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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING LICENCES) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) RULES 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 48 and 140 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 (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2015 and come into operation on 1 January 2016.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules (R 27) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting the words "Part III" in the definition of "Proficiency Driving Test" and substituting the words "Part 3".

Amendment of rule 5

- 3. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "70 years" in paragraph (1) and substituting the words "75 years";
 - (b) by deleting the words "68 or 69" in paragraph (2) and substituting the words "68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73 or 74"; and
 - (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:
 - "(2A) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(c), a holder of a Class 4, 4A or 5 driving licence passes the whole or such part (as the case may be) of the Proficiency Driving Test if the holder meets, to the satisfaction of the person conducting the test, the requirements to pass the whole or such part of that test."

Amendment of rule 5A

4. Rule 5A(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words "referred to in section 36(2)(a)(i) of the Act" and substituting the words "aged 65 years and above".

Amendment of rule 6

- 5. Rule 6 of the principal Rules is amended
 - (a) by deleting the words "The holder of" in paragraph (2) and substituting the words "A holder of, or an applicant for,";
 - (b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:
 - "(2A) For the purpose of this rule and sections 35(10A)(b) and 36(2)(b) of the Act, a holder of or an applicant for a Class 4, 4A or 5 driving licence passes the whole or such part (as the case may be) of the Proficiency Driving Test if the holder or applicant meets, to the satisfaction of the person conducting the test, the requirements to pass the whole or part of that test.";
 - (c) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(3) Where the holder or applicant referred to in paragraph (2) has failed the Proficiency Driving Test, the holder or applicant may apply to the Deputy Commissioner of Police for a retest."; and
 - (d) by inserting, immediately after the words "holder of" in the rule heading, the words "or applicant for".

Amendment of rule 9

- 6. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended
 - (a) by inserting, immediately after the words "Class 2, 2A or 2B" in paragraph (1), the word "driving";
 - (b) by deleting the words "Part I" in paragraph (1)(d) and substituting the words "Part 1";

- (c) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1A), the following paragraph:
 - "(1B) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(d), 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.";
- (d) by deleting the words "Part II" in paragraph (2)(e) and substituting the words "Part 2"; and
- (e) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraph:
 - "(2A) For the purpose of paragraph (2)(e), an applicant for a Class 1, 3, 3A, 3C, 3CA, 4, 4A or 5 driving licence passes the Practical Driving Test if the applicant meets, to the satisfaction of the person conducting the test, the requirements to pass that test."

New rule 9A

7. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 9, the following rule:

"Prescribed period for recognition of foreign driving licence of person who becomes citizen or permanent resident of Singapore or work pass driver

- **9A.** For the purposes of section 38(3) of the Act and the definition of "prescribed period" in section 38(5) of the Act
 - (a) the prescribed period for a person referred to in section 38(3)(a) of the Act is 3 months, starting from the date on which the person is granted a certificate of citizenship under the Constitution of the Republic of Singapore or an entry permit under the Immigration Act (Cap. 133), whichever first happens; and
 - (b) the prescribed period for a person referred to in section 38(3)(b) of the Act is 6 months, starting from the date on which the person is issued with a work pass under the Employment of Foreign Manpower Act (Cap. 91A).".

Deletion and substitution of Second Schedule

8. The Second Schedule to the principal Rules is deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

"SECOND SCHEDULE

Rules 2(1) and 9(1)(d) and (2)(e)

PRACTICAL RIDING TEST, PRACTICAL DRIVING TEST AND PROFICIENCY DRIVING TEST

PART 1

The Practical Riding Test is a test of a person's ability to perform the following within a circuit or on the road (unless expressly provided otherwise):

- (a) start the engine of a motor vehicle;
- (b) drive the motor vehicle straight ahead or at an angle;
- (c) overtake, meet or cross the path of other motor vehicles and take an appropriate course;
- (d) turn right-hand and left-hand corners, with the motor vehicle, correctly;
- (e) manoeuvre the motor vehicle along 'S' shaped and crank-shaft shaped paths within the circuit at a reasonable speed without hitting the kerb or losing balance;
- (f) manoeuvre the motor vehicle along a slalom path within the circuit at a reasonable speed without hitting the pylon or losing balance;
- (g) manoeuvre the motor vehicle on a narrow plank within the circuit at a reasonable speed without losing balance;
- (h) in the case of an applicant for a Class 2 or 2A driving licence only, manoeuvre the motor vehicle on the bumpy path within the circuit at a reasonable speed without losing balance;
- (i) in the case of an applicant for a Class 2 driving licence only, lift up a Class 2 motor vehicle that is lying on the ground within the circuit and push it round a figure '8';
- (j) in the case of an applicant for a Class 2 driving licence only, park a Class 2 motor vehicle on its centre stand within the circuit;
- (k) stop the motor vehicle in an emergency on a wet surface and under normal circumstances, and in the latter case bring it to a halt at an appropriate part of the road;
- (1) stop the motor vehicle on a slope and restart it;
- (m) give, by hand and by mechanical means, in a clear and unmistakable manner appropriate signals at appropriate times to indicate the person's intended actions:

SECOND SCHEDULE — continued

- (n) act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic signs and traffic controllers, and take appropriate action on signals given by other road users:
- (o) competently drive, without danger to, and with due consideration for, other road users, a motor vehicle of the same class as that on which the person is tested.

PART 2

The Practical Driving Test is a test of a person's ability to perform the following within a circuit and on the road:

- (a) start the engine of a motor vehicle;
- (b) drive the motor vehicle straight ahead or at an angle;
- (c) overtake, meet or cross the path of other motor vehicles and take an appropriate course;
- (d) turn right-hand and left-hand corners, with the motor vehicle, correctly;
- (e) U-turn at intersections, junctions or any opening in road dividers without causing any hindrance to other road users;
- (f) manoeuvre the motor vehicle along 'S' shaped and crank-shaft shaped paths without hitting the kerb;
- (g) stop the motor vehicle in an emergency and under normal circumstances, and in the latter case bring it to a halt at an appropriate part of the road;
- (h) in the case of an applicant for a Class 3, 3A, 3C, 3CA, 4 or 5 driving licence, stop the motor vehicle on a slope and restart it;
- (i) drive the motor vehicle backwards and whilst so doing enter a limited opening to the right or to the left;
- (j) cause the motor vehicle to face in the opposite direction by the use of forward and reverse gears;
- (k) give, by hand and by mechanical means (if fitted to a vehicle) or, in the case of a disabled driver for whom it is impracticable or undesirable to give signals by hand, by mechanical means, in a clear and unmistakable manner appropriate signals at appropriate times to indicate the person's intended actions:
- (*l*) act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic signs and traffic controllers, and take appropriate action on signs given by other road users;
- (m) competently drive, without danger to, and with due consideration for, other road users, a motor vehicle of the same class as that on which the person is tested;
- (n) in the case of an applicant for a Class 3A or 3CA driving licence, drive-up or reverse-up and stop on a hump using a motor vehicle;

SECOND SCHEDULE — continued

- (o) in the case of an applicant for a Class 3 or 3C driving licence, drive-up or reverse-up and stop on a hump using a Class 3A or 3CA vehicle, as the case may be;
- (p) in the case of an applicant for a Class 3 or 3C driving licence, competently drive a Class 3A or 3CA vehicle, as the case may be, without danger to, and with due consideration for, other road users;
- (q) in the case of an applicant for a Class 4 driving licence, secure a load on the motor vehicle in a manner such that the load remains secure while the motor vehicle is being driven;
- (r) in the case of an applicant for a Class 4 or 5 driving licence, estimate the overall height of the motor vehicle without the use of any measuring instrument;
- (s) in the case of an applicant for a Class 4 or 5 driving licence, answer correctly such questions on the meanings and implications of traffic signs as the person conducting the test may put to the applicant.

PART 3

The Proficiency Driving Test is a test of a person's ability to perform the following:

- (a) within a circuit
 - (i) stop the motor vehicle in an emergency and under normal circumstances, and in the latter case bring it to a halt at an appropriate part of the road;
 - (ii) manoeuvre the motor vehicle on an 'S' shaped path without hitting any object placed on both sides of the path;
 - (iii) drive the motor vehicle straight ahead at a speed of 40 km/h through a straight and narrow path;
 - (iv) turn right-hand and left-hand corners, with the motor vehicle, correctly;
 - (v) give, by hand and by mechanical means (if fitted to a vehicle) in a clear and unmistakable manner, appropriate signals at appropriate times to indicate the person's intended action;
 - (vi) act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic signs and traffic controllers, and take appropriate action on signs given by other road users;
 - (vii) competently drive, without danger to, and with due consideration for, other road users, a motor vehicle of the same class as that on which the person is tested;
 - (viii) in the case of a holder of a Class 4 licence, secure a load on the motor vehicle in a manner such that the load remains secure while the motor vehicle is being driven;

SECOND SCHEDULE — continued

- (ix) in the case of a holder of a Class 4 or 5 licence, estimate the overall height of the motor vehicle without the use of any measuring instrument;
- (x) in the case of a holder of a Class 4 or 5 licence, answer correctly such questions on the meanings and implications of traffic signs as the person conducting the test may put to the holder; and
- (xi) manoeuvre the motor vehicle along a crank-shaft shaped path without hitting any object placed on both sides of the path;

(b) on the road —

- (i) stop the motor vehicle in an emergency and under normal circumstances, and in the latter case bring it to a halt at an appropriate part of the road;
- (ii) turn right-hand and left-hand corners, with the motor vehicle, correctly;
- (iii) give, by hand and by mechanical means (if fitted to a vehicle) in a clear and unmistakable manner, appropriate signals at appropriate times to indicate the person's intended action;
- (iv) act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic signs and traffic controllers, and take appropriate action on signs given by other road users;
- (v) competently drive, without danger to, and with due consideration for, other road users, a motor vehicle of the same class as that on which the person is tested;
- (vi) overtake, meet or cross the path of other motor vehicles and take an appropriate course; and
- (vii) U-turn at intersections, junctions or any opening in road dividers without causing any hindrance to other road users.".

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