

# **Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Rules**

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### **ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (VOCATIONAL LICENCES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS AND PASSENGERS) RULES**

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PART I  
PRELIMINARY

**Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Rules.

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**Definitions**

2. For the purpose of these Rules —

“authorised officer” means a person authorised by the Registrar to discharge any of the functions and duties or to exercise any of the powers of the Registrar under these Rules;

“authorised person” means a licensee of a public service vehicle, or employee of the owner of a public service vehicle, or a person acting as a driver or conductor of a vehicle while it is being used for the carriage of passengers for the purpose of gain;

“conductor” means a person licensed under these Rules to act as a conductor of a vehicle;

“driver” means a person licensed under these Rules to drive a vehicle;

“licence” means a vocational licence to act as a driver or conductor of a vehicle or to ride a trishaw granted under these Rules;

“licensee” means the holder of a licence;

“public stand” means any public stand provided for public service vehicles under Part V of the Act and includes a bus terminus, taxi stand and trishaw stand ;

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“taxi stop” means an area of a road designated as such by means of a sign similar to that specified in the First Schedule and marked on the road by means of yellow lines;

“trishaw rider” means a person licensed under these Rules to ride a trishaw for the purpose of gain;

“vehicle” means any public service vehicle;

“vocational licence” means a vocational licence issued under section 110 of the Act.

## PART II

### LICENSING OF DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS AND TRISHAW RIDERS

#### **Licence**

3.—(1) No person shall drive or act as a driver or conductor of a vehicle or ride a trishaw unless he is the holder of a licence authorising him to do so.

(2) Paragraph 1 shall not apply to a person who drives a private hire car or a private bus in the course of his employment or otherwise.

#### **Application for licence**

4.—(1) Every person who desires to obtain a licence shall make an application to the Registrar for the grant of a licence.

(2) Every application to the Registrar under paragraph (1) shall be —

- (a) made in writing in such form as the Registrar may require and be signed by the applicant; and
- (b) accompanied by two recent photographs of a size and form suitable for passports of the applicant.

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(3) Every applicant for a licence shall have his finger prints taken by the Registrar or an authorised officer.

(4) Before a licence is issued, the licensee shall be photographed in such manner and at such time and place as the Registrar may direct.

#### **Consideration of application for licence**

5.—(1) No licence shall be granted unless the Registrar is satisfied that the applicant therefor is a fit and proper person to be licensed.

(2) In considering an application for a licence, the Registrar may make such enquiries as he thinks fit and may require the applicant to furnish —

- (a) evidence of the applicant's age;
- (b) a certificate from a medical practitioner that the applicant is fit physically for the vocation in respect of which he applies for a licence;