ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276, SECTIONS 111 AND 140)

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) RULES

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PART I

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Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules.

Definitions

2.—(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

"authorised officer" means an officer of the Authority authorised by the Registrar to discharge any of the functions and duties or to exercise any of the powers of the Registrar under these Rules;

[S 642/2016 wef 01/01/2017]

"chauffeured private hire car" means a private hire car hired, or made available for hire, for use primarily in the circumstances in paragraph (*b*) of the definition of "private hire car" but which may also be used in the circumstances in paragraph (*a*) of that definition;

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

"chauffeured private hire car marking" means a mark which conforms to the diagram and specifications set out in the Fifth Schedule;

[S 361/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

"Council" means the Public Transport Council established under section 3 of the Public Transport Council Act (Cap. 259B);

"licence" means a licence granted under Part V of the Act to use a motor vehicle as a public service vehicle;

"licensee" means the holder of a licence;

[*Deleted by S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017*]

"owner", for a public service vehicle, means the registered owner of the vehicle;

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

"private hire car" means a motor car that does not ply for hire on any road, and —

(*a*) is hired or made available for hire, under a contract (express or implied) for use as a whole by the hirer or any other individual authorised by the hirer in the contract to drive the car personally; or

(*b*) is hired or made available for hire, under a contract (express or implied) for use as a whole with a driver for the purpose of conveying the hirer, and one or more passengers (if any), in that car;

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"self-drive private hire car" means a private hire car hired, or made available for hire, in the circumstances in paragraph (*a*) of the definition of "private hire car".

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

(2) For the purposes of these Rules, licences granted under Part V of the Act shall be divided into the following classes:

(*a*) an excursion bus licence; that is to say, a licence to use a vehicle as an excursion bus;

(*b*) an omnibus licence; that is to say, a licence to use a vehicle as an omnibus;

(*c*) a private bus licence; that is to say, a licence to use a vehicle as a private bus;

(*d*) a school bus licence; that is to say, a licence to use a vehicle as a school bus;

(*e*) a private hire bus licence; that is to say, a licence to use a vehicle as a private hire bus;

(*f*) a chauffeured private hire car licence, that is to say, a licence to use, or make available for hire under a contract

(express or implied) for use of, the vehicle as a chauffeured private hire car;

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

(*fa*) a self-drive private hire car licence, that is to say, a licence to use, or make available for hire to use, the vehicle as a self-drive private hire car;

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

(*g*) a taxi licence; that is to say, a licence to use a vehicle as a taxi; and

(*h*) a trishaw licence; that is to say, a licence to use a vehicle as a trishaw.

(3) In these Rules —

(*a*) a reference to fares approved by the Council in relation to any taxi or taximeter in a taxi is a reference to the fares last lodged with the Council in accordance with —

(i) the Public Transport Council (Street-hail Fare Pricing Policy) Order 2020 (G.N. No. S 918/2020) for a street-hail service using that taxi; or

(ii) the Public Transport Council (Ride-hail Fare Pricing Policy) Order 2020 (G.N. No. S 916/2020) for a ride-hail service using that taxi; and

[S 920/2020 wef 30/10/2020]

(*b*) a reference to a private hire car licence is a reference to both a chauffeured private hire car licence and a self-drive private hire car licence.

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

PART II

GENERAL

Application for licence

3.—(1) An application for the grant or renewal of a licence shall be made to the Registrar in such form as the Registrar may require.

(2) The licences issued under these Rules shall be in such form as the Registrar may determine.

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

(3) In considering an application for the grant of a licence, the Registrar may require to be satisfied as to whether the vehicle in respect of which the application is made —

(*a*) is suitable for use as a public service vehicle, having regard to the construction of the vehicle, existing traffic conditions and the comfort of any passenger to be conveyed on board;

(*b*) is painted and varnished adequately and properly;

(*c*) is provided with suitable lamps and other fittings;

(*d*) is a new vehicle, where the vehicle is to be used as a taxi, an excursion bus or an omnibus;

[S 471/2006 wef 01/08/2006]

(*e*) has an engine which uses petrol where the vehicle is to be used as a private hire car; and

(*f*) has the complete name of the owner painted on the sides in such manner as the Registrar may direct where the public service vehicle is an omnibus, a private bus, an excursion bus, a private hire bus or a school bus.

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

(4) Where the Registrar is satisfied that the applicant has fulfilled the requirements of these Rules, the Registrar may grant a licence to the applicant with or without conditions.

(5) A licence may be granted or renewed for such periods as the Registrar may determine.

(6) Where the Registrar refuses to grant a licence, the Registrar shall notify the applicant of his refusal to grant a licence.

(7) The applicant may, within 14 days of the date of receipt of such notice, appeal against such refusal to grant a licence to the Minister whose decision shall be final.

Change of particulars of licence

3A.—(1) An application to amend the particulars of a licence in respect of a bus must be —

(*a*) made to the Registrar by the licensee concerned in the form and manner the Registrar requires; and

(*b*) accompanied by an application fee of $40 where —

(i) the licensee is also a holder of a Class 2 bus service licence granted under section 13 of the Bus Services Industry Act 2015 (Act 30 of 2015); and

(ii) the bus is used or to be used by the licensee to operate the bus service authorised under the Class 2 bus service licence.

(2) Paragraph (1)(*b*) does not apply to an application to amend the particulars of a licence in respect of a bus if at the time of making the application —

(*a*) the licensee has made an application to the Authority under section 12 of the Bus Services Industry Act 2015 to renew a Class 2 bus service licence, using the electronic means specified by the Registrar, and the licensee intends to use or is using the bus to operate the bus service authorised under the Class 2 bus service licence, if renewed; or

(*b*) the licensee has made an application to the Authority under regulation 6 of the Bus Services Industry (Bus Service Licence) Regulations 2016 (G.N. No. S 33/2016) to amend an operating schedule of a Class 2 bus service licence, using the electronic means specified by the Registrar, and the licensee intends to use or is using the bus to operate the bus service authorised under the Class 2 bus service licence.

[S 94/2020 wef 10/02/2020]

Vehicle to be clean and in good order

4.—(1) No licensee shall ply a public service vehicle for the purpose of gain or cause or permit a vehicle to be plied for the purpose of gain if the vehicle or any of its accessories or

appurtenances are not clean or in proper repair, good order or condition.

(2) Except where the Registrar otherwise permits, no licence shall be renewed in respect of —

(*a*) an excursion bus, a school bus, a private hire bus or a private bus which has been used for more than 20 years;

(*b*) an omnibus which —

(i) in a case where the omnibus licence is issued before 1st September 2003, is more than 15 years old on that date; or

(ii) in any other case, is more than 17 years old; or

[S 425/2003 wef 01/09/2003]

[S 471/2006 wef 01/08/2006]

(*c*) a taxi which —

(i) in a case where the taxi licence is issued before 1st September 2003, is more than 7 years old on that date; or

(ii) in any other case, is more than 8 years old.

[S 425/2003 wef 01/09/2003]

[S 471/2006 wef 01/08/2006]

(*d*) [*Deleted by S 471/2006 wef 01/08/2006*]

Maximum number of passengers

5. No licensee shall convey in a public service vehicle or cause or permit such vehicle to convey more passengers than the number for which it is licensed to carry.

Installation of additional seats prohibited

5A. A public service vehicle shall not, without the prior written approval of the Registrar, be fitted with or contain a number of seats in excess of the maximum adult seating capacity specified in the licence issued for that vehicle.

[S 23/2001 wef 09/01/2001]

Front windscreen to be kept clear

6.—(1) A driver of a public service vehicle must ensure that no item or other thing is placed in or on the vehicle such that the front windscreen of the vehicle is obstructed or obscured in a way that —

(*a*) hinders or obstructs the view of the driver when the driver is driving the vehicle; or

(*b*) affects the driving ability of the driver in any other way.

(2) In this rule, "public service vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is licensed under the Act to be used as a public service vehicle.

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

Approval of certain scheduled services

6A.—(1) No licensee shall use his public service vehicle, or cause or permit his public service vehicle to be used, by any person for the operation of a scheduled service from Singapore to one or more destinations outside Singapore without the prior approval of the Registrar to do so.

(2) In this rule, "public service vehicle" means a public service vehicle which is registered under the Act.

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

Refusal to renew or revocation or suspension of licence

7.—(1) The Registrar may refuse to renew, or may revoke or suspend a licence —

(*a*) if in the opinion of the Registrar the licensee —

(i) has made any misrepresentation, whether innocent or otherwise, or has failed to disclose any fact, at the time of applying for a licence and such misrepresentation or non-disclosure would have influenced the decision of the Registrar to grant or refuse to grant a licence;

(ii) has been guilty of any misconduct which renders him unfit to hold a licence;

(iii) has contravened or failed to comply with any of the provisions of the Act or these Rules;

(iv) has been convicted of any offence under the Act or these Rules;

(v) is no longer a fit and proper person to continue to hold a licence; or

(vi) has failed to secure the compliance, by any driver or conductor employed by him, with the provisions of the Act, these Rules and the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Rules (R 8);

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

(*b*) if he is of the opinion that the vehicle in respect of which the licence is issued has, by reason of any mechanical defect or otherwise, become unsuitable for use as a public service vehicle; or

(*c*) if he considers it in the public interest to do so.

(2) The Registrar shall before he refuses to renew, revoke or suspend a licence under paragraph (1) give the licensee concerned notice in writing of his intention to do so, specifying a date, not less than 21 days after the date of notice, upon which such revocation or suspension shall take effect and calling upon the person concerned to show cause to the Registrar why his licence should be renewed or should not be revoked or suspended.

(3) When the Registrar has refused to renew, or has revoked or suspended the licence under paragraph (1), the Registrar shall forthwith inform the person concerned by notice in writing of the refusal to renew, revocation or suspension.

(4) The person concerned may, within 14 days of the service of the notice referred to in paragraph (3) or such extended period of time as the Minister may allow, appeal in writing against such refusal to renew, revocation or suspension to the Minister whose decision shall be final.

(5) If within that period the person concerned gives the notice of appeal to the Minister, the refusal to renew, revocation or suspension shall not take effect unless it is confirmed by the Minister or the appeal is for any reason dismissed by the Minister.

8. [*Deleted by S 920/2020 wef 30/10/2020*]

Prohibition against conveying unaccompanied goods

9.—(1) The holder of a licence for a chauffeured private hire car or taxi must not use, or cause or permit —

(*a*) the private hire car, whether or not it is used as a chauffeured private hire car; or

(*b*) the taxi, whether or not it is used as a taxi,

to provide a courier pick-up and delivery service without the prior approval of the Registrar.

(2) In this rule, a courier pick-up and delivery service means a service consisting of the collection, conveyance and delivery, for reward, of any cargo not incidental to the carriage of any passenger in a motor vehicle; and any goods, article, food or baggage which is unaccompanied by any passenger travelling in the motor vehicle must be treated as cargo.

[S 797/2017 wef 01/01/2018]

Registrar may compel production of vehicle for inspection

10.—(1) The Registrar may at any time require a person to produce before him or an authorised examiner within the meaning of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) Rules (R 21), at such time and place as he may appoint, any public service vehicle in respect of which a licence has been issued to that person.

(2) Upon a requisition being made by the Registrar under paragraph (1), that person shall produce the vehicle, together with all its fittings, before the Registrar or an authorised examiner referred to in that paragraph.

Periodic inspection, testing and approval of vehicle

11. Every vehicle used as a public service vehicle shall be inspected, tested and approved by the Registrar, an authorised officer or an authorised examiner within the meaning of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) Rules —

(*a*) at least once in every 6 months where such vehicle is a taxi, an omnibus or a trishaw; and

(*b*) at least once a year where such vehicle is a private bus, an excursion bus, a private hire car, a private hire bus or a school bus.

Registrar may examine vehicle

12.—(1) The Registrar or an authorised officer may examine a public service vehicle.

(2) If any person obstructs the Registrar or the authorised officer in the exercise of his powers and duties under this rule, the person shall be guilty of an offence under these Rules.

Vehicle may be seized

13.—(1) Any vehicle used as a public service vehicle belonging to a licensee who has failed to attend before the Registrar or an authorised officer for a period of 3 days after being required so to attend under rule 10 may be seized and detained by the Registrar or the authorised officer and dealt with in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Where any vehicle is detained under paragraph (1), the Registrar or an authorised officer shall forthwith give notice in writing to the owner (if the name and address of the owner are known to him) of the detention.

(3) Where any vehicle detained under paragraph (1) is not claimed by its owner within 3 months of the date of its detention, the Registrar or an authorised officer, after giving one month's notice in the *Gazette*, may sell by public auction or otherwise dispose of the vehicle.

(4) The proceeds, if any, from the sale or disposal of any vehicle under paragraph (3) shall be applied in payment of any licence fees which may be due in respect of the vehicle and of any charges incurred in carrying out the provisions of this rule and the surplus, if any, shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund if unclaimed by the licensee within a period of 12 months.

14. [*Deleted by S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018*]

PART IIA

ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT IN PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

Definitions for this Part

14. In this Part —

"audio recording equipment" includes any equipment with an audio recording capability or function that is not disabled;

"bus" means any motor vehicle that is the subject of any of the following classes of licence granted under Part V of the Act:

(*a*) an omnibus licence;

(*b*) an excursion bus licence;

(*c*) a private bus licence;

(*d*) a private hire bus licence;

(*e*) a school bus licence;

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

"disable" means to deactivate or deliberately render ineffective a capability, or a function, of a piece of equipment;

"disclose", in relation to recordings, includes to provide access to the recordings;

"install", in relation to a vehicle, means to permanently or temporarily affix, secure or otherwise place, a piece of

equipment in a fixed position for service or use in or on any part of the vehicle;

"public service vehicle" means any motor vehicle that is licensed under Part V of the Act but does not include a bus;

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

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"visual recording equipment" includes any equipment with a visual recording capability or function that is not disabled.

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

No acoustic, radio or television equipment in public service vehicles

14A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), a person must not install, or cause or permit to be installed —

(*a*) any acoustic equipment;

(*b*) any radio equipment; or

(*c*) any television equipment,

in or on a public service vehicle without the prior written permission of the Registrar.

(2) A person may install the following equipment in any public service vehicle for the purpose or in the manner as follows:

(*a*) a radio telephone for communicating to the driver a booking or instruction to convey a passenger for the purpose of gain;

(*b*) a radio, with or without a cassette player, which is mounted and secured on the dashboard of the vehicle.

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

Installation or use of audio recording equipment in or on public service vehicles

14B.—(1) Except as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3), a person must not install, or cause or permit to be installed, any audio recording equipment in or on a public service vehicle.

(2) A person may install, or cause or permit to be installed, the following audio recording equipment in or on any public service vehicle:

(*a*) a mobile telephone;

(*b*) an audio recording equipment which is also a visual recording equipment and which is installed in accordance with rule 14C(2)(*b*) or (3);

(*c*) any other audio recording device —

(i) that cannot record any sound, or absence of sound, within the vehicle; and

(ii) that is installed in a way that can only result in an audio recording of the conditions or circumstances outside of the vehicle.

(3) The owner of a public service vehicle may install, or cause or permit to be installed, an audio recording equipment in or on the vehicle to record any sound, or absence of sound, within the vehicle only if —

(*a*) the owner has prior written permission from the Registrar to do so; and

(*b*) the equipment is installed by a person designated by the Authority in accordance with that permission.

(4) A person must not use, or cause or permit to be used, any audio recording equipment installed in or on a public service vehicle to record any sound, or absence of sound, within the vehicle unless —

(*a*) the person has prior written permission from the Registrar to do so;

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(*b*) the audio recording is made in accordance with that permission; and

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

(*c*) a notice is displayed in a conspicuous place inside the vehicle, stating that audio recording equipment is installed

in or on the vehicle in accordance with the Registrar's permission.

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

Installation or use of visual recording equipment in or on public service vehicles

14C.—(1) Except as provided by paragraphs (2) and (3), a person must not install, or cause or permit to be installed, any visual recording equipment in or on any public service vehicle.

(2) A person may install, or cause or permit to be installed, the following visual recording equipment in or on any public service vehicle:

(*a*) a mobile telephone;

(*b*) any other visual recording device installed in a way —

(i) that can only result in a visual recording of the conditions or circumstances outside the vehicle; and

(ii) that is not positioned or manoeuvred to record the presence or absence of any person or thing, or the occurrence of any incident, within the vehicle.

(3) The owner of any public service vehicle may install, or cause or permit to be installed, a visual recording equipment in or on the vehicle to record the presence or absence of any person or item, or the occurrence of any incident, within the vehicle only if —

(*a*) the owner has prior written permission from the Registrar to do so; and

(*b*) the equipment is installed by a person designated by the Authority in accordance with that permission.

(4) A person must not use, or cause or permit to be used, any visual recording equipment installed in or on a public service vehicle to record the presence or absence of any person or item, or the occurrence of any incident, within the vehicle unless —

(*a*) the person has prior written permission from the Registrar to do so;

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(*b*) the visual recording is made in accordance with that permission; and

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

(*c*) a notice is displayed in a conspicuous place inside the vehicle, stating that visual recording equipment is installed in or on the vehicle in accordance with the Registrar's permission.

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

Notice of recording equipment in buses

14CA. A person must not use, or cause or permit to be used —

(*a*) any audio recording equipment installed in or on a bus to record any sound, or absence of sound, within the bus; or

(*b*) any visual recording equipment installed in or on a bus to record the presence or absence of any person or item, or the occurrence of any incident, within the bus,

unless a notice is displayed in a conspicuous place inside the bus, stating that audio recording equipment or visual recording equipment (as the case may be) is installed in or on the bus.

[S 496/2019 wef 15/07/2019]

Disclosure of visual recordings

14D.—(1) Except as provided by paragraph (2), a person must not disclose, or cause or allow disclosure of, any recordings in or from any visual recording equipment installed in or on a public service vehicle for the purpose of making a visual recording of the presence or absence of any person or thing, or the occurrence of any incident, within the vehicle.

(2) The recordings mentioned in paragraph (1) may be disclosed to —

(*a*) an employee of the Authority who is authorised to have access to the recordings to determine compliance with Part V of the Act and the rules made thereunder; or

(*b*) a person accessing the recording in accordance with a prior written permission from the Registrar for that purpose.

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

PART III

TAXIS

Taxi to be fitted with taximeter of type approved by Registrar

15. Every taxi shall be fitted with an efficient taximeter which shall be of a type and in a manner approved by the Registrar in accordance with the Second Schedule.

Taximeter to be sealed and in good order

16. No holder of a taxi licence shall ply for hire or cause or permit to be plied for hire a taxi for the purpose of gain unless the taximeter —

(*a*) has been sealed by the Registrar or an authorised officer and every seal which is affixed to the taximeter under these Rules is intact and every part thereof is in good order and condition;

(*b*) is so adjusted that it will register the fare approved by the Council or hiring charge correctly; and

(*c*) is affixed to the vehicle in a manner approved by the Registrar.

Responsibility of licensee for taximeter

17. A holder of a taxi licence, whose taxi is fitted with a taximeter, shall —

(*a*) keep the taximeter in good order and condition and have the same examined and tested by the Registrar or an authorised officer at least once in every 6 months;

(*b*) where, owing to a repair of or an alteration being made to the vehicle or its equipment or for any other reason, the taximeter does not register the fare approved by the Council or hiring charge correctly or whenever the taximeter is defective —

(i) immediately notify the Registrar in writing of the fact; and

(ii) not ply the taxi or cause or permit the taxi to be plied for hire or for the purpose of gain until the taximeter has been suitably re-adjusted and the taxi and its taximeter have been submitted to the Registrar or an authorised officer for a test and re-sealing, respectively; and

(*c*) where any taximeter, other than the taximeter that has been tested and sealed by the Registrar or an authorised officer, is affixed to the taxi or whenever the seal affixed to the taximeter is broken —

(i) immediately notify the Registrar in writing of the fact; and

(ii) not ply the taxi or cause or permit the taxi to be plied for hire or for the purpose of gain until the vehicle and its taximeter have been submitted to the Registrar or an authorised officer for a test and the taximeter has been sealed or re-sealed, as the case may be, by the Registrar or authorised officer.

18. [*Deleted by S 140/2007 wef 30/03/2007*]

Air-conditioned taxi to display notice prohibiting smoking

19.—(1) A notice stating that smoking is prohibited shall be displayed inside an air-conditioned taxi.

(2) Such notice shall be phrased in such manner and sited in such position in the taxi as the Registrar may think fit.

Production of taxi and taximeter for inspection

20.—(1) The Registrar may, at any time, require the holder of a taxi licence to produce his taxi at such time and place as the Registrar may specify and inspect and test the taxi and any taximeter affixed thereon.

(2) Where the taximeter has not been affixed to the taxi in accordance with these Rules, the Registrar may suspend the licence until the taximeter is affixed to the taxi in accordance with these Rules and is duly sealed by the Registrar or an authorised officer.

No taximeter to be tampered with, etc., without permission of Registrar

21.—(1) No taximeter shall be tampered with, adjusted, altered, modified, repaired or removed without the prior written permission of the Registrar.

(2) No person shall tamper with, adjust, alter or modify a taximeter affixed to a taxi or cause or permit a taximeter or any part thereof to be tampered with, adjusted, altered or modified so as to prevent or interfere with the proper working or use of the same in accordance with these Rules.

Fitting, mark or seal to be branded again

22. If any fitting, mark or seal branded by the Registrar or an authorised officer is renewed during the validity of a taxi licence, such renewed fitting, mark or seal shall be produced to the Registrar or an authorised officer in order that the fitting, mark or seal may be branded again.

Approved fares to be displayed

23. An approved table of the fares approved by the Council shall be displayed inside every taxi in such manner and position as the Registrar or an authorised officer may direct.

Register to be kept by holder of taxi licence

24.—(1) A holder of a taxi licence shall keep a register in which shall be entered —

(*a*) the registration number of the taxi owned by him;

(*b*) the particulars of the taxi licence issued to him;

(*c*) the name and address of every driver thereof, and the particulars of the vocational licence of such driver authorising him to act as a taxi driver; and

(*d*) the date and time during which the taxi is in the charge of every such driver.

(2) The register shall be in such form as the Registrar may require and shall be kept up to date.

(3) All entries in the register shall be made in ink.

(4) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the licensee to produce the register at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer, as the case may be, may appoint.

(5) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the attendance before him of the licensee, or the licensee and any driver referred to in paragraph (1), at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint and examine the licensee or the licensee and the driver with respect to matters under these Rules.

(6) Upon a requisition being made under paragraph (4) or (5), the licensee shall produce the register or the licensee and the driver shall attend as so required.

25. [*Deleted by S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004*]

PART IV

OMNIBUSES

Suitability of omnibus

26. Upon receiving an application for an omnibus licence, the Registrar may require to be satisfied as to whether —

(*a*) the omnibus that is the subject of the application is to be plied for hire or for the purpose of gain only upon the route or routes authorised by —

(i) a bus service licence under the Bus Services Industry Act 2015 (Act 30 of 2015); or

(ii) the Registrar, in the case of an omnibus that is registered outside Singapore or an omnibus used for the operation of a scheduled service from Singapore to one or more destinations outside Singapore;

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(*b*) a table of authorised fares is displayed in or on the omnibus in such manner and position as the Registrar may require; and

(*c*) the name of the route along which the omnibus may be plied for hire or for the purpose of gain is displayed in such manner and position as the Registrar may require.

Stopping place for taking up and setting down passengers

27.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no omnibus shall stop at any place for the purpose of taking up or setting down passengers except at such place as may be specified for such purpose by the Registrar.

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to an omnibus when it is permitted under rule 58 to be used as an excursion bus, a private hire bus or a private bus.

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

Register to be kept by holder of omnibus licence

28.—(1) A holder of an omnibus licence shall keep a register in which shall be entered —

(*a*) the registration number of the omnibus owned by him;

(*b*) the particulars of the omnibus licence issued to him by the Registrar;

(*c*) the name and address of every driver and conductor thereof and the particulars of the vocational licences of such driver and conductor authorising them to act as an omnibus driver and conductor, respectively;

(*d*) the dates of their entering into and leaving the service of the licensee; and

(*e*) their hours of duty.

(2) The register shall be in such form as the Registrar may require and shall be kept up to date.

(3) All entries in the register shall be made in ink.

(4) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the licensee to produce the register at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint.

(5) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the attendance before him of the licensee, or the licensee and any driver or conductor referred to in paragraph (1), at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint and examine the licensee or the licensee and the driver or conductor with respect to matters under these Rules.

(6) Upon a requisition being made under paragraph (4) or (5), the licensee shall produce the register or the licensee and the driver or conductor shall attend as so required.

29. [*Deleted by S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004*]

30. [*Deleted by S 140/2007 wef 30/03/2007*]

PART V

EXCURSION BUSES

Licensing of excursion buses

31. Upon receiving an application for an excursion bus licence, the Registrar may issue the licence if he is satisfied that the vehicle is air-conditioned.

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

Register to be kept by holder of excursion bus licence

32.—(1) A holder of an excursion bus licence shall keep a register in which shall be entered —

(*a*) the registration number of the excursion bus owned by him;

(*b*) the particulars of the excursion bus licence issued to him;

(*c*) the name and address of every driver thereof and the particulars of the vocational licence of the driver authorising him to act as a driver thereof;

(*d*) the date on which the driver entered into and left the service of the licensee; and

(*e*) the hours of duty of the driver and the excursion bus driven by him in the course thereof.

(2) The register shall be in such form as the Registrar may require and shall be kept up to date.

(3) All entries in the register shall be made in ink.

(4) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the licensee to produce the register at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint.

(5) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the attendance before him of the licensee, or the licensee and any driver referred to in paragraph (1), at such time and place the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint and examine the licensee or the licensee and the driver with respect to matters under these Rules.

(6) Upon a requisition being made under paragraph (4) or (5), the licensee shall produce the register or the licensee and the driver shall attend as so required.

Prohibition on plying for hire on road, parking place or public stand

33.—(1) Except with the written permission of the Registrar, no person shall ply for hire or cause or permit to be plied for hire an excursion bus for the purpose of gain on any road or parking place or from a public stand.

(2) Every excursion bus shall be hired out from a garage or place approved by the Registrar.

Prohibition on display of rates of hire

34. No excursion bus shall display any device, word, letter or sign which refers to the fares for hiring the vehicle so that such device, word, letter or sign can be read by a person outside the vehicle.

Conveyance of school children

35.—(1) An excursion bus may be used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school.

(2) The provisions of Part VII, with the exception of rules 43, 44(*b*) and 48, shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to an excursion bus which is being used for the conveyance of school children as they apply to a school bus.

Conveyance of adult workers, or hire out on contract

36.—(1) An excursion bus may be used for the conveyance of adult workers or as a private hire bus.

(2) The provisions of Part VIII shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to an excursion bus which is being used for the conveyance of adult workers or as a private hire bus.

Standing passengers

37.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), an excursion bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When an excursion bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) An excursion bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

(*a*) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);

(*b*) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).

[S 329/2018 wef 31/05/2018]

PART VI

PRIVATE HIRE CARS

Suitability of vehicle

38. Upon receiving an application for a private hire car licence, the Registrar may require to be satisfied that the vehicle in respect of which the application is made is air-conditioned.

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

Decalcomania with chauffeured private hire car marking

38A.—(1) The holder of a chauffeured private hire car licence must cause to be affixed on the motor vehicle that is the subject of the licence 2 identical decalcomanias each bearing —

(*a*) the chauffeured private hire car marking; and

(*b*) a set of serial numbers assigned by the Registrar to that vehicle.

(2) However, where a motor vehicle first becomes, on or after 1 July 2017, the subject of a chauffeured private hire car licence, the holder of that licence must cause to be affixed on the motor vehicle the decalcomanias mentioned in paragraph (1) not later than 4 July 2017, or the third day after the date the licence is granted, whichever is later.

(3) The decalcomanias mentioned in paragraph (1) must be affixed by a person designated by the Authority, and no other, and in the manner specified in rule 38B.

(4) A person must not affix or cause to be affixed on a motor vehicle that is the subject of a chauffeured private hire car licence any decalcomania bearing the chauffeured private hire car marking and a set of serial numbers assigned by the Registrar to another chauffeured private hire car.

(5) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) or (4) shall be guilty of an offence.

[S 361/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Where to affix decalcomania with chauffeured private hire car marking

38B.—(1) The decalcomanias required to be affixed under rule 38A(1) must be securely affixed on the licensed chauffeured private hire car to which they relate in the manner described in this rule.

(2) In the case of a licensed chauffeured private hire car that is a Class 3 motor vehicle constructed with a front windscreen and a rear windscreen, the decalcomanias must be affixed —

(*a*) at the top right portion of the front windscreen as seen from the outside of the vehicle; and

(*b*) at the top left portion of the rear windscreen as seen from the outside of the vehicle.

(3) In the case of a licensed chauffeured private hire car that is a Class 3 motor vehicle constructed with a retractable windscreen or with a front windscreen but without a rear windscreen, the decalcomanias must be affixed —

(*a*) at the top right portion of the front windscreen as seen from the outside of the vehicle; and

(*b*) at the bottom right portion of the rear of the vehicle as seen from the rear of the vehicle or, if this is not possible because of the construction of the vehicle, at any other part of the rear of the vehicle.

(4) In any case, any decalcomania must not be placed such that it obstructs any rear lamp of the vehicle or any other mark or marking which, by virtue of the Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder, is required to be displayed at the rear of that vehicle.

[S 361/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Display of decalcomania with chauffeured private hire car marking

38C. A holder of a chauffeured private hire car licence must ensure that —

(*a*) the decalcomanias required to be affixed under rule 38A(1) are displayed at all times in the manner described in rule 38B; and

(*b*) no other figure, letter, design or ornamentation is placed near any such decalcomania in a manner so as to render its chauffeured private hire car marking obscured or more difficult to read when the motor vehicle is stationary or in motion.

[S 361/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Decalcomania not to be removed, obscured, defaced, etc.

38D. A person must not remove, alter, deface, cover or obscure a decalcomania which is —

(*a*) required to be affixed under rule 38A(1) on a licensed chauffeured private hire car; and

(*b*) affixed in accordance with rule 38B to such a car,

unless the person is designated and authorised to do so by the Authority.

[S 361/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Faded, defaced or illegible markings

38E.—(1) A holder of a chauffeured private hire car licence must not allow to be hired, or made available for hire, any licensed chauffeured private hire car knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that —

(*a*) any authorised decalcomania affixed to the car —

(i) is defaced, covered or obscured; or

(ii) has been altered by a person who is not authorised to alter that decalcomania;

(*b*) the marking or any figures or particulars on any authorised decalcomania affixed to the car are illegible; or

(*c*) the colour of any authorised decalcomania affixed to the car is discoloured by fading or otherwise.

(2) In this rule, an authorised decalcomania, for a chauffeured private hire car, means a decalcomania which is —

(*a*) required to be affixed under rule 38A(1) on the chauffeured private hire car; and

(*b*) affixed on that car in accordance with rule 38B.

[S 361/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Replacement of decalcomanias

38F. A holder of a chauffeured private hire car licence must, before the end of 3 days after becoming aware of any circumstance mentioned in rule 38E(1)(*a*), (*b*) or (*c*) applying to a chauffeured private hire car subject to the licence, or such longer period as the Registrar may allow in any particular case, cause to be affixed on the chauffeured private hire car a pair of replacement decalcomanias bearing —

(*a*) the chauffeured private hire car marking; and

(*b*) a set of serial numbers assigned by the Registrar to that car.

[S 361/2017 wef 01/07/2017]

Register to be kept by holder of private hire car licence

39.—(1) The holder of a private hire car licence must keep a register in which is entered —

(*a*) the registration number of the private hire car in respect of which the licence is issued;

(*b*) the particulars of the licence;

(*c*) for every individual employed by the holder to drive the private hire car —

(i) the individual's personal particulars such as the name, identity card number, contact details and address;

(ii) the particulars of the vocational licence held by that individual authorising the individual to act as a driver; and

(iii) the date on which the individual entered and left the employment of the holder; and

(*d*) the details of the use of the private hire car specified in paragraph (1A).

[S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017]

(1A) The following details relating to the use of a private hire car must be recorded in the register mentioned in paragraph (1):

(*a*) where the private hire car is used by an employee of the holder of the private hire car licence —

(i) the details specified in sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of paragraph (1)(*c*) in respect of that employee; and

(ii) the date and time during which the private hire car is in the charge of that employee;

(*b*) where the private hire car is hired out to an individual —

(i) the name, identity card number, contact details and address of every individual who drives the car;

(ii) the particulars of the vocational licence of such driver if the car is a chauffeured private hire car; and

(iii) the date and time during which the private hire car is in the charge of every such driver;

(*c*) where the car is hired out to a corporation —

(i) the name of the director or manager of that corporation who is domiciled in Singapore and directly involved in the agreement with the holder to hire the private hire car; and

(ii) the date and time during which the private hire car is in the charge of the corporation.

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(2) The register shall be in such form as the Registrar may require and shall be kept up to date.

(3) [*Deleted by S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017*]

(4) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the licensee to produce the register at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint.

(5) Upon a requisition being made under paragraph (4), the licensee shall produce the register as so required.

Prohibition on plying for hire on road, parking place or public stand

40.—(1) No person shall ply a private hire car or cause or permit such vehicle to be plied for hire or for the purpose of gain on any road or parking place or from a public stand.

(2) [*Deleted by S 312/2017 wef 20/06/2017*]

Prohibition on display of rates of hire

41. No private hire car shall display any device, word, letter or sign which refers to the fares for hiring the vehicle so that the device, word, letter or sign can be read by a person outside the vehicle.

PART VII

SCHOOL BUS

Definition of this Part

42. In this Part, "school" includes a child care centre and a kindergarten.

Permit for conveying adult workers

43.—(1) Except as provided in this rule, no school bus shall be used for the conveyance of adults, other than school staff, to and from their place or places of work.

(2) The Registrar may, subject to such conditions as he may impose, permit a school bus, in respect of which a licence has been issued under these Rules, to convey adults, other than school staff, to and from their place or places of work at a fixed or agreed rate or sum.

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

(3) Where permission has been granted under paragraph (2), a permit in the form set out in the Third Schedule shall be issued to the licensee concerned.

(4) The fee for the permit shall be $5 for 6 months.

Conditions attached to licence

44. In issuing a school bus licence, the Registrar may impose such conditions as he thinks fit, and may, in particular, impose conditions relating to —

(*a*) the keeping in the vehicle at all times of a list of the names and addresses of the school children and staff conveyed, the names of the school or schools to and from which they are conveyed, and a time-table of their conveyance;

(*b*) where a permit is issued under rule 43 in respect of the vehicle, the keeping in the vehicle at all times of another list of the names, addresses and identity card numbers of the adults (other than school staff and the driver) conveyed on the vehicle, the places to and from which they are conveyed, and a time-table of their conveyance;

(*c*) the manner in which school children and staff and other adults may be conveyed; and

(*d*) the places to and from which school children and staff and other adults may be conveyed.

Provide and maintain adequate and satisfactory service

45. The holder of a school bus licence shall provide and maintain an adequate and satisfactory service in conveying —

(*a*) school children and staff to and from any school; or

(*b*) any other person to and from any place of work.

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

Passenger capacity

46.—(1) The ratio of school pupils to adults conveyed in a school bus shall be 3:2.

(2) A child above 12 years of age shall be deemed to be an adult for the purposes of this rule.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a school bus may carry such number of pupils as the Registrar may determine.

[S 329/2018 wef 31/05/2018]

Standing passengers

46A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a school bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When a school bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) A school bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

(*a*) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);

(*b*) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).

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Conductor to hold vocational licence

47. The holder of a school bus licence shall ensure that there shall be on board his school bus a conductor who holds a vocational licence while the school bus is used in conveying for the purpose of gain —

(*a*) children enrolled in any child care centre or kindergarten; or

(*b*) any other school children where the school bus licence authorises the holder thereof to use his school bus to carry more than 30 children.

Display of markings

48.—(1) A holder of a school bus licence shall display at the rear of the vehicle in respect of which the licence is granted the marking set out in the Fourth Schedule.

(2) This rule shall apply to a vehicle licensed as a school bus —

(*a*) on or after 1st July 1982, from that date;

(*b*) between 1st January 1977 and 30th June 1982, from 1st August 1982;

(*c*) between 1st January 1973 and 31st December 1976, from 1st October 1982;

(*d*) between 1st January 1970 and 31st December 1972, from 1st January 1983; or

(*e*) before 1st January 1970, from 1st March 1983.

(3) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), this rule shall not apply to a vehicle licensed as a school bus which has been fitted with a marking in accordance with rule 79A of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).

[S 6/2005 wef 04/01/2005]

Register to be kept by holder of school bus licence

49.—(1) A holder of a school bus licence shall keep a register in which shall be entered —

(*a*) the registration number of the school bus owned by him;

(*b*) the particulars of the school bus licence issued to him;

(*c*) the name and address of every driver and conductor thereof and the particulars of the vocational licences of the driver and conductor authorising them to act as a school bus driver and conductor, respectively;

(*d*) the dates of their entering into and leaving the service of the licensee; and

(*e*) their hours of duty.

(2) The register shall be in such form as the Registrar may require and shall be kept up to date.

(3) All entries in the register shall be made in ink.

(4) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the licensee to produce the register at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint.

(5) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the attendance before him of the licensee, or the licensee and any driver or conductor referred to in paragraph (1), at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint and examine the licensee or the licensee and the driver or conductor with respect to matters under these Rules.

(6) Upon a requisition being made under paragraph (4) or (5), the licensee shall produce the register or the licensee and the driver or conductor shall attend as so required.

PART VIII

PRIVATE HIRE BUSES

Licensing of private hire bus

50.—(1) [*Deleted by S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004*]

(2) In issuing a private hire bus licence, the Registrar may impose such conditions as he thinks fit and may, in particular, impose conditions relating to —

(*a*) the keeping in the vehicle at all times of a list of names and addresses of adults conveyed regularly on the vehicle;

(*b*) the keeping in the vehicle at all times of another list of the name or names of the company or companies to and from which the adults are conveyed;

(*c*) the time-table of such conveyance; and

(*d*) notifying the Registrar within a specified period of any change in the particulars referred to in this paragraph.

Conveyance of school children

51.—(1) A private hire bus may be used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school.

(2) The provisions of Part VII, with the exception of rules 43, 44(*b*) and 48, shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to a private hire bus which is being used for the conveyance of school children as they apply to a school bus.

Standing passengers

51A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a private hire bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When a private hire bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) The private hire bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

(*a*) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);

(*b*) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).

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Provide and maintain adequate and satisfactory service

52. The holder of a private hire bus licence shall provide and maintain an adequate and satisfactory service in conveying any person to and from any place of work.

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

Register to be kept by holder of private hire bus licence

53.—(1) A holder of a private hire bus licence shall keep a register in which shall be entered —

(*a*) the registration number of the private hire bus owned by him;

(*b*) the particulars of the private hire bus licence issued to him;

(*c*) the name and address of every driver and conductor thereof and the particulars of the vocational licences of the driver and conductor authorising them to act as a private hire bus driver and conductor, respectively;

(*d*) the dates of their entering into and leaving the service of the licensee; and

(*e*) their hours of duty.

(2) The register shall be in such form as the Registrar may require and shall be kept up to date.

(3) All entries in the register shall be made in ink.

(4) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the licensee to produce the register at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint.

(5) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the attendance before him of the licensee, or the licensee and any driver or conductor referred to in paragraph (1), at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint and examine the licensee or the licensee and the driver or conductor with respect to matters under these Rules.

(6) Upon a requisition being made under paragraph (4) or (5), the licensee shall produce the register or the licensee and the driver or conductor shall attend as so required.

PART IX

PRIVATE BUSES

54. [*Deleted by S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004*]

Prohibition on plying for hire on road, parking place or public stand

55. No person shall ply a private bus or cause or permit such vehicle to be plied for hire or for the purpose of gain on any road or parking place or from a public stand.

Conveyance of school children

56.—(1) A private bus may be used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, subject to such conditions as the Registrar may impose.

(2) The provisions of Part VII, with the exception of rules 43, 44(*b*) and 48 shall apply, with the necessary modifications, to a private bus which is being used for the conveyance of school children as they apply to a school bus.

(3) Where a holder of a private bus licence —

(*a*) fails to comply or fails to secure the compliance of any driver employed by him with all or any of the provisions of the Act or these Rules or any condition imposed by the Registrar; or

(*b*) fails to provide and maintain adequate and satisfactory service in conveying school children to and from their school,

the Registrar may, by notice in writing, prohibit the holder of the private bus licence from using his private bus for the conveyance of school children under this rule.

Conveyance of adult workers

57.—(1) A private bus may be used for the conveyance of adults to and from their place or places of work at a fixed or agreed rate or sum subject to such conditions as the Registrar may impose.

(2) The conditions which the Registrar may impose under paragraph (1) shall include conditions requiring the holder of the private bus licence —

(*a*) to keep in the private bus at all times a list of names and addresses of adults conveyed regularly on the private bus;

(*b*) to keep in the private bus at all times another list of the name or names of the company or companies to and from which the adults are conveyed; and

(*c*) to notify the Registrar within a specified period of any change in the particulars referred to in this paragraph.

(3) Where a holder of a private bus licence —

(*a*) fails to comply or fails to secure the compliance of any driver employed by him with all or any of the provisions of the Act or these Rules or any condition imposed by the Registrar; or

(*b*) fails to provide and maintain adequate and satisfactory service in conveying adults to and from their place or places of work,

the Registrar may, by notice in writing, prohibit the holder of the private bus licence from using his private bus for the conveyance of adults under this rule.

Standing passengers

57A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a private bus may carry standing passengers.

(2) When a private bus is used for the conveyance of school children to and from their school, it must not carry any standing passenger who is below 18 years of age.

(3) The private bus must comply with the following requirements if it carries any standing passenger:

(*a*) it must have a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilograms or a seating capacity exceeding 15 persons (excluding the driver);

(*b*) it must be fitted with handrails and handstraps in accordance with rule 85 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).

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PART X

BUSES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES

Authority may allow omnibuses, private hire buses, private buses and excursion buses to be used for certain purposes

58.—(1) The Authority may —

(*a*) upon an application made by the holder of an omnibus licence (called in this sub-paragraph the omnibus licensee) issued under Part IV, permit the omnibus licensee to use the omnibus licensee's omnibus as an excursion bus, a private hire bus or a private bus, despite that the omnibus licensee has not been issued with an excursion bus licence under Part V, a private hire bus licence under Part VIII or a private bus licence under Part IX, as the case may be;

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(*b*) upon an application made by the holder of an excursion bus licence issued under Part V, permit the holder of the licence to use his excursion bus as a private hire bus or a private bus or both, notwithstanding that the holder of the excursion bus licence has not been issued with a private hire bus licence under Part VIII or a private bus licence under Part IX;

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(*c*) upon an application made by the holder of a private hire bus licence issued under Part VIII, permit the holder of the licence to use his private hire bus as an excursion bus or a private bus or both, notwithstanding that the holder of the private hire bus licence has not been issued with an excursion bus licence under Part V or a private bus licence under Part IX; and

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(*d*) upon an application made by the holder of a private bus licence issued under Part IX, permit the holder of the licence to use his private bus as an excursion bus or a private hire bus or both, notwithstanding that the holder of the private bus licence has not been issued with an excursion bus licence under Part V or a private hire bus licence under Part VIII.

[S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004]

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

[S 412/2018 wef 22/06/2018]

[S 920/2020 wef 30/10/2020]

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

(2) The Authority may grant an application under paragraph (1) subject to such conditions as the Authority thinks fit to impose.

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

(3) The Authority must not grant a permit under paragraph (1) for a licensee to use the licensee's bus as an excursion bus if the licensee's bus is not air-conditioned.

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

(4) The following provisions apply in respect of a bus when the bus is permitted by the Authority under paragraph (1) to be used as a different class of public service vehicle:

(*a*) the provisions of Part V (except rule 31) apply when the bus is permitted to be used as an excursion bus, with the modification that a reference to a holder of an excursion bus licence or licensee is a reference to the licensee of the bus permitted to be used as an excursion bus;

(*b*) the provisions of Part VIII (except rules 50 and 52) apply when the bus is permitted to be used as a private hire bus, with the modification that a reference to a holder of a private hire bus licence or licensee is a reference to the licensee of the bus permitted to be used as a private hire bus;

(*c*) the provisions of Part IX and rule 65 apply when the bus is permitted to be used as a private bus, with the modification

that a reference to a holder of a private bus licence or licensee is a reference to the licensee of the bus permitted to be used as a private bus.

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

(5) Where the holder of an omnibus licence, an excursion bus licence, a private hire bus licence or a private bus licence (called in this paragraph a specified licensee) whose application under paragraph (1) has been granted by the Authority —

(*a*) fails to comply, or fails to secure the compliance of any driver that a specified licensee employs, with all or any of the provisions of the Act or these Rules or any condition imposed by the Authority; or

(*b*) fails to provide and maintain adequate and satisfactory service in connection with the use of a specified licensee's bus as an excursion bus, a private hire bus or a private bus, as the case may be,

the Authority may, by notice in writing, revoke any permission granted by the Authority under paragraph (1) to the holder of the licence.

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

[S 734/2017 wef 18/12/2017]

PART XI

TRISHAWS

Suitability of vehicle

59. No licence shall be issued in respect of a trishaw which exceeds the following dimensions:

(*a*)	wheel base	1,220 millimetres;
(*b*)	height from top of hood to ground	1,430 millimetres;
(*c*)	width of body	760 millimetres;
(*d*)	length of body	1,270 millimetres;
(*e*)	overall width of trishaw	1,270 millimetres;

(*f*) overall length of trishaw 1,930 millimetres.

Lamps, brakes, etc., to be approved

60. No trishaw shall be registered and licensed or used on a public road, street or place if the vehicle is not fitted with such bell, efficient brake and suitable front lamp and rear lamp, or rear red reflector as the Registrar may require.

Maximum number of passengers

61. No trishaw shall at any time carry more than 2 adult passengers, or one adult and 2 children passengers if the children are not more than one metre in height.

Plate or identification mark to be affixed on trishaw

62.—(1) The Registrar may require a licensee to affix such plate or identification mark on the trishaw in such manner as the Registrar may require and the licensee shall comply with such requisition.

(2) If any plate or identification mark affixed to a trishaw under paragraph (1) becomes illegible or defaced or is removed, the licensee shall replace the plate or identification mark with a new one.

Register to be kept by holder of trishaw licence

63.—(1) A holder of a trishaw licence shall keep a register in which shall be entered —

(*a*) the registration number of the trishaw owned by him;

(*b*) the particulars of the trishaw licence issued to him;

(*c*) the name and address of every trishaw rider thereof and the particulars of the vocational licence of the trishaw rider authorising him to act as a trishaw rider; and

(*d*) the date and time during which the trishaw is in the charge of every such trishaw rider.

(2) The register shall be in such form as the Registrar may require and shall be kept up to date.

(3) All entries in the register shall be made in ink.

(4) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the licensee to produce the register at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint.

(5) The Registrar or an authorised officer may at any time require the attendance before him of the licensee, or the licensee and any trishaw rider referred to in paragraph (1), at such time and place as the Registrar or authorised officer may appoint and examine the licensee or the licensee and trishaw rider with respect to matters under these Rules.

(6) Upon a requisition being made under paragraph (4) or (5), the licensee shall produce the register or the licensee and the trishaw rider shall attend as so required.

Trishaw rider to hold vocational licence

64. No holder of a trishaw licence shall cause or permit any person to ride a trishaw for the conveyance of passengers for the purpose of gain unless that person is the holder of a vocational licence issued under Part V of the Act authorising him to do so.

PART XII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Valid insurance policy in relation to use of excursion bus licence, school bus licence, private hire bus licence or private bus licence

65.—(1) A holder of an excursion bus licence, a school bus licence, a private hire bus licence or a private bus licence must ensure that there exists a valid policy of insurance in relation to the use of the excursion bus, school bus, private hire bus or private bus, as the case may be.

(2) The policy of insurance mentioned in paragraph (1) must be issued in relation to all passengers (whether seated or standing) in the excursion bus, school bus, private hire bus or private bus (as the case may be), and insure against any liability in respect of the death of, or bodily injury sustained by, any such passenger caused by or arising

out of the use of that excursion bus, school bus, private hire bus or private bus, as the case may be.

[S 329/2018 wef 31/05/2018]

Advertisement

66. No advertisement shall be displayed either inside or outside a public service vehicle without the prior written approval of the Registrar.

Markings of passenger capacity

67.—(1) A public service vehicle shall have the number of passengers which that vehicle is licensed to carry and such other figures and words painted on the vehicle as the Registrar may direct.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to a private hire car.

FIRST SCHEDULE

[*Deleted by S 675/2004 wef 05/11/2004*]

SECOND SCHEDULE

Rule 15

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, unless the context otherwise requires —

"certificate of approval" means a certificate of approval issued under paragraph 2;

"licensee" means the holder of a taxi licence;

"taximeter" means an instrument indicating the fare due and includes any appliance attached thereto for the issue of a receipt for fare paid.

Taximeters to be approved

2.—(1) No taximeter shall be used in a taxi unless —

(*a*) a certificate of approval has been issued by the Registrar in respect of a taximeter of such type or design;

(*b*) the taximeter is found suitable for such use under paragraph 6; and

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

(*c*) the taximeter is sealed by or under the authority of the Registrar under paragraph 6.

(2) Any person who wishes to obtain a certificate of approval in respect of a taximeter of any type or design shall make an application to the Registrar, and shall send a sample of the completed taximeter together with a detailed description of the taximeter and drawings of its mechanism.

(3) A working sample of the flexible cable and transducer unit by which the taximeter shall be operated shall be forwarded with the taximeter.

(4) The applicant or his authorised representative shall demonstrate to the Registrar the manner in which the taximeter works.

Test and approval of taximeter

3.—(1) The Registrar may subject a taximeter of any type or design to an exhaustive test to ascertain whether it is constructed and will operate in accordance with this Schedule.

(2) In testing any type or design of taximeter, the Registrar may require to be satisfied as to whether such type or design of taximeter is suitable for use.

(3) After any type or design of taximeter has been tested by the Registrar, the applicant for a certificate of approval shall provide a taxi fitted with a taximeter of such type or design for testing by the Registrar for at least one complete day.

(4) Where the Registrar is satisfied that a taximeter of such type or design is constructed and will operate in accordance with this Schedule and is suitable for use —

(*a*) he may issue a certificate of approval in respect of such type or design of taximeter; and

(*b*) he shall retain as a sample one taximeter of that type or design.

(5) The manufacturer of a taximeter or his agent shall supply the Registrar with such number of the taximeter test benches as the Registrar may require from time to time for the purpose of carrying out any test under this paragraph.

(6) Any taximeter not approved by the Registrar shall be returned to the owner of the taximeter together with the reasons for disapproval.

Constructional requirements

4.—(1) A taximeter shall be so constructed as —

(*a*) to indicate in such manner as the Registrar may approve the amount of fare calculated according to the distances travelled plus waiting time and any extra charges; and

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

(*b*) to clearly show the position of the taximeter by displaying the words "FOR HIRE", "HIRED" or "STOPPED".

(2) The nature of any information displayed by a taximeter shall be indicated by suitable words or symbols.

(3) The words or symbols denoting the amount of fare on a taximeter shall indicate that the fare is in Singapore dollars, shall be not less than 10 mm high and shall be clearly visible and easily legible to a hirer or passenger at all times.

(4) Any other words or symbols required to be shown on a taximeter by the Registrar shall be of such size, form and colour as will render them easily legible to a hirer or passenger at all times.

(5) The mechanism of a taximeter shall be so designed that —

(*a*) when the taximeter is in the position in which the words "FOR HIRE" is displayed on it, no fare is displayed on the taximeter;

(*b*) when the taximeter is in the position in which the word "HIRED" is displayed on it, the fare, time and distance recording mechanism of the taximeter is operating; and

(*c*) when the taximeter is in the position in which the word "STOPPED" is displayed on it, the fare calculated according to time ceases to be recorded.

(6) Every taximeter shall be so constructed that it shall not be possible for the taximeter —

(*a*) operating in the "HIRED" position to go to the "FOR HIRE" position without passing through the "STOPPED" position; and

(*b*) operating in the "STOPPED" position to go to the "HIRED" position without passing through the "FOR HIRE" position.

(7) The amount of fare shown in the "EXTRA" slot on a taximeter shall advance by units of $1.00.

(8) Every taximeter shall be so constructed —

(*a*) as to be capable of being sealed by inset or wired-on lead seals;

(*b*) where the gear or other device which operates the distance recording mechanism in the taxi is not contained in the main part of the taximeter, that the case or cover enclosing it shall be such that it may be sealed by inset or wired-on lead seals; and

(*c*) that every cable connected thereto may be sealed by inset or wired-on lead seals to prevent its unauthorised removal.

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

(9) The motor driving and the distance recording mechanism of every taximeter shall be fitted to the non-driving wheels or the mechanism for moving the speedometer at the rear of the gear box of the vehicle.

Repair or adjustment of taximeter

5.—(1) Any repair or adjustment to a taximeter or any test carried out on the taximeter shall be recorded in such form as the Registrar may require.

(2) A record of any repair or adjustment to a taximeter or any test carried out thereon under sub-paragraph (1) shall be signed by the manufacturer, agent or repairer who carried out the repair, adjustment or test.

Further test before being used in taxi

6.—(1) A taximeter of any type or design approved under paragraph 3 shall, before being used in a taxi, be sent to the Registrar for an examination as regards its external appearance, function and conformity with an approved type or design of taximeters.

(2) The Registrar may subject the taximeter to an exhaustive test at such time as the Registrar thinks fit.

(3) Where the taximeter is found after the test or examination to be suitable, it shall be sealed by the Registrar in such manner that its internal parts cannot be shifted, altered, modified or removed without breaking the seal.

(4) A taximeter shall not be considered suitable under sub-paragraph (3) unless the fares recorded by the instrument are in accordance with the rate of hire approved by the Public Transport Council.

Affixing taximeter in taxi

7.—(1) Any licensee who wishes to affix a taximeter in a taxi owned by him shall make an application in such form as the Registrar may require.

(2) A taximeter may not be fitted or used in any vehicle except in a taxi licensed as a public service vehicle under these Rules.

(3) A taximeter shall be fitted in a taxi in such position and manner as may be approved by the Registrar who shall have regard to the design of the vehicle.

(4) No unauthorised person shall shift, alter, modify, remove or in any way tamper with any seal or mark placed on a taximeter.

Defective taximeter not to be used

8.—(1) No taximeter which is in any way defective shall be used in a taxi.

SECOND SCHEDULE — *continued*

(2) Where the licensee is directed not to use a taximeter by the Registrar, the licensee shall remove the taximeter from his taxi and shall not use the taxi as a public service vehicle.

No alteration of taximeter to be made

9.—(1) No taximeter or any part of any accessory connected to it or with its operation shall be altered or modified without the written consent of the Registrar.

(2) After a taximeter has been sealed by the Registrar, no repair shall be made thereto except with the permission of the Registrar.

Seal of taximeter

10.—(1) Whenever any seal on a taximeter used in a taxi is broken the licensee concerned shall inform the Registrar immediately of the fact, and of the serial number, type and design of the taximeter and the registration number of the taxi.

(2) Where any of the seals or the connections of a taximeter used in a taxi become broken or defective, the taxi must be sent to the Registrar for testing and re-sealing.

(3) If the seal or seals of the casing or gear box of a taximeter is broken, the taximeter shall be submitted to the Registrar for testing and re-sealing.

Periodical test

11. Every taximeter used in a taxi shall be tested at least once every 6 months.

Registrar to be informed if taximeter is not used

12. A licensee who ceases to use a taximeter in a taxi shall inform the Registrar of the type, design and serial number of the taximeter concerned and the registration number of the taxi.

THIRD SCHEDULE

Rule 43(3)

Serial No. .....

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) RULES

PERMIT FOR CONVEYANCE OF ADULT WORKERS

Name of holder of Permit: .....

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

Registration No. of vehicle: .....

This Permit shall, unless cancelled or revoked by the Registrar, be valid from ..... to ..... The holder of this Permit is hereby authorised to use the vehicle referred to above to carry adults other than school staff, to and from their place or places of work under a contract at a fixed or agreed rate or sum, payable monthly, subject to the provisions of the Road Traffic Act and the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules, and to the conditions attached hereto. This Permit shall be carried on the vehicle at all times and shall be produced on demand by the Registrar or an authorised officer.

Receipt No. ..... issued for ....., being fee for the Permit.

Dated this day of 19 .

Registrar of Vehicles,
Singapore.

CONDITIONS

1. The 2 forms, to be endorsed by the Registrar as Form 'A' and 'B' attached hereto shall be carried on the vehicle at all times.

2. Any changes to the particulars in the attached forms shall be notified to the Registrar immediately and submitted to him for re-endorsement.

3. The vehicle shall convey no adult, other than school staff, whilst it is being used for the conveyance of school children and staff to and from any school.

4. The holder of this Permit shall not ply the vehicle or cause or permit the vehicle to be plied for hire or for the purpose of gain on any road or parking place or from a public stand.

5. Where the holder of this Permit —

(*a*) fails to comply with or fails to secure the compliance of any driver or conductor employed by him with all or any of the provisions of the Act or Rules or these conditions; or

(*b*) fails to provide and maintain adequate and satisfactory service in conveying school children and staff to and from any school, if his vehicle is licensed as a school bus, the Registrar may suspend or revoke the Permit.

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM A

LIST OF NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SCHOOL CHILDREN AND STAFF AND THEIR SCHOOLS AND TIME-TABLE OF THEIR CONVEYANCE BY VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO. .....

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

No.	Name	Address	School and Address	Time	
				Taken up	Set down

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

FORM B

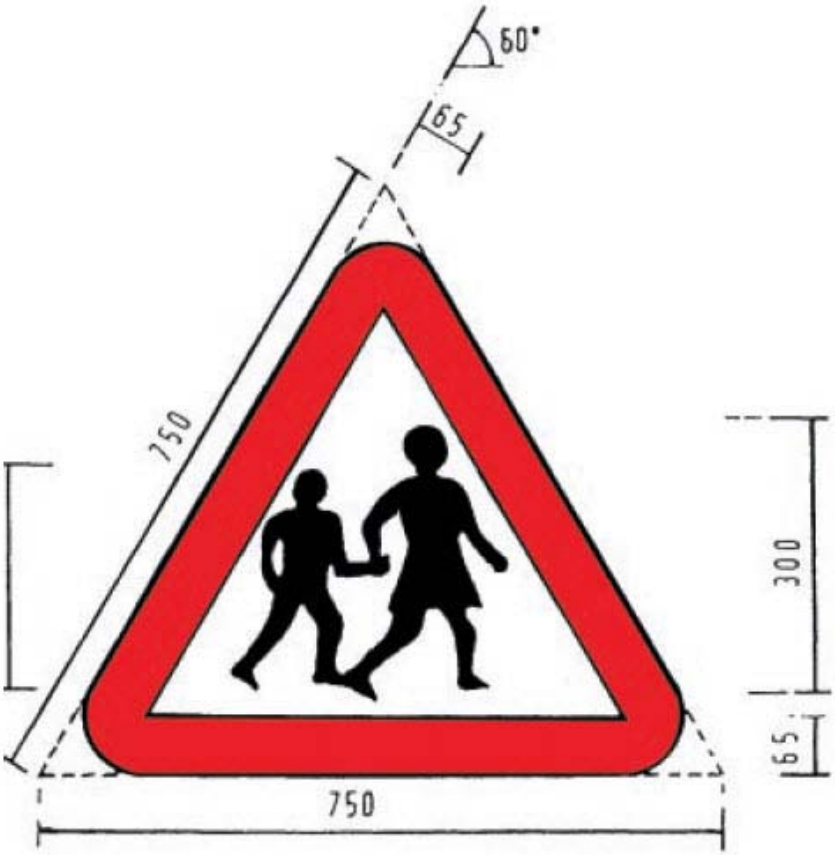
LIST OF NAMES, ADDRESSES AND IDENTITY CARD NUMBERS OF ADULTS,
OTHER THAN SCHOOL STAFF, PLACES TO AND FROM WHICH THEY ARE CONVEYED,
AND TIME-TABLE OF THEIR CONVEYANCE BY VEHICLE REGISTRATION NO. .....

THIRD SCHEDULE — *continued*

No.	Name and NRIC No.	Address	Taken up		Set down	
			Place	Time	Place	Time

FOURTH SCHEDULE

Rule 48



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FIFTH SCHEDULE

Rule 2(1)

CHAUFFEURED PRIVATE HIRE CAR MARKING

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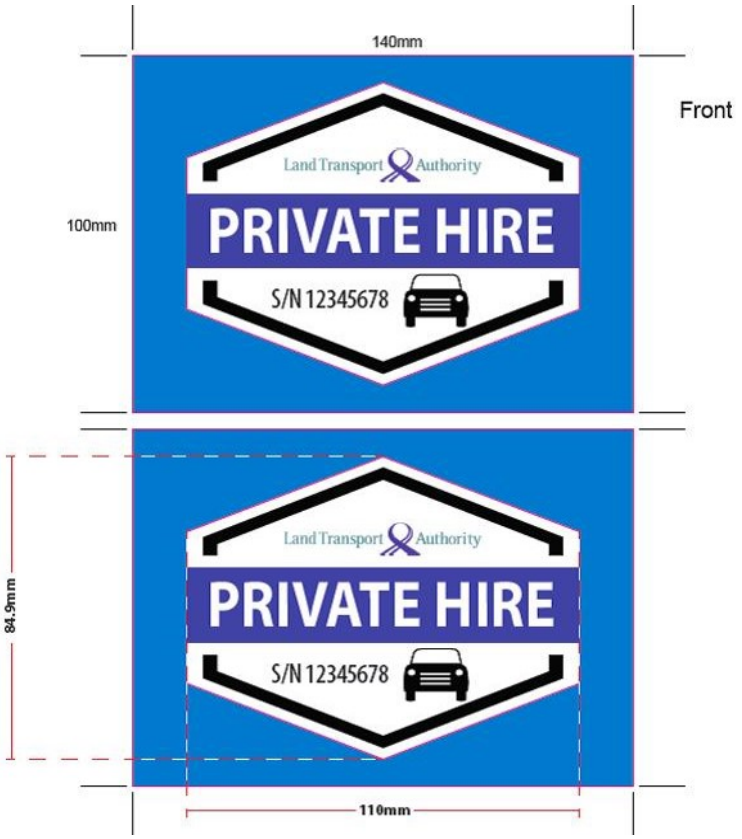

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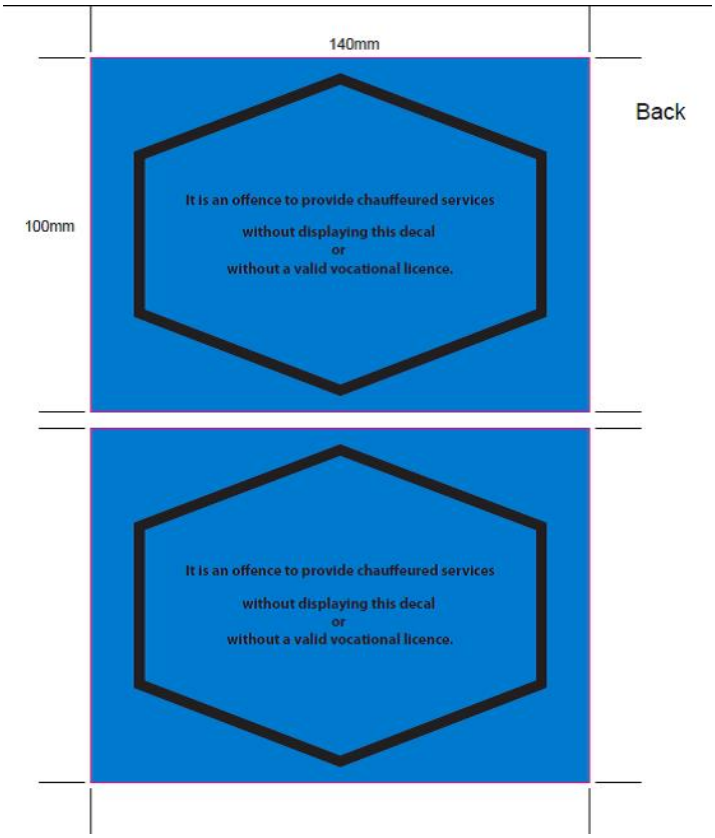

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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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2. **G. N. No. S 262/1977 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 1977**

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6. **G. N. No. S 303/1980 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1980**

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9. **G. N. No. S 169/1982 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1982**

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21. G. N. No. S 453/1994 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1994

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22. G. N. No. S 85/1995 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 1995

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23. G. N. No. S 331/1995 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 1995

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24. G. N. No. S 403/1995 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 1995

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25. G. N. No. S 193/1998 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 1998

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28. G. N. No. S 23/2001 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2001

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29. G. N. No. S 425/2003 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2003

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37. G.N. No. S 642/2016 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2016

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39. G.N. No. S 361/2017 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017

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40. G.N. No. S 734/2017 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2017

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41. G.N. No. S 797/2017 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2017

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42. G.N. No. S 329/2018 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2018

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43. G.N. No. S 412/2018 — Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2018

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