

**FEDERAL ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION ACT  
(CAP 141 LFN)**

**National Road Traffic Regulations, 2004**

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In exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 5 of the Federal Road Safety Commission Act, as amended and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Commission hereby makes the following Regulations:

**PART I - REGISTRATION OF VEHICLES**

**1. Application for registration of vehicles. Form MVA 1. Schedule 1.**

(1) Any person applying to register a vehicle shall submit to the Authority an application for registration duly completed as in Form MVA 1 specified in Schedule 1 of these Regulations and pay to the Authority the fees as may be prescribed and published by the Joint Tax Board from time to time.

(2) An application to register a vehicle shall be accompanied by-

(a) an invoice and payment receipt of an accredited motor vehicle dealer; and

(b) a certificate of payment or exemption from payment of import duty issued by or under the authority of the Nigeria Customs Service, where the vehicle is an imported vehicle.

(3) An application to register—

(a) a trailer; or

(b) a commercial vehicle, with the axle weight or any of its axle exceeding 10 tonnes or tandem axles exceeding 16 tonnes gross weight,

shall be accompanied by the permission in writing given under the provisions of regulation 79 of these Regulations.

**2. Registration and assignment of number plates.**

(1) Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4) of this regulation the Authority, shall on receipt of a proper application and fee, if any, register the particulars of the vehicle and if the vehicle was not previously registered in Nigeria, or if the vehicle was previously owned by an exempted body within the meaning of regulation 140(2) of these Regulations assign to it a number plate with the local government code.

(2) All auctioned vehicles may be assigned number plates provided the application is accompanied by an evidence authorising such auction and relevant payment receipts.

(3) Any vehicle whose category is to be changed may be assigned identification number provided it was previously registered. Where it was registered in any State other than the one in which the change of category is being sought, the change of category form must be accompanied by a certificate of clearance from the police.

(4) If any person applies for a special identification number/mark in respect of a vehicle used by an exempted body, the Authority may, with the approval of the Principal Licensing Officer and on payment to the Authority of the prescribed fee, assign to the vehicle the special identification number/mark for which the application has been made:

Provided that the number plates shall be in the series controlled by the Authority or specially permitted by the Authority.

(5) Any person who wishes to register his vehicle in a code that is not in the series of codes being issued at the time but is in the control of the Central Motor Registry, shall apply to the Authority for "Out of Series Registration". The Authority shall approve as it deems fit and the vehicle shall be so registered on the payment of the prescribed fee.

(6) Any person who wishes to register a vehicle with special or fancy number shall apply to the Authority giving details of his fancy:

Provided the special or fancy number shall not exceed eight digits made up of alphabets, numerals or a combination of both. The Authority shall approve as deemed fit and the vehicle shall be so registered on the payment of the prescribed fee.

(7) Any person who wishes to transfer the out of series or fancy number plates of any vehicle to another shall obtain a police clearance and attach same to his application to the Authority who may approve as deemed fit upon payment of the prescribed fee provided that the Authority shall be that of the State of last registration.

(8) Any person who wishes to re-register a vehicle shall apply as in Form MVA 3 to the Authority stating reasons for the re-registration. The application shall be accompanied with the original purchase documents and where the vehicle was originally registered in a State other than the one in which the re-registration is sought, the application shall be accompanied with a police clearance and clearance from the Authority of the last registration.

(9) An application for out of series, fancy and special identification number plates shall be as prescribed in Form MVA 2 specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(10) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, no vehicle shall be registered except such vehicle has been examined and certified suitable by the Vehicle Inspection Officer.

(11) The Commission or the Authority may, by Notice in the Federal or State *Gazette* prohibit the registration of any vehicle or any category of vehicles which may be considered to be unsuitable for registration.

(12) The Authority may refuse an application for registration of a vehicle if it is not satisfied that the applicant has attained the age of eighteen years or where there is a valid court order to that effect.

### **3. Categories of registration of vehicles.**

(1) A vehicle may be registered in one of the following categories—

- (a) motor cycles; or
- (b) motor cycles with three wheels or side cars;
- (c) private motor vehicle;
- (d) trailer;
- (e) taxi or hackney-carriage authorised to carry not more than seven persons including the driver;
- (j) private car hire driven by the hirer or the owner's driver;
- (g) commercial vehicle authorised to carry goods and persons who are servants of the owner whilst in the employment of the owner;
- (h) stage carriage authorised to carry not more than fifteen persons including the driver;
- (i) stage carriage authorised to carry more than fifteen persons including the driver but subject to Regulation 38(2);
- (j) omnibus;
- (k) private omnibus used for the free conveyance of employees;
- (l) agricultural vehicle;
- (m) tractor;
- (n) vehicle exclusively designed for use as plant or machinery for construction;
- (o) fire engines or trailer pump.

(2) A vehicle may be registered in categories (e), (f), (g), (h), (i) and (j) of paragraph (1) of this regulation if -

- (a) the vehicle is operated primarily for hire or reward excluding category (j) or (k); or
- (b) a certificate of road-worthiness issued by the Vehicle Inspection Officer under regulation 78 of these Regulations is produced at the time of the application to licence the vehicle; or
- (c) the vehicle conforms with the provisions of regulations 79 of these Regulations; or

(d) the condition of the vehicle is, in the opinion of a Vehicle Inspection Officer, safe and suitable for the conveyance of passengers or goods, and conforms with the provisions of Parts V and VI of these Regulations.

(3) A vehicle may be registered as a trailer under this Part of these Regulations if—

(a) it is a vehicle designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle;

(b) a certificate of road-worthiness issued under regulation 78 of these Regulations is produced at the time of application for registration; and

(c) the trailer conforms with the provisions of regulation 75 of these Regulations.

(4) A vehicle may be registered as an agricultural machine if-

(a) the vehicle is intended to be used on a highway in passing from land in private occupation to other land in such occupation; or

(b) it is registered in the name of a person engaged in agriculture, timber trade or mining; or

(c) it is not used on a highway for hauling any objects except for agricultural produce, timber, mineral of agricultural land.

(5) For the purpose of this regulation, 'mineral' includes mineral oils and the word 'mine' and "mining" shall be construed accordingly.

(6) A vehicle may be registered as tractor under this part of these Regulations if the vehicle is used on a highway solely for the purpose of haulage, and should not have super imposed upon it, any load except such as is necessary for its propulsion or equipment.

#### **4. Ascertainment of weight.**

(1) Before a vehicle-is registered, a Vehicle Inspection Officer may, if facilities for weighing the vehicle are available, require the net weight of the vehicle to be ascertained and shall certify the weight of the vehicle and make any necessary correction in the statement of weight declared by the owner or where the facilities for weighing are not available may require the owner of the vehicle to produce a certificate of the weight thereof issued by the manufacturer or a competent authority.

(2) The fee as may be determined and published by the Joint Tax Board from time to time, shall be payable by the owner in respect of any ascertainment of weight required to be effected under paragraph (1) of this regulation.

(3) A Vehicle Inspection Officer or Road Marshal may, at any reasonable time, require a vehicle to be re-weighed free of charge.

(4) The owner of a vehicle shall cause the vehicle to be driven or brought to an appropriate place which the Vehicle Inspection Officer or Road Marshal may direct for the purpose of weighing.

#### **5. Registration book. Form MVA 4.**

(1) A registration book as specified in Form MVA 4 of Schedule 1 of these Regulations shall be issued by the Authority to the owner of a vehicle upon the payment of the prescribed registration fee and shall constitute the permanent record of the vehicle.

(2) The registration book shall be required to be in the vehicle and liable to be produced on demand by any appropriate authority.

(3) Any driver who fails to comply with the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding N 1,000 or to imprisonment for a term of six months or both:

Provided that the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to a person who has—

(a) lost the registration book and applied for a replacement; or

(b) deposited the registration book with the appropriate authority.

(4) If the owner of a vehicle shows to the satisfaction of the Authority that-

(a) he is unable to obtain the registration book from a previous owner; or

(b) the registration book has been lost, stolen or defaced and that a replacement of the registration book shall be issued through the Authority to the owner upon payment by him of the prescribed fee; or  
(c) that he has a certificate in lieu of custom papers or any other good cause that his dealer has not given him any letter of custom clearance,  
the Authority may register the vehicle.

(5) The owner of the vehicle shall be required to inform the Authority within a period of 4 weeks of any change of his address as shown in the registration book.

(6) Subject to the provisions of regulation 3 where there is a change in the category of any vehicle which affects the particulars entered in its registration book, the owner of such vehicle shall immediately inform the nearest Authority of the change as in Form MVA 3 specified in Schedule 1 of these Regulations and the Authority shall thereupon, without payment of any fee, amend the registration book provided that the change or amendment is genuine.

#### **6. Change of vehicle ownership. Form MVA 5. Schedule 1.**

(1) If the ownership of a vehicle is changed, the former owner of the vehicle shall give a notice of the change to the Authority as in Form MVA 5 as specified in Schedule I of these Regulations and the new owner shall pay to the Authority the fee as may be prescribed by the Joint Tax Board.

(2) The former owner of the vehicle referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall present the registration book to the Authority who shall record details of the change of ownership and hand-over the registration book to the new owner.

(3) The notice referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall be given by the former owner and the new owner not later than 30 days after the date of the actual change of ownership and where the notice relates to a vehicle which was imported into Nigeria free of import duty; the notice shall be accompanied by a certificate of payment of import duty, or exemption there from issued to the new owner by the Nigeria Customs Service.

(4) The Authority shall effect every change of ownership in its register.

#### **7. Change of vehicle colour. Form MVA 6. Schedule 1.**

(1) If the colour of a vehicle is to be changed, the owner shall apply for approval from the Authority in Form MVA 6 specified in Schedule 1 of these Regulations and unless such an application is approved, the owner of the vehicle shall be restrained from changing the colour of the vehicle.

(2) A new vehicle licence shall be issued after payment of the fees prescribed to reflect the new colour of the vehicle and the old vehicle licence shall be withdrawn from the owner.

(3) Any alteration or change in the particulars of the vehicle shall be reflected in the registration book by the Authority.

(4) Where the colour of a vehicle is changed without due approval, the licence of such a vehicle shall become invalid and the owner of the vehicle has committed an offence under these Regulations and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of N5, 000 or to imprisonment for a term of 6 months or both.

(5) Where there is a replacement of the engine of a registered vehicle, the owner shall notify the Authority as in Form MVA 7 in Schedule 1 and shall pay the prescribed fee.

#### **8. Provision of vehicle particulars.**

(1) Every Authority shall provide to a Vehicle Inspection Officer, Road Marshal, the Police or any competent authority, copies of any records, documents or particulars in respect of a vehicle whenever requested.

(2) The Authority shall keep all copies of licences and other documents furnished in pursuance of these Regulations at the Central Motor Registry and shall on request by any Vehicle Inspection Officer, Road Marshal, the Police or any competent authority supply such particulars in relation thereto.

## **9. Unauthorised entry, etc. in the registration book**

Any person who –

- (a) makes an unauthorized entry or alteration in the registration book relating to a vehicle; or
- (b) willfully destroys, or defaces any entry in the registration book, commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of N1,000 or imprisonment for a term of 6 months or to both such fine and imprisonment.

## **10. Appeal**

Any person who has been refused registration of a vehicle in accordance with these Regulations may appeal to a Magistrate court which may after hearing both parties give such directions as it may deem fit under the circumstances.

## **PART II—LICENCES FOR VEHICLES**

### **11. Issuance of vehicle licence Form MVA. 8.**

Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the Authority may issue a vehicle licence for a period of twelve or six months as in Form MVA.8 specified in Schedule 1 of these Regulations upon the payment of the fees as may be prescribed by the Joint Tax Board and subject to the production of a registration book, current certificate of insurance and certificate of road-worthiness.

### **12. Power to refuse licence in certain cases.**

- (1) The Commission may by notice published in the *Federal Gazette* prohibit the registration of or further licensing of a class or type of vehicles considered to be unsuitable for any particular mode of usage and the Authority shall accordingly not issue a licence, in respect of such class of vehicles.
- (2) The Commission, the police or any other competent authority may, by direct instruction prohibit the licensing of a particular vehicle, upon a reasonable ground that the vehicle is unsuitable for use in any part of Nigeria and the Authority shall comply accordingly.
- (3) The Authority shall not issue a licence for any vehicle –
  - (a) the condition of which, in its opinion, is such as to render its use on the highway a contravention of these Regulations; or
  - (b) so constructed or in such condition, mechanically or otherwise, as in its opinion likely to be dangerous to other road users or likely to cause damage to the highways or bridges.
- (4) No vehicle shall be licensed for a gross weight other than that registered in respect of such vehicle in accordance with these Regulations.
- (5) For the purpose of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regulation, the appropriate authority may, at any time, require any vehicle to be produced by such person and at such time and place for inspection as they may appoint.

### **13. Appeal**

A person to whom a licence has been refused in accordance with this Part of these Regulations may appeal to any Magistrate Court.

### **14. Refund of portion of fee paid**

- (1) If any person to whom a vehicle licence has been issued in accordance with regulation 11 of these Regulations satisfies the authority ~~in the Authority~~ in the State within which the original licence was issued that the vehicle in respect of which the licence has been issued shall not be used in Nigeria during the unexpired duration of the licence, the Authority may refund to that person a portion of the fee paid for the licence and that portion shall be equivalent to one-twelfth of the annual licence fee payable multiplied by the unexpired duration.

- (2) Before a refund is made under this regulation, the licence and the counterfoil thereof shall be surrendered to the Authority which shall thereafter –
- (a) cause the licence to be cancelled;
  - (b) cause the cancellation to be entered in the registration book of the vehicle ; and
  - (c) inform the central Motor Registry of the cancellation.
- (3) When a refund is made under this regulation, the vehicle in respect of which the licence was issued shall for the purpose of these Regulations be deemed to be unlicensed during the period in respect of which the refund has been made.

### **15. Display of a vehicle licence**

- (1) The owner, driver or person in-charge or control of a vehicle shall at all times when the vehicle is being used on a highway keep the current licence of the vehicle displayed in the manner hereinafter provided, and shall, on demand, permit any appropriate authority to examine the licence.
- (2) Licences, other than trade licence, shall be displayed in a weather-proof holder with a transparent cover and carried on the vehicle and in the case of –
- (a) motor-cycles or trailers, in a conspicuous position on the near side of the vehicle not more than 76.20 centimeters from the front of the vehicle ;
  - (b) motor-cycles with side car, on the near side of the handle bar of the cycle or the near side of the side car ; and
  - (c) all other vehicles (except when placed on or adjacent to the windscreen as hereinafter provided) on the near side of the vehicle facing toward the near side of the road and not less than one metre nor more than two metre from the ground level and placed as near to the front seat as is practicable :
- Provided that in the case of a vehicle fitted with a front glass windscreen extending across the vehicle, to the near lower corner of the glass of such windscreen or in such other manner so as to be clearly visible from the front at all times by daylight whether such vehicle is moving or stationary; and in the licence being carried actually upon a glass portion of the vehicle and otherwise complying with these Regulations the obligation that the licence shall be carried in a weather-proof holder with a transparent cover shall not apply.
- (3) The licence shall be placed and carried (except when placed on or adjacent to the windscreen as hereinbefore provided) so as to be clearly visible at all times by daylight to a person standing at the near side of the vehicle, whether such vehicle is moving or stationary.
- (4) In the case of vehicle issued with a trade licence, such licence shall be displayed on the front plate bearing the trade number plates issued in respect of such licence.

### **16. Replacement of lost or defaced licence**

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this regulation, the Authority shall issue a new licence to the holder of a current licence under this Part of these Regulations, if the holder of the licence satisfies the Authority that –
- (a) the licence has been defaced or mutilated; or
  - (b) the figures and particulars thereon have become illegible ; or
  - (c) the licence has been lost or stolen,
- And the new licence shall have the same effect as the original licence.
- (2) Before issuing a licence under paragraph (1) of this regulation, the Authority shall demand the production of the holder's registration book as proof of issue of the original licence.
- (3) In the case of a loss or stolen licence, the owner shall be required to produce the Police extract (report) and a duly sworn affidavit stating clearly the particulars and facts of loss before a new licence may be issued after the payment of the prescribed fee.

### **17. Change of licence**

(1) When the ownership of a vehicle is transferred in accordance with regulation 6 and the new owner does not intend to use the vehicle for any purpose other than that for which it is classified and registered, the existing licence shall be valid until the expiry date on it but in all other cases a refund may be made to the vehicle shall be re-licensed upon payment of the prescribed fee.

(2) If the new owner fails to comply with this regulation, the existing licence shall cease to be valid.

**18. Licence on change of vehicle classification**

(1) When a registration book has been amended in accordance with regulation 5, the existing licence shall remain valid until the expiry date, unless the registration category or character of the vehicle has been so changed as to render payable a licence fee at a higher or lower rate than that paid on the issuance of the existing licence.

(2) Where a higher or lower licence fee becomes payable a refund may be made to the former owner of the vehicle for the unexpired duration of the licence and the vehicle shall be re-licensed upon payment of the prescribed fee.

Which shall conform to colouring, lettering, codes, etc. as outlined in the provisions of this regulation.

(15) A temporary number plate shall be sufficient as the number plate until a new one is issued by the Authority within 14 days of payment of the replacement fee.

(16) All vehicles, private and commercial, shall as from the commencement of these Regulations, have on them the vehicle identification number plates referred to in this regulation and it shall be an offence for any vehicle not to have the said identification number plates.

(17) (a) The Commission shall be responsible for the production of vehicle identification number plates for the Federation; and

(b) It shall be an offence for an officer of the Authority to issue or allocate vehicle identification number plates before the production of the said number plates or mark by the Commission.

(c) The fees for road charges shall be as determined and published by the Joint Tax Board (JTB) from time to time.

(18) A person who commits an offence under paragraph 16 shall be liable on conviction to a fine of N500 for every day the offence is committed.

(19) There shall be proof of ownership certificate for all registered vehicles the format of which shall be as in Form MVA 9 of Schedule 1 or as may be determined by the Commission from time to time.

## **PART V – DRIVER’S LICENCE**

### **22. Classes of licence**

(1) Licences or learners’ permit to drive motor vehicles shall be in one or more of the following classes—

(a) Class A – motor-cycle;

(b) Class B – a motor vehicle of less than three tonnes gross weight other than motor cycle commercial, taxi, stage carriage or omnibus;

(c) Class C – a motor vehicle of less than three tonnes gross weight, other than motor-cycles;

(d) Class D – a motor vehicle, other than motor-cycle, taxi, stage carriage or omnibus but excluding an articulated vehicle or vehicle drawing a trailer;

(e) Class E – a motor vehicle other than motor-cycle or articulated vehicle;

(f) Class F – agricultural machines and tractors;

(g) Class G – articulated vehicles;

(h) Class H – earth-moving vehicle;

(j) Class J – special, for physically handicapped persons:

Provided that a person may be authorised to have a combination of two or more of the Classes, howsoever that none of them shall overlap.

(2) An applicant for a fresh driver’s licence shall furnish evidence of training ... approved driving school and a learner’s permit and shall be accompanied with a certificate of visual acuity test and general medical fitness test as prescribed in Regulation ...

(3) A person not below the age of 18 years who desires to obtain a driving licence shall, subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) of this regulation, lodge ... the Authority the appropriate application form as in Form MVA 11 specified in Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

(4) The holder of a valid licence may apply for and obtain a renewal of the l... referred to in paragraph (3) of this regulation at any time within a period of one ca... month before the expiry date of the licence.

(5) An application for the renewal of licence shall be in Form MVA 12 in Schedule 1 of these Regulations.

(6) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this regulation, the renewal ... driver’s licence shall take effect from the date of the receipt by the Authority of a ... completed application form.

(7) All applications for renewal of driver’s licence shall undergo a driving t... accordance with regulation 26 of these Regulations if six months have elapsed ... the person last held a valid driver’s licence.

(8) It shall be an offence under these Regulations for an unlicensed person ... a person below 18 years to drive a vehicle or ride a motor-cycle on the highway.

### **23. Photograph of the applicant**

(1) An application for the issue or re-issue of a driver's licence shall ... accompanied by three copies of a recent passport photograph (which shall be pr... from the same negative) of the head, full face, and shoulders of the appli... approximately but not longer than 25 millimetres by 30 mm and where a driving t... required in pursuance of regulation 24 (1) of these Regulations, the copy shall ... certified as a true resemblance of the applicant by a Vehicle Inspection Officer.

(2) An application for a learner's permit shall be accompanied by two pass... photographs of the applicant not larger than 25 mm by 30 mm.

### **24. Driving test**

(1) The Authority shall, before issuing a licence, require the applicant... pass a driving test to show that he is capable of fully controlling a motor vehicle of ... type and group(s) for which he has applied: Provided that this provision shall not apply to applicant for renewal except as provi... in Regulation 22(7).

(2) Where the holder of a current driver's licence wishes to change to ano... class or group, he shall be tested on the proposed category or categories of vehic... and shall attach the results of such test(s) as well as the previous licence to ... application to the Authority and the Authority may issue him the new class or gr... on the payment of the prescribed fee.

(3) The new driver's licence shall be endorsed with the number and date of is... of the original licence and with any conviction or order which relates to any offe... within the immediately preceding two years which was endorsed on the original licen...

(4) On the issuance of a new driver's licence, the old licence shall be cancelled by the Authority and forwarded to the Central Motor Registry with the appropriate application form.

(5) Where a driving test is required by the Authority, no licence shall be issued unless the application is accompanied by a certificate stating the group(s) of licence issued under regulation 28.

(6) The Authority shall not issue driver's licence unless the applicant furnishes certificates of vision acquity test and general fitness from any Government hospital.

(7) The vision acquity and general fitness examination shall be as prescribed in From MVA 13 in Schedule 1.

### **25. Form of driver's licence, etc. Form MVA 16**

(1) A driver's licence shall be as specified in Form MVA 16 in Schedule 1 and shall be renewable after three years from the date of issue or as may be prescribed from time to time –

(a) the applicant shall not be entitled to receive a driver's licence except on the payment of the fee prescribed by the Joint Tax Board ; and

(b) the Authority shall affix its official stamp across the passport photograph of the applicant on the learner's permit to the top right hand corner and when placing the official stamp, part of the stamp shall be on the photograph and part on the permit.

(2) The applicant for a driver's licence shall append his signature and thumbprint in the space provided in the driver's licence application Form MVA 12 and Form MVA 11 specified in Schedule 1 of these Regulations as may be applicable.

(3) The Commission shall be responsible for the production of Drivers Licence for the Federation.

### **26. Conduct of driving test**

(1) A driving test shall be conducted by a Vehicle Inspection Officer.

- (2) The driving test shall be held at such a place and time which may be specified by the Vehicle Inspection Officer to determine the competence of the applicant to –
- (a) control the motor vehicle in the traffic;
  - (b) bring the motor vehicle to a standstill from normal speed;
  - (c) turn corners, cross main roads and turn from side to main roads;
  - (d) pass other vehicles on the roads;
  - (e) drive a motor vehicle except a motor-cycle, backwards along a straight road and around corners;
  - (f) turn round in a road;
  - (g) understand the indication of speeds and figures shown on the speedometer of the motor vehicles;
  - (h) demonstrate his knowledge of the rules of the road, the hand signals set out in Schedules 6 and 7 of these Regulations as well as sign and traffic light signals illustrated in Schedule 9 of these Regulations and the principal offences set out under the Act and these Regulations;
  - (i) read at a distance of twenty-three metres in daylight (with the aid of glasses if worn), a motor vehicle identification number plates;
  - (j) generally drive competently a motor vehicle or in the case of a person suffering from disability, a motor vehicle of the particular class to which the application relates, without danger to and with due consideration for other road users.
- (3) An applicant who passes a driving test on a vehicle fitted with automated transmission or adapted vehicle shall have his driver's licence so endorsed and shall only be licensed to drive such a vehicle;
- (4) The conditions which apply to the testing of an applicant motor driver shall also apply to an applicant motor-cycle rider and the result of such a test shall be recorded in Form MVA 14 of Schedule 1.

### **27. Learner's permit. Form MVA 15**

- (1) Subject to regulation 23 (2), an applicant for a learner's permit shall pay the prescribed fee and shall be granted a learner's permit which shall entitle him when accompanied by a licensed driver-instructor sitting beside him, to drive a vehicle of ... group or type stated in the permit for a period not exceeding 3 months from the date ... the learner's permit within the highways specified in the permit and shall be tested a... 3 issues of the permit.
- (2) An application for a learner's permit shall be in the prescribed Form MVA 15 specified in Schedule 1 of these Regulations.
- (3) Where in pursuance of paragraph (1) of this regulation the holder of a learner's permit—
- (a) fails to take a driving test before the expiration of his third permit; or
  - (b) takes a test and fails,
- he shall, upon obtaining another learner's permit be entitled to be tested but not be ... the expiration of one calendar month from date of the previous test.

### **28. Certificate as to group of licence**

When a person has passed a driving test, he shall be issued with a certificate stating the group of licence he is qualified to receive.

### **29. Learner's sign**

Whenever an applicant for a driver's licence is—

- (a) driving a vehicle for the purpose of being tested; or
- (b) the holder of a learner's permit,

there shall be securely affixed at the front and back of the vehicle, plates displaying the letter "L" which shall conform with the provisions set out in Schedule 1 of ... Regulations and the plate shall have a white background and the letter "L" paint... red colour.

### **30. Replacement of defaced or illegible licence**

(1) Subject to these Regulations, where the holder of a driver's licence is under this Part of these Regulations satisfies the Authority that—

- (a) the licence is dilapidated, mutilated, or illegible; or
- (b) the photograph on such licence has become defaced so as to impair identification of the holder thereof,

the Authority shall issue a replacement to the applicant upon the payment of the prescribed fee.

(2) The Authority shall endorse on the replaced licence the particulars of any conviction or order endorsed on the former licence which relate to any offence committed by the owner of the licence within preceding three years.

(3) The mutilated licence shall be cancelled and shall be forwarded with the licence application and photograph to the Central Motor Registry which shall cause it to be destroyed.

(4) The procedure for replacing a lost, damaged or defaced licence shall be as follows—

(a) the holder shall—

(i) report to the nearest Police Station and obtain a Police extract stating particulars of the loss, damage or defacement,

(ii) swear to an affidavit stating the fact of the loss, damage or defacement,

(iii) pay the prescribed fee;

(b) the Authority shall on the production of the documents specified in paragraphs (4) (a) and (b) issue a new licence to the applicant.

### **31. Lost or stolen driver's licence**

Where a driver's licence has been lost or stolen the holder shall apply to the Authority for replacement in the manner specified in regulation 30.

### **32. Replacement of lost or stolen licence**

(1) If the holder of a driver's licence issued under this Part of these Regulations satisfies the Authority in the State in which the original licence was issued that the licence has been lost or stolen he may apply to that Authority for a replacement licence in the same manner as specified in regulation 30(1) of these Regulations.

(2) The fee payable under this regulation shall be as prescribed and published by the Joint Tax Board from time to time.

(3) The provisions of regulation 23 of these Regulations shall apply to any such replacement licence.

### **33. Report of convictions to Central Motor Registry**

Where a licensed driver is convicted of any offence by a court under the Act or these Regulations the court may, depending on the nature and gravity of the offence, suspend or bar the driver from holding a driver's licence and such conviction shall be reported to the Central Motor Registry by the appropriate authority.

## **PART VI—TAXIS, STAGE CARRIAGES, OMNIBUSES AND MOTOR CYCLE FOR HIRE**

### **34. Conditions for licensing**

The Authority may licence a motor vehicle as a taxi, stage carriage omnibus or motor cycle on the payment of the fees prescribed and published by the Joint Tax Board subject to the following—

- (a) that the vehicle conforms with the conditions specified in these Regulations;
- (b) that the vehicle conforms to the other conditions specified in any other law.