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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (VOCATIONAL LICENCES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS AND PASSENGERS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2005

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 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 (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2005 and shall come into operation on 1st March 2005.

Amendment of rule 4

- **2.** Rule 4(2) of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Rules (R 8) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (*c*) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
 - "(c) accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$40.".

Amendment of rule 5

- 3. Rule 5(2) of the principal Rules is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (b), the following sub-paragraph:
 - "(ba) a certificate of completion of such course of instruction as the Registrar may approve;";

- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (ii) of sub-paragraph (d); and
- (c) by deleting the words "an air-conditioned" in sub-paragraph (e) and substituting the word "a".

Amendment of rule 6

- **4.** Rule 6(1) of the principal Rules is amended
 - (a) by inserting, at the end of sub-paragraph (b), the word "and";
 - (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (c); and
 - (c) by deleting the words "other than an omnibus" in sub-paragraph (d).

Amendment of rule 7

- **5.** Rule 7 of the principal Rules is amended
 - (a) by deleting paragraph (1);
 - (b) by deleting the words "paragraph (1)" in paragraph (3) and substituting the words "this Part";
 - (c) by deleting the words "one year" in paragraph (3) and substituting the words "3 years"; and
 - (d) by deleting the marginal note and inserting the following rule heading:

"Form of licence".

Deletion and substitution of rule 9

6. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rules substituted therefor:

"Renewal of licence

- **9.**—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (5), (6) and (7) and rule 9A, the Registrar may, on receiving an application for the renewal of a licence and on payment of a non-refundable fee of \$40, renew the licence for a period of 3 years or such shorter period as he may determine.
- (2) No licence shall be renewed unless the Registrar is satisfied that the applicant is a fit and proper person to be licensed.

- (3) In considering a renewal of a licence, the Registrar may make such enquiries as he thinks fit and may, in the case of a renewal of a licence to drive a taxi, require the applicant to have satisfactorily completed such taxi driver's refresher course as the Registrar may approve.
- (4) Where a licence is renewed, it shall take effect from the day on which it is renewed or from the day following the expiry of the previous licence, whichever is the later.
- (5) Subject to paragraphs (6) and (7), a licence which has ceased to be valid may be renewed on payment of a non-refundable fee of \$40.
- (6) Where a licence has ceased to be valid for a period of more than 6 months, the applicant shall pay an additional non-refundable fee of \$25 at the time of application for the renewal of his licence.
- (7) No licence which has ceased to be valid for a continuous period of more than 3 years shall be renewed.

Medical certificate as to fitness to drive

- **9A.**—(1) In considering an application to renew a licence, the Registrar may require the applicant to furnish a medical certificate.
- (2) The following licensees shall, at the request of the Registrar and within such time as the Registrar may allow, furnish a medical certificate to the Registrar:
 - (a) a licensee who, on or after 1st March 2005, is at least 50 years but below 65 years of age and who has not furnished a medical certificate to the Registrar for at least 2 preceding years; or
 - (b) a licensee who, on or after 1st March 2005, is at least 65 years but below 70 years of age and who has not furnished a medical certificate to the Registrar for at least one preceding year.
- (3) The period referred to in paragraph (2)(a) or (b) may be a period before 1st March 2005.

- (4) If a licensee does not furnish a medical certificate as required under paragraph (2), his licence shall be deemed to be revoked.
- (5) In this rule, "medical certificate" means a certificate from a medical practitioner that the licensee is fit physically for the vocation in respect of which the licence has been granted.".

Amendment of rule 14

7. Rule 14 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words "and a police report of the loss or destruction are" in paragraph (b) of the proviso and substituting the words "or a police report of the loss or destruction is".

Transitional provision

8. Where an application for a licence is made under the principal Rules before 1st March 2005, then notwithstanding rule 5(a) of these Rules, the fee for the licence issued on or after that date shall be \$20.

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Chairman, Land Transport Authority of Singapore.

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