months of attaining any such age.

(2) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, within 2 months before the holder attains each of the ages specified in paragraph (1), require the holder, at his own expense, to be certified physically and mentally fit to drive a motor vehicle by such registered medical practitioner in the service of the Government as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may determine.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b), the Deputy Commissioner of Police