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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING LICENCES)
(AMENDMENT NO. 2)
RULES 2017

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 1 December 2017.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules (R 27) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “authorised officer”, the following definition:

““approved provider” means a driving school licensed under Part III of the Act that is approved by the Deputy Commissioner of Police to conduct a visual acuity and colour vision test;” and

(b) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “provisional licence” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definition:

““visual acuity and colour vision test” means a test conducted in a manner specified by the Deputy Commissioner of Police to determine that a person is able to —

- (a) read at a distance of 25 metres (with the aid of spectacles or contact lenses, if worn) a motor vehicle number plate containing letters and figures; and
- (b) distinguish the colours red, amber and green from a distance of 25 metres.”.

Amendment of rule 3

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “in person” in paragraph (1)(a); and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(3A) A person who is 65 years of age or older who applies for the grant or renewal of a licence must —

- (a) within 2 months before the application, undergo a medical examination referred to in rule 5A(1) at that person’s own expense; and
- (b) submit together with the application, a certification by the registered medical practitioner who conducted the medical examination that the person is physically fit to drive a vehicle of that class,

unless that person has met the requirements referred to in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) in respect of a licence of a different class held by him at the time of the application.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 4

4. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Driving licence not to be granted or renewed when another driving licence held by applicant suspended or revoked, etc.

4. A licence of any class must not be granted or renewed if the application for the grant or renewal of the licence is made by a person —

- (a) during the period of suspension of a licence, whether of the same or of a different class, held by the person;
- (b) during the period for which the person has been disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence, whether of the same or of a different class; or
- (c) within the period of one year from the date of the revocation of a licence, whether of the same or of a different class, held by the person.”.

Amendment of rule 5A

5. Rule 5A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (3).

Amendment of rule 9

6. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “and shall be granted a driving licence if he satisfies the person conducting the test —” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “if he satisfies the following requirements:”;
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (1) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(a) that he undergoes (at his own expense) and passes a visual acuity and colour vision test conducted by an approved provider or a registered medical practitioner;”;

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- (c) by deleting the words “and shall be issued a driving licence if he satisfies the person conducting the test —” in paragraph (2) and substituting the words “if he satisfies the following requirements:”; and
- (d) by deleting sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:
- “(a) that he undergoes (at his own expense) and passes a visual acuity and colour vision test conducted by an approved provider or a registered medical practitioner;”.

Amendment of rule 22

7. Rule 22 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1)(a) and (b) and substituting in each case the following sub-paragraph:
- “(i) he undergoes (at his own expense) and passes a visual acuity and colour vision test conducted by an approved provider or a registered medical practitioner;”; and
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (ii) and (iii) of paragraph (2)(a) and (b) and substituting in each case the following sub-paragraph:
- “(ii) he undergoes (at his own expense) and passes a visual acuity and colour vision test conducted by an approved provider or a registered medical practitioner; and”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 22A

8. Rule 22A of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Validity of provisional licence

22A. A provisional licence is valid —

(a) for 2 years; or

(b) for 6 months, if the provisional licence is granted or renewed before 1 December 2017.”.

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S 515/2004; S 774/2004; S 392/2005; S 500/2005;
S 28/2009; S 112/2010; S 646/2010; S 55/2012;
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