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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING LICENCES)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2013**

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. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2013 and shall come into operation on 1st May 2013.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules (R 27) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “provisional licence”, the following definition:

““registered medical practitioner” means a person registered under the Medical Registration Act (Cap. 174) and includes a person deemed to be so registered under section 72(1) of that Act;”.

Amendment of rule 3A

3. Rule 3A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, no earlier than 2 months before the holder attains every age 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) such registered medical practitioner as or from such class of registered medical practitioners as the

Deputy Commissioner of Police may specify in that requirement; or

- (b) a registered medical practitioner of the holder's choice if the Deputy Commissioner of Police does not so specify.”.

Amendment of rule 5

4. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “in the service of the Government” in paragraph (1)(a); and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, no earlier than 2 months before the holder attains every age 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) such registered medical practitioner as or from such class of registered medical practitioners as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may specify in that requirement; or
- (b) a registered medical practitioner of the holder's choice if the Deputy Commissioner of Police does not so specify.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 5A

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

“Power of Deputy Commissioner of Police to renew licence which has ceased to be valid

5A. The Deputy Commissioner of Police may renew a driving licence which has ceased to be valid under rule 3A(1) or 5(1) if the holder has, at any time after attaining every age specified in rule 3A(1) or 5(1), as the case may be, submitted a copy of the medical report issued by —

- (a) such registered medical practitioner as or from such class of registered medical practitioners as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may specify; or

(b) a registered medical practitioner of the holder's choice if the Deputy Commissioner of Police does not so specify,
certifying that he is physically and mentally fit to drive a motor vehicle.”.

Amendment of rule 8A

6. Rule 8A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraphs (1) and (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(1) For the purposes of section 37 of the Act, the prescribed test, in relation to an applicant for the grant of a driving licence or a licence holder, shall be the medical examination and the certification by —

- (a) such registered medical practitioner as or from such class of registered medical practitioners as the Deputy Commissioner of Police may specify; or
- (b) a registered medical practitioner of the holder's choice if the Deputy Commissioner of Police does not so specify,

stating that the applicant or licence holder, as the case may be, is fit to drive a motor vehicle.

(2) Where a licence holder is required to undergo the prescribed test under section 37(8) of the Act and he has previously undergone a medical examination by a registered medical practitioner for the purpose of section 37(6) of the Act, the Deputy Commissioner of Police may, by notice in writing to the licence holder, require that the prescribed test be conducted by any other registered medical practitioner or class of registered medical practitioners.”.

Deletion of Tenth Schedule

7. The Tenth Schedule to the principal Rules is deleted.

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S 774/2004; S 392/2005; S 500/2005; S 28/2009;
S 112/2010; S 646/2010; S 55/2012]*

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