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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING LICENCES)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2019**

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) Rules 2019 and come into operation on 16 December 2019.

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 by inserting, immediately after the definition of “licensed”, the following definition:

““licensed instructor” means —

- (a) a person who is employed as a driving instructor by a driving school licensed under Part III of the Act; or
- (b) a person who holds an instructor’s licence granted under Part III of the Act;”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 9

3. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Prescribed test of competence for grant of driving licence

9.—(1) An applicant for a Class 2B driving licence is deemed to have passed the prescribed test of competence to drive mentioned in sections 35(6A), 36(1), 43(1)(b) and 47A of the Act if the applicant satisfies the following requirements:

- (a) that the applicant undergoes (at the applicant’s own expense) and passes a visual acuity and colour vision test conducted by an approved provider or a registered medical practitioner;
- (b) that the applicant has passed the Motor Cycle Riding Theory Test mentioned in the First Schedule;
- (c) that the applicant has attended and successfully completed a training programme known as the Simulator Training Course conducted by a licensed driving school;
- (d) that the applicant has passed the Practical Riding Test mentioned in Part 1 of the Second Schedule —
 - (i) within one year of having passed the Motor Cycle Riding Theory Test mentioned in the First Schedule; and
 - (ii) within 2 years of having attended and successfully completed the Simulator Training Course mentioned in sub-paragraph (c);
- (e) that the applicant has attended and successfully completed a training programme known as the Expressway Familiarisation Ride conducted by a licensed driving school after passing the Practical Riding Test mentioned in sub-paragraph (d).

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(b), an applicant for a Class 2B driving licence is not eligible to take the Motor Cycle Riding Theory Test mentioned in the First Schedule unless the applicant has already passed the Basic Driving Theory Test mentioned in the Third Schedule.

(3) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(c), an applicant for a Class 2B driving licence is not eligible to attend the Simulator Training Course mentioned in that paragraph unless the applicant has already attended and successfully completed at least 5 riding lessons conducted by a licensed instructor.

(4) An applicant for a Class 2 or 2A driving licence is deemed to have passed the prescribed test of competence to drive mentioned in sections 35(6A), 36(1), 43(1)(b) and 47A of the Act if the applicant satisfies the following requirements:

- (a) that the applicant has attended and successfully completed a training programme known as the Simulator Training Course conducted by a licensed driving school;
- (b) that the applicant has passed the Practical Riding Test mentioned in Part 1 of the Second Schedule within 2 years of having attended and successfully completed the Simulator Training Course mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).

(5) For the purpose of paragraphs (1)(d) and (4)(b), an applicant for a Class 2, 2A or 2B driving licence passes the Practical Riding Test if the applicant meets, to the satisfaction of the person conducting the test, the requirements to pass that test.

(6) An applicant for a Class 3 driving licence who does not hold a Class 3A, 3C or 3CA driving licence, or an applicant for a Class 3A driving licence who does not hold a Class 3C or 3CA driving licence, is deemed to have passed the prescribed test of competence to drive mentioned in sections 35(6A), 36(1), 43(1)(b) and 47A of the Act if the applicant satisfies the following requirements:

- (a) that the applicant undergoes (at the applicant's own expense) and passes a visual acuity and colour vision test conducted by an approved provider or a registered medical practitioner;
- (b) that the applicant has passed the Basic Driving Theory Test mentioned in the Third Schedule;

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- (c) that the applicant has passed the Final Driving Theory Test mentioned in the Fourth Schedule;
 - (d) that the applicant has attended and successfully completed a training programme known as the Simulator Training Course conducted by a licensed driving school;
 - (e) that the applicant has passed the Practical Driving Test mentioned in Part 2 of the Second Schedule —
 - (i) within 2 years of having passed the Final Driving Theory Test mentioned in the Fourth Schedule; and
 - (ii) within 2 years of having attended and successfully completed the Simulator Training Course mentioned in sub-paragraph (d).

(7) For the purposes of paragraph (6), the applicant mentioned in that paragraph is not eligible to attend the Simulator Training Course mentioned in that paragraph unless the applicant has already attended and successfully completed at least 5 driving lessons conducted by a licensed instructor.

(8) An applicant for a Class 3 driving licence who holds a Class 3A, 3C or 3CA driving licence, or an applicant for a Class 3A driving licence who holds a Class 3C or 3CA driving licence, is deemed to have passed the prescribed test of competence to drive mentioned in sections 35(6A), 36(1), 43(1)(b) and 47A of the Act if the applicant satisfies the following requirements:

- (a) that the applicant has attended and successfully completed a training programme known as the Simulator Training Course conducted by a licensed driving school;
- (b) that the applicant has passed the Practical Driving Test mentioned in Part 2 of the Second Schedule within 2 years of having attended and successfully completed the Simulator Training Course mentioned in sub-paragraph (a).

(9) For the purpose of paragraph (8), an applicant for a Class 3 driving licence who holds a Class 3A or 3CA driving licence is not eligible to attend the Simulator Training Course mentioned in that paragraph unless the applicant has already attended and successfully completed at least 5 driving lessons conducted by a licensed instructor.

(10) An applicant for a Class 3C or 3CA driving licence is deemed to have passed the prescribed test of competence to drive mentioned in sections 35(6A), 36(1), 43(1)(b) and 47A of the Act if the applicant has passed the Basic Driving Theory Test mentioned in the Third Schedule.

(11) An applicant for a Class 4, 4A or 5 driving licence is deemed to have passed the prescribed test of competence to drive mentioned in sections 35(6A), 36(1), 43(1)(b) and 47A of the Act if the applicant has passed the Practical Driving Test mentioned in Part 2 of the Second Schedule.

(12) For the purposes of paragraphs (6), (8) and (11), an applicant for a Class 3, 3A, 4, 4A or 5 driving licence passes the Practical Driving Test mentioned in Part 2 of the Second Schedule if the applicant meets, to the satisfaction of the person conducting the test, the requirement to pass that test.

(13) The Deputy Commissioner of Police may, in his discretion, waive all or any of the requirements of this rule.

(14) Despite any of the requirements in paragraphs (1)(b), (c), (d) and (e), (2), (3) and (4), an applicant for a Class 2, 2A or 2B licence who has passed the Police Class 2 Intermediate riding test (Basic) is deemed to have passed the prescribed test of competence to drive Class 2, 2A and 2B vehicles under sections 35(6A), 36(1), 43(1)(b) and 47A of the Act.”.

Amendment of rule 22

4. Rule 22 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (4) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(4) In this rule, “licensee” means the holder of a provisional driving licence.”.

Miscellaneous amendments**5.** The principal Rules are amended —

(a) by deleting the Schedule reference of the First Schedule and substituting the following Schedule reference:

“Rule 9(1)(b) and (d)(i) and (2)”;

(b) by deleting the words “and (2)(e)” in the Schedule reference of the Second Schedule and substituting the words “, (4)(b), (6)(e), (8)(b), (11) and (12)”;

(c) by deleting the words “9(1A) and (2)(c)” in the Schedule reference of the Third Schedule and substituting the words “9(2), (6)(b) and (10)”;

(d) by deleting the Schedule reference of the Fourth Schedule and substituting the following Schedule reference:

“Rule 9(6)(c) and (e)(i)”.

Saving and transitional provisions

6.—(1) Rule 3 does not apply to or in relation to any applicant for a Class 2, 2A, 2B, 3 or 3A driving licence who enrolls in a licensed driving school before 16 December 2019, and the principal Rules as in force immediately before 16 December 2019 continue to apply to or in relation to such an applicant.

(2) In this rule, “enrol”, in relation to an applicant for a Class 2, 2A, 2B, 3 or 3A driving licence, means to register with a licensed driving school for the purpose of applying for a test of competence to drive a Class 2, 2A, 2B, 3 or 3A motor vehicle, as the case may be.

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S 28/2009; S 112/2010; S 646/2010; S 55/2012;
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