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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2025

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules 2025 and come into operation on 19 February 2025.

Amendment of rule 25

2. In the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5), in rule 25 —

(a) after paragraph (9A), insert —

“(9B) Subject to paragraph (9C), the Registrar must not approve the transfer of the registration of a chauffeured private hire car from the name of a business to the name of an individual.

(9C) However, subject to paragraph (9D), the Registrar may, in his discretion, approve the transfer of the registration of a chauffeured private hire car from the name of a business (called business *X*) to the name of an individual after a period of 3 years has elapsed after any of the following dates:

(a) where the chauffeured private hire car has, at all times, been registered under the Act in the name of business *X* — the date the

chauffeured private hire car was so registered;

- (b) where the vehicle has been re-registered under the Act as a chauffeured private hire car in the name of business *X* and its registration has not subsequently been transferred under the Act to the name of any other business — the date the chauffeured private hire car was so re-registered;
- (c) where the vehicle has been re-registered under the Act as a chauffeured private hire car in the name of any business (including business *X*) and its registration has subsequently been transferred under the Act (through one or more transfers to the name of any business) to the name of business *X* — the date the chauffeured private hire car was so re-registered;
- (d) where the registration under the Act of a chauffeured private hire car has been transferred under the Act from the name of an individual to the name of business *X* and its registration has not subsequently been transferred under the Act to the name of any other business — the date the registration of the chauffeured private hire car was so transferred from the name of the individual;
- (e) where the registration under the Act of a chauffeured private hire car has been transferred under the Act from the name of an individual to the name of any business (including business *X*) and its registration has subsequently been transferred under the Act (through one or

more transfers to the name of any business) to the name of business *X* — the date the registration of the chauffeured private hire car was so transferred from the name of the individual.

(9D) Paragraph (9C) only applies —

- (a) in the case of paragraph (9C)(a) — where the registration mentioned in paragraph (9C)(a) is made using a certificate of entitlement issued on or after 19 February 2025;
- (b) in the case of paragraph (9C)(b) or (c) — where an application for the re-registration mentioned in paragraph (9C)(b) or (c) was submitted on or after 19 February 2025; or
- (c) in the case of paragraph (9C)(d) or (e) — where an application for the transfer mentioned in paragraph (9C)(d) or (e) from the name of an individual was submitted on or after 19 February 2025.”; and

(b) after paragraph (11), insert —

“(12) In paragraphs (9B) and (9C), the name of a business refers to —

- (a) the name of a company, firm, society, club, association, insurer, charitable organisation or car-sharing co-operative;
- (b) the business name of an individual registered under the Business Names Registration Act 2014;
- (c) the name of a business trust registered under the Business Trusts Act 2004;

- (d) the name of a limited partnership registered under the Limited Partnerships Act 2008; or
- (e) the name of a Town Council established under section 4 of the Town Councils Act 1988.”.

Amendment of rule 33H

3. In the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules, in rule 33H, after paragraph (5), insert —

“(6) Despite paragraph (1) and subject to paragraph (7), the Registrar must not re-register a chauffeured private hire car under paragraph (1)(b) that has been registered in the name of a business.

(7) However, subject to paragraph (8), the Registrar may, in the discretion of the Registrar, re-register a chauffeured private hire car under paragraph (1)(b) that has been registered in the name of a business (called business *X*) after a period of 3 years has elapsed after any of the following dates:

- (a) where the chauffeured private hire car has, at all times, been registered under the Act in the name of business *X* — the date the chauffeured private hire car was so registered;
- (b) where the vehicle has been re-registered under the Act as a chauffeured private hire car in the name of business *X* and its registration has not subsequently been transferred under the Act to the name of any other business — the date the chauffeured private hire car was so re-registered;
- (c) where the vehicle has been re-registered under the Act as a chauffeured private hire car in the name of any business (including business *X*) and its registration has subsequently been transferred under the Act (through one or more transfers to the name of any

business) to the name of business *X* — the date the chauffeured private hire car was so re-registered;

- (d) where the registration under the Act of a chauffeured private hire car has been transferred under the Act from the name of an individual to the name of business *X* and its registration has not subsequently been transferred under the Act to the name of any other business — the date the registration of the chauffeured private hire car was so transferred from the name of the individual;
- (e) where the registration under the Act of a chauffeured private hire car has been transferred under the Act from the name of an individual to the name of any business (including business *X*) and its registration has subsequently been transferred under the Act (through one or more transfers to the name of any business) to the name of business *X* — the date the registration of the chauffeured private hire car was so transferred from the name of the individual.

(8) Paragraph (7) only applies —

- (a) in the case of paragraph (7)(a) — where the registration mentioned in paragraph (7)(a) is made using a certificate of entitlement issued on or after 19 February 2025;
- (b) in the case of paragraph (7)(b) or (c) — where an application for the re-registration mentioned in paragraph (7)(b) or (c) was submitted on or after 19 February 2025; or
- (c) in the case of paragraph (7)(d) or (e) — where an application for the transfer mentioned in paragraph (7)(d) or (e) from the name of an individual was submitted on or after 19 February 2025.

(9) In paragraphs (6) and (7), the name of a business refers to —

- (a) the name of a company, firm, society, club, association, insurer, charitable organisation or car-sharing co-operative;
- (b) the business name of an individual registered under the Business Names Registration Act 2014;
- (c) the name of a business trust registered under the Business Trusts Act 2004;
- (d) the name of a limited partnership registered under the Limited Partnerships Act 2008; or
- (e) the name of a Town Council established under section 4 of the Town Councils Act 1988.”.

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S 1013/2020; S 1092/2020; S 1100/2020; S 233/2021;
S 263/2021; S 507/2021; S 955/2021; S 1049/2021;
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S 1041/2022; S 70/2023; S 194/2023; S 551/2023;
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