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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT  
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC (DRIVER IMPROVEMENT  
POINTS SYSTEM) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2015**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45(2) and 47F(3) of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) (Amendment) Rules 2015 and come into operation on 1 November 2015.

**Amendment of rule 2**

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Driver Improvement Points System) Rules (R 25) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “Demerit Points No Parking Zone”, the following definition:

“ “Course” means a course on safe driving that is conducted for the purposes of rule 3A;” and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “holder of a foreign driving licence”, the following definitions:

“ “licence holder” means a holder of a driving licence or a holder of a foreign driving licence;

“new driver” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic (New Drivers) Rules (R 32);

“notice of eligibility” means a notice in writing, issued by the Deputy Commissioner of Police to a licence holder, informing the licence holder of that licence holder’s eligibility to attend a Course;”.

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**Amendment of rule 3**

- 3.** Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended —
- (a) by deleting the words “the holder of a driving licence or the holder of a foreign driving licence” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “a licence holder”;
  - (b) by deleting the words “the holder of a driving licence or foreign driving licence” in paragraph (1A) and substituting the words “a licence holder”; and
  - (c) by deleting the words “all holders of driving licences and all holders of foreign driving licences” in paragraph (3) and substituting the words “all licence holders”.

**New rule 3A**

- 4.** The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 3, the following rule:

**“Cancellation of demerit points**

**3A.—(1)** The Deputy Commissioner of Police must issue a notice of eligibility to a licence holder if —

- (a) all of the following criteria are satisfied:
  - (i) the licence holder is not a new driver in relation to any class of driving licence;
  - (ii) no driving licence of the licence holder was revoked under section 35A(1)(a) of the Act in the immediately preceding 12 months;
  - (iii) the driving licence of the licence holder is not suspended under the Act (including under rule 4);
  - (iv) the licence holder is not prohibited, by a prohibition order under section 47F of the Act or rule 7, from driving a motor vehicle in Singapore;
  - (v) the driving licence of the licence holder is not liable to suspension under rule 4;
  - (vi) the licence holder is not liable to have a prohibition order under rule 7 made against the licence holder;

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- (vii) the licence holder is not disqualified under the Act from holding a driving licence;
  - (viii) the driving licence of the licence holder does not cease to be in force under section 35(10A) of the Act;
  - (ix) demerit points awarded against the licence holder have been cancelled under paragraph (3) on not more than one previous occasion; and
- (b) the Deputy Commissioner of Police awards against the licence holder for a scheduled offence (called in this rule the trigger offence) any demerit points which would result in the licence holder being awarded —
- (i) in any case where the licence holder is a person referred to in rule 4(2) or a holder of a foreign driving licence referred to in rule 7(2), a total of 6 or more demerit points within a period of 12 months;
  - (ii) in any case where the licence holder is a holder of a foreign driving licence whose foreign driving licence has been granted for not more than 12 months, a total of 7 or more demerit points within the period of 12 months after the date of the grant of that licence; or
  - (iii) in any other case, a total of 12 or more demerit points within a period of 24 months.
- (2) A notice of eligibility issued to a licence holder remains valid from the date the notice is issued until the earliest of the following dates:
- (a) the date specified in the notice to be its last day of validity;
  - (b) the date immediately before any of the following occurs:
    - (i) the licence holder becomes a new driver in relation to any class of driving licence;
    - (ii) the driving licence of the licence holder is suspended under the Act (including under rule 4);
    - (iii) the licence holder is prohibited, by a prohibition order under section 47F of the Act or rule 7, from driving a motor vehicle in Singapore;

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- (iv) the driving licence of the licence holder becomes liable to suspension under rule 4;
  - (v) the licence holder becomes liable to have a prohibition order under rule 7 made against the licence holder;
  - (vi) the licence holder is disqualified under the Act from holding a driving licence;
  - (vii) the driving licence of the licence holder ceases to be in force under section 35(10A) of the Act;
  - (viii) the issue of a new notice of eligibility by the Deputy Commissioner of Police.

(3) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may cancel 3 of the demerit points awarded against a licence holder for a trigger offence if —

- (a) the licence holder successfully completes a Course (including by passing any test conducted during the Course) while the notice of eligibility issued in relation to that trigger offence remains valid; and
- (b) demerit points awarded against the licence holder have been cancelled under this paragraph on not more than one previous occasion.

(4) Where the Deputy Commissioner of Police purports to cancel under paragraph (3) any demerit points awarded against a licence holder when the Deputy Commissioner of Police is not entitled to do so —

- (a) the purported cancellation has no effect; and
- (b) for the purposes of these Rules, those demerit points are not treated as cancelled.”.

### **Amendment of rule 8**

5. Rule 8 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the word “Minister” in paragraphs (1) and (2) and substituting in each case the words “Commissioner of Police”.

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