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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 34 and 140 of the Road Traffic Act, 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 2017 and come into operation on 15 February 2017.

Amendment of heading to Part VIII

2. Part VIII of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the words “DISPLAY OF LICENSE AND” in the Part heading.

Deletion of rules 48 to 51

3. Rules 48 to 51 of the principal Rules are deleted.

Amendment of heading to Part X

4. Part X of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the word “LICENCES” in the Part heading and substituting the word “PERMITS”.

Amendment of rule 57

5. Rule 57 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “licence” in paragraph (2) and substituting the word “permit”;
- (b) by deleting the word “licences” in paragraph (4) and in the rule heading and substituting in each case the word “permits”; and
- (c) by deleting paragraph (5).

New rules 57A, 57B and 57C

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 57, the following rules:

“Visitor’s permit to be carried

57A. A visitor’s permit must at all times be attached to and carried on the vehicle in respect of which the permit is issued.

Display of visitor’s permit

57B. A visitor’s permit must be displayed on the vehicle in respect of which the permit is issued —

- (a) where the vehicle is a motor cycle with a sidecar, by exhibiting the permit in a conspicuous position —
 - (i) on the left side of the handlebar of the motor cycle; or
 - (ii) on the left side of the combination of the motor cycle and sidecar, in front of the driving seat;
- (b) where the vehicle is any other motor cycle, by exhibiting the permit in a conspicuous position on the left side of the motor cycle in front of the driving seat;
- (c) where the vehicle is a motor vehicle (not being a motor cycle) without a windscreen, by placing the permit in a transparent holder and exhibiting the permit in a conspicuous position on the left side of the vehicle; or

- (d) where the vehicle is any other motor vehicle (not being a motor cycle) fitted with a windscreen extending across the motor vehicle, by exhibiting the permit on the left lower corner of the windscreen facing forwards so that the permit can be read from the front of the vehicle at all times.

Illegible visitor's permit not to be exhibited

57C. A person must not exhibit on any vehicle a visitor's permit on which the figures or particulars have become illegible or the colour has become altered by fading or otherwise.”.

Deletion of rule 63

7. Rule 63 of the principal Rules is deleted.

Amendment of heading to Part XIII

8. Part XIII of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately before the word “REFUNDS” in the Part heading, the words “DUPLICATE LICENCE OR PERMIT,”.

New rule 64C

9. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately before rule 65 in Part XIII, the following rule:

“Duplicate licence or permit

64C.—(1) A holder of a general licence, special purpose licence or visitor's permit must apply to the Registrar for a duplicate general licence, special purpose licence or visitor's permit in such manner as the Registrar may require if —

- (a) the licence or permit has been lost or destroyed;
- (b) the licence or permit has been accidentally defaced;
- (c) the figures or particulars on the licence or permit have become illegible; or
- (d) the colour of the licence or permit has been altered by fading or otherwise.

(2) The Registrar may issue a duplicate general licence, special purpose licence or visitor's permit upon being satisfied as to such loss, destruction, defacement, illegibility or alteration if —

(a) a fee of \$10.70 is paid; and

(b) in all cases except where the licence or permit was lost or destroyed, the original licence or permit is surrendered to the Registrar.

(3) The duplicate general licence, special purpose licence or visitor's permit issued under paragraph (2) has the same effect as the original licence or permit.

(4) In any case where the original general licence, special purpose licence or visitor's permit is found at any time after the issue of the duplicate licence or permit for a lost licence or permit, the holder of the general licence, special purpose licence or visitor's permit must surrender the original licence or permit to the Registrar who issued the duplicate.

(5) To avoid doubt, failure to comply with paragraph (4) is an offence.

(6) The Registrar may, in his discretion, waive the fee payable under paragraph (2)(a) in whole or in part.”.

Amendment of rule 65

10. Rule 65 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs (1) and (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(1) The holder of a licence issued under rule 36 or 38B, a general licence or a visitor's permit desiring to surrender the licence or permit and apply for a refund of part of the fee paid for the licence or permit must —

(a) make the application in such form as may be required by the Registrar; and

(b) deliver to the Registrar —

- (i) in the case of a general licence, the plates supplied under rule 59 and the general licence; or
- (ii) in the case of a visitor’s permit, the visitor’s permit.

(2) Upon complying with paragraph (1), the holder of a licence issued under rule 36 or 38B, a general licence or a visitor’s permit is entitled to be paid by the Registrar by way of rebate —

- (a) in the case of a licence issued under rule 36 or 38B, the amount by which the fee paid exceeds the amount payable at the monthly rate prescribed for the licence in respect of each complete calendar month which has expired as of the date on which the licence was cancelled by the Registrar;
- (b) in the case of a general licence, the amount by which the fee paid exceeds the amount payable at the monthly rate prescribed for the general licence in respect of each complete calendar month which has expired as of the date of receipt by the Registrar of the general licence and plates; or
- (c) in the case of a visitor’s permit, the amount by which the fee paid exceeds the amount payable at the rate prescribed for the visitor’s permit as pro-rated on a daily basis as of the date of receipt by the Registrar of the visitor’s permit.”;

(b) by deleting the words “visitor’s licence” in paragraph (5) and substituting the words “visitor’s permit”; and

- (c) by deleting the words “vehicle licence” in paragraph (6) and substituting the words “licence issued under rule 36 or 38B”.

Amendment of Second Schedule

11. Item 11 of the Second Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting the word “licences” and substituting the word “permits”.

Saving and transitional provisions

12.—(1) Any visitor’s licence that is valid immediately before 15 February 2017 is deemed, on or after that date and for so long as the licence remains valid, to be a visitor’s permit issued under the principal Rules as amended by these Rules.

(2) Every application for a visitor’s licence made under rule 57(2) of the principal Rules and is pending immediately before 15 February 2017 is treated, on or after that date, as an application for a visitor’s permit.

(3) Any duplicate general licence or duplicate visitor’s licence that is valid immediately before 15 February 2017 is deemed, on or after that date and for so long as the licence remains valid, to be a duplicate general licence or duplicate visitor’s permit issued under the principal Rules as amended by these Rules.

(4) Every application for a duplicate general licence or visitor’s licence made under rule 51 of the principal Rules before 15 February 2017 and is pending immediately before that date is treated, on or after that date, as an application, under rule 64C of the principal Rules as amended by these Rules, for a duplicate general licence or visitor’s permit.

(5) Every application for a refund under rule 65 of the principal Rules that is pending immediately before 15 February 2017 is treated, on or after that date, as an application under rule 65 of the principal Rules as amended by these Rules.

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