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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (VOCATIONAL LICENCES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS, TRISHAW RIDERS AND PASSENGERS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2019 and come into operation on 15 April 2019.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “occupational therapist”, the following definition:

““permanent resident of Singapore” means a person who holds a valid entry permit under section 10 of the Immigration Act (Cap. 133) or a valid re-entry permit under section 11 of that Act;”.

Amendment of rule 5

3. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) If the applicant for a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car is not a citizen of Singapore, the Registrar must, before granting a licence, be satisfied that the applicant is employed as a chauffeured private hire car driver by —

(a) a certified private hire car licensee; or

(b) a private hire car booking service operator which is not a certified private hire car licensee.”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (2), the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) evidence of the applicant’s employment, where relevant;”.

Amendment of rule 7A

4. Rule 7A of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Unless earlier suspended or revoked, a licence (other than a licence to drive an omnibus or a chauffeured private hire car) is valid for a period not exceeding 3 years starting from the date specified by the Registrar in a written notice to the licensee on the grant of the licence.”;

(b) by deleting the words “the licensee” in paragraph (3)(a)(i) and (d) and substituting in each case the words “the person”;

(c) by deleting the word “applicant” wherever it appears in paragraph (3)(a)(ii), (b)(i) and (iii), (c)(i) and (iii) and (d)(ii) and (iii) and substituting in each case the word “person”;

(d) by deleting the words “not a citizen of Singapore” in paragraph (3)(c) and (d) and substituting in each case the words “a permanent resident of Singapore”;

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- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words “grant of the licence or” in paragraph (3)(d), the word “until”; and
 - (f) by deleting sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (3)(d).

Saving and transitional provision

5.—(1) Where —

- (a) an application is made before 15 April 2019 under rule 4 or 9 of the principal Rules for or to renew a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car; and
- (b) the application —
 - (i) is by a person who is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
 - (ii) is pending before the Registrar on 14 April 2019,

the principal Rules as in force immediately before 15 April 2019 continue to apply to the application.

(2) Despite rule 4, rule 7A(3)(d) of the principal Rules as in force immediately before 15 April 2019 continues to apply to the following licences:

- (a) a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car that was granted before 15 April 2019 to a person who —
 - (i) is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and
 - (ii) is employed as a chauffeured private hire car driver by a private hire car booking service operator which is not a certified private hire car licensee;
- (b) a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car that is granted or renewed on or after 15 April 2019, pursuant to an application mentioned in paragraph (1), to a person who —
 - (i) is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore; and

- (ii) is employed as a chauffeured private hire car driver by a private hire car booking service operator which is not a certified private hire car licensee.

(3) In this rule, “certified private hire car licensee”, “licence” and “private hire car booking service operator” have the same meanings as in rule 2 of the principal Rules.

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