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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 NO. 2) RULES 2020**

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 No. 2) Rules 2020 and come into operation on 30 July 2020.

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 —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “rule 4(3)” in the definition of “assessment report”, the words “or 9(9) and (10), as the case may be”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words “rule 4(3A)” in the definition of “certificate of fitness”, the words “or 9A(3) or (4) (as the case may be)”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Class 3 bus”, the following definition:

““Class 4 vehicle” means a vehicle the weight of which unladen exceeds 2,500 kilograms;” and

(d) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “driver”, the following definition:

““driving fitness assessor” means —

(a) an occupational therapist; or

(b) a person holding a valid licence under section 51 of the Act who is approved by the Registrar to make an assessment on whether a person is physically fit to hold a licence to drive a vehicle;”.

Amendment of rule 4

3. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the words “assessment report” in paragraph (3), the words “for the purpose of this rule”;

(b) by deleting the words “bus or a taxi (as the case may be)” in paragraph (3)(b)(ii) and substituting the words “chauffeured private hire car, a Class 3 bus or a taxi, as the case may be”;

(c) by deleting sub-paragraph (iii) of paragraph (3)(b) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(iii) by a driving fitness assessor certifying that on a date not earlier than 6 months before the date of the applicant’s application, the driving fitness assessor assessed the applicant to be physically fit to hold a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car, a Class 3 bus or a taxi, as the case may be.”; and

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- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “certificate of fitness” in paragraph (3A), the words “for the purpose of this rule”.

Amendment of rule 9

4. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “6 August 2020” in paragraph (1A)(a) and substituting the words “8 September 2020”;
- (b) by deleting the words “applicant’s application in rule 4(3)” in paragraph (1A)(e) and substituting the words “application in paragraph (10)”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1A), the following paragraph:

“(1B) Despite anything to the contrary in this rule, if an application under paragraph (1) is made by a person before the licence expiry date, being a date that is within the period between 9 September 2020 and 6 October 2020 (both dates inclusive), the following provisions apply in respect of the application:

- (a) the requirement under paragraph (1)(b) for the application to be accompanied by an assessment report does not apply in relation to the application unless the person is in possession of the assessment report at the time of the application;
- (b) if the application is not accompanied by the assessment report on the date of the application, it is a condition of the renewed licence that the person must, within 6 months after the date of expiry of the previous licence, produce the assessment report which, if not for sub-paragraph (a), is required to be accompanied by the application;

(c) any reference to the date of the application in paragraph (10) is to be read as a reference to the date that the assessment report is produced under sub-paragraph (b).”; and

(d) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (8), the following paragraphs:

“(9) An assessment report for the purpose of this rule must —

(a) be in the form set out at the Authority’s Internet website at <http://www.lta.gov.sg>; and

(b) be completed and signed —

(i) by the applicant;

(ii) by a medical practitioner certifying that on a date mentioned in paragraph (10), the medical practitioner assessed the applicant to be physically and mentally fit to hold a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car, a Class 3 bus or a taxi, as the case may be; and

(iii) by a driving fitness assessor certifying that on a date mentioned in paragraph (10), the driving fitness assessor assessed the applicant to be physically fit to hold a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car, a Class 3 bus or a taxi, as the case may be.

(10) For the purpose of paragraph (9)(b)(ii) and (iii), the date is —

(a) if the applicant’s application relates to a licence that expires before 9 September

2020 — a date not earlier than 6 months before the date of the application; or

- (b) if the applicant’s application relates to a licence that expires on or after 9 September 2020 — a date not earlier than 2 months before the date of the application.”.

Amendment of rule 9A

5. Rule 9A of the principal Rules is amended —

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

“(1) It is a condition of every licence that the licensee must furnish to the Registrar, upon the Registrar’s request, a certificate of fitness —

- (a) within any reasonable time that the Registrar may allow, if the licensee is 50 years of age or older but below 65 years of age and has not furnished a certificate of fitness to the Registrar within the 2 years preceding the date of the Registrar’s request; and
- (b) no later than the date before the licensee attains 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 or 74 years of age.

(1A) It is also a condition of every licence authorising the licensee to drive a Class 4 vehicle that if the licensee is required to furnish a certificate of fitness under paragraph (1)(b) no later than the date before the licensee attains 70, 71, 72, 73 or 74 years of age, the licensee must also furnish to the Registrar no later than that date, a document showing that the licensee has, within 2 months before attaining that age, passed the Proficiency Driving Test mentioned in rule 5(2)(c) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules (R 27).”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraphs:

“(3) Subject to paragraph (4), a certificate of fitness for the purpose of this rule must —

(a) be in the form set out at the Authority’s Internet website at <http://www.lta.gov.sg>; and

(b) be completed and signed —

(i) by the licensee; and

(ii) by a medical practitioner certifying that the medical practitioner assessed the licensee to be physically and mentally fit to hold a licence to drive a vehicle or to be a conductor, on a date not earlier than —

(A) if the certificate of fitness is required under paragraph (1)(a) — 3 months before the date that it must be furnished; or

(B) if the certificate of fitness is required under paragraph (1)(b) — 2 months before the date the licensee attains 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 or 74 years of age, as the case may be.

(4) If a licensee authorised to drive a Class 4 vehicle is required to furnish a certificate of fitness under this rule, the requirement is satisfied if the licensee furnishes a certification mentioned in rule 5(2)(b) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules that is submitted in accordance with those Rules.

(5) In the case where a licensee attains 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 or 74 years of age between 9 September 2020 and 6 October 2020 (both dates inclusive), this rule applies with the following modifications:

- (a) the reference in paragraph (1)(b) to the date the licensee attains that age is to be read as a reference to the date 6 months after the licensee attains that age;
- (b) despite paragraph (1A), it is also a condition of every licence authorising the licensee to drive a Class 4 vehicle that if the licensee is required to furnish a certificate of fitness to the Registrar on a date no later than 6 months after the licensee attains 70, 71, 72, 73 or 74 years of age, the licensee must also furnish to the Registrar no later than that date, a document showing that the licensee has, within 2 months before and 6 months after the licensee attains that age, passed the Proficiency Driving Test mentioned in rule 5(2)(c) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules;

(c) despite paragraph (3)(b)(ii)(B), the certificate of fitness mentioned in sub-paragraph (b) must be completed and signed by a medical practitioner certifying that the medical practitioner assessed the licensee to be physically and mentally fit to hold a licence to drive a vehicle or to be a conductor, on a date not earlier than 2 months before the certificate of fitness is furnished in accordance with sub-paragraph (b).”.

[G.N. Nos. S 586/91; S 335/93; S 242/94; S 84/95; S 270/2000; S 587/2000; S 305/2003; S 674/2004; S 103/2005; S 302/2005; S 376/2005; S 356/2006; S 696/2006; S 139/2007; S 108/2008; S 242/2008; S 517/2009; S 572/2009; S 46/2011; S 164/2011; S 280/2011; S 539/2011; S 79/2012; S 252/2012; S 643/2012; S 501/2013; S 651/2013; S 815/2014; S 373/2015; S 736/2015; S 808/2015; S 27/2016; S 204/2016; S 209/2016; S 249/2016; S 367/2016; S 617/2016; S 313/2017; S 362/2017; S 539/2017; S 796/2017; S 314/2019; S 457/2020]

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