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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (COMPETENCY TESTS) RULES 2021

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 48(1) of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Competency Tests) Rules 2021 and come into operation on 30 June 2021.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“pass”, for a prescribed test of competence, means to sit for and successfully complete the prescribed test of competence;

“sit”, for a prescribed test of competence, means to attend and take the prescribed test of competence.

Road-only PAB

3. For the purposes of section 47G(1) of the Act, a road-only PAB is a power-assisted bicycle that —

- (a) complies with the specified requirements mentioned in rule 3(2) of the Road Traffic (Power-Assisted Bicycles — Approval) Rules 2004 (G.N. No. S 768/2004) and the keeping or use of which on a road is not unlawful under those Rules; and
- (b) has either an unladen weight exceeding 20 kilograms or a width exceeding 70 centimetres.

Tests of competence

4.—(1) For the purposes of section 47H of the Act, the prescribed test of competence for a road-only PAB consists of a PAB Theory Test covering subject matters described in the Schedule relating to safe driving or riding practices and law on public paths and roads.

(2) Every prescribed test of competence may be administered to an individual sitting for the test in one of the following ways, at the option of the individual:

- (a) in person using pen, paper or other writing materials;
- (b) remotely or in person through oral questions and answers;
- (c) remotely and online.

When to pass test of competence

5.—(1) In the case of an application for a competency test certificate certifying that an individual has passed the prescribed test of competence for a road-only PAB which is the subject of the application, the individual must, for the purposes of section 47H(1) of the Act, have —

- (a) sat for and passed the prescribed test of competence no earlier than 7 working days before the application is made; and
- (b) attained the age of 16 years when he or she sat for and passed the prescribed test of competence.

(2) In paragraph (1), “working day” does not include a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.

Registration to sit for test of competence

6.—(1) An individual who wishes to sit for a prescribed test of competence for a road-only PAB must register to do so with the relevant test authority designated by the Minister for road-only PABs.

(2) Upon registration under paragraph (1), the designated test authority must open an account for the registered individual to sit for a prescribed test of competence for a road-only PAB.

(3) An account opened under paragraph (2) for a registered individual entitles the individual —

- (a) to sit for one prescribed test of competence for a road-only PAB, unless sub-paragraph (b) applies; or
- (b) to sit for not more than 2 of the same prescribed tests of competence for a road-only PAB, where —
 - (i) the registration happens no later than 30 September 2021; and
 - (ii) the sitting of the second test is no later than the 90th day after the account was opened for the first test.

Test fee

7. A registration under rule 6(1) to sit for a prescribed test of competence for a road-only PAB must be accompanied by a non-refundable test fee as follows:

- (a) where the registration happens no later than 30 September 2021 — \$2.50 for the individual to sit (before, on or after that date) for not more than 2 of the same prescribed tests of competence for a road-only PAB, where the sitting of the second test is no later than the 90th day after the account was opened under rule 6(2) for the first test;

- (b) where the registration happens on or after 1 October 2021 — \$5 for each registration to sit for the prescribed test of competence.

Waiver of fees

8. The Deputy Commissioner may, in any particular case and if satisfied that it is just and equitable, waive or reduce, in whole or part, any fee mentioned in rule 7.

THE SCHEDULE

Rule 4(1)

TEST OF COMPETENCE FOR RIDING ROAD-ONLY POWER-ASSISTED BICYCLE

1. General knowledge of public path system and lawful use of vehicles on public paths in Singapore:

- (a) Types of vehicles that may lawfully be used on public paths in Singapore.
- (b) Types of public paths and markings and signs denoting the start and end of different public paths.
- (c) Requirements relating to construction, weight and accessories of power-assisted bicycles.
- (d) Speed limits and other requirements on proper riding of power-assisted bicycles on different types of public paths and roads.

2. Pre-journey checks and maintenance of power-assisted bicycles:

- (a) Safe maintenance, particularly concerning fire safety, of power-assisted bicycles.
- (b) Knowledge about pre-ride checks, including routine checks on brakes, lights, speedometers and illegal modifications.
- (c) Use of appropriate safety gear and attire when riding power-assisted bicycles.
- (d) Proper parking of power-assisted bicycles in public places.
- (e) Appropriate planning of journey to ensure lawful riding of power-assisted bicycle and on appropriate public paths and roads.
- (f) Knowledge on the types of insurance including when compulsory third-party liability insurance is required.

THE SCHEDULE — *continued*

3. Rules and code of conduct for riding power-assisted bicycles:

- (a) Appropriate handling of power-assisted bicycles including the proper control of handlebars and brakes.
- (b) Rules and regulations under the Act and Active Mobility Act 2017 (Act 3 of 2017) relating to the use of power-assisted bicycles.
- (c) Navigation of common off-road scenarios, including interaction with other users of public paths.
- (d) Navigation of common on-road scenarios, including interaction with other road users.
- (e) Good and best practices relating to the riding and use of power-assisted bicycles on roads and the appropriate public paths.
- (f) Identification of potential hazards, such as bends and slopes.
- (g) Things to do when in an accident.

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