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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT  
(CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC  
(CAR POOLING — EXEMPTION)  
ORDER 2020

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 142 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Order:

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order is the Road Traffic (Car Pooling — Exemption) Order 2020 and is deemed to have come into operation on 19 June 2020.

**Definitions**

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“approved on-demand ride booking service” means an on-demand ride booking service (within the meaning given by section 4 of the Point-to-Point Passenger Transport Industry Act 2019 (Act 20 of 2019)) approved by the Minister for the purposes of this Order, that —

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- (a) directly matches —
- (i) the drivers of private motor cars who make available the booking of their cars to provide carriage for a journey or part of a journey that the driver would be undertaking in any event; with
  - (ii) prospective passengers seeking to book carriage for a journey or part of a journey mentioned in sub-paragraph (i); and
- (b) communicates the booking, or facilitates the prospective passenger to communicate his or her booking, to the driver of such a private motor car to provide that carriage;

“car pooling arrangement” means the carriage by motor vehicle of one or more passengers on a journey to which each of the following applies:

- (a) the carriage is incidental to the main purpose of the journey and the driver would have undertaken the journey in any event;
- (b) the carriage provided is not the result of the driver or another person standing or plying for hire on a road, a parking place, or a public stand provided for public service vehicles under Part V of the Act;
- (c) the consideration for the journey is limited to —
  - (i) the payment by a passenger of a share of the costs incurred in making the journey, with neither the driver nor any other person making a profit from the carriage of the passenger or all other passengers if more than one is carried under the arrangement; or
  - (ii) an undertaking by a passenger to carry the driver, or a family member of the driver, on a similar journey on the same basis, or some other similar benefit;

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“private motor car” means a motor car (within the meaning given by section 4(1)(e) of the Act) registered in the name of an individual and that —

(a) is used —

(i) by the individual, a member of the individual’s family or another person with that individual’s authority; and

(ii) for social or domestic purposes or for the individual’s business; but

(b) is not used for the carriage of goods which are not samples or for instructional purposes for reward.

### **Driver of private motor car in car pooling arrangement**

3.—(1) An individual who drives a private motor car for the carriage of passengers on not more than 2 journeys each day —

(a) under a car pooling arrangement that involves an approved on-demand ride booking service provider directly matching the individual with the passenger with respect to the carriage for a journey or part of a journey that the driver would be undertaking in any event;

(b) in which the individual (directly or through the approved on-demand ride booking service provider) does the following before the start of the carriage:

(i) informs the passenger of the individual’s destination;

(ii) agrees with the passenger on the date of, pick-up and drop-off points of, and the payment (whether in cash or in kind) for, the carriage; and

(c) without displaying in or on the private motor car any fares for hiring the private motor car,

is exempt from the Part V requirements specified in sub-paragraph (2).

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(2) The Part V requirements are the requirements in the following provisions insofar as they apply to the use of a private motor car for the carriage of passengers under a car pooling arrangement:

- (a) section 101(1) of the Act to be issued with a public service vehicle licence;
- (b) section 106 of the Act;
- (c) section 110(1)(a) of the Act to hold a vocational licence granted under Part V of the Act;
- (d) Part III of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8);
- (e) the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14).

(3) To calculate the number of journeys in a day for the purposes of sub-paragraph (1), a journey —

- (a) starts at the beginning of the carriage in a private motor car of the first passenger for hire or reward in the course of the driver's journey to the driver's destination (as informed to the passenger under sub-paragraph (1)(b)(i)); and
- (b) ends when the private motor car reaches that destination.

#### **Private motor car owner in car pooling arrangement**

4. The owner of a private motor car that is used in a car pooling arrangement described in paragraph 3 by a driver who is exempt under that paragraph, is exempt from sections 101(1), 107 and 110(1)(b) of the Act with respect to the private motor car —

- (a) being permitted or caused by the owner to be used in the car pooling arrangement; and
- (b) the driver using the private motor car in the car pooling arrangement in the course of employment with the owner or as permitted by the owner to do so.

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**Other person causing use of private motor car in car pooling arrangement**

5. Section 101 of the Act does not apply to a person who causes a private motor car to be used in a car pooling arrangement described in paragraph 3 where the driver using the private motor car for such a purpose is exempt under paragraph 3 in respect of that use.

Made on 22 June 2020.

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