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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961

ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING)
(AMENDMENT NO. 4) RULES 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34 and 140 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 4) Rules 2026 and come into operation on 1 November 2026.

Amendment of rules 7 and 8

2. In the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), in rules 7(1A) and 8(1)(*e*) and (4)(*a*)(v), replace "or station wagon (passengers only)" with ", station wagon (passengers only) or taxi".

Amendment of rule 9AB

3. In the principal Rules, in rule 9AB —

(*a*) in the rule heading, replace "**new electric taxi**" with "**new or secondhand electric taxi**";

(*b*) in paragraphs (1), (2)(*b*), (5) and (8), replace "new electric taxi" with "new or secondhand electric taxi"; and

(*c*) in paragraph (3), after "secondhand electric car", insert "or secondhand electric taxi".

Amendment of rule 10

4. In the principal Rules, in rule 10 —

(*a*) in the rule heading, replace "**taxi**" with "**new or secondhand taxi**";

(*b*) in paragraph (1)(*b*)(i)(B), replace "new vehicle" with "new or secondhand vehicle"; and

(*c*) in paragraph (7A)(*b*), replace "new electric vehicle" with "new or secondhand electric vehicle".

Amendment of rule 25

5. In the principal Rules, in rule 25 —

(*a*) in paragraph (8)(*b*), insert "or" at the end;

(*b*) in paragraph (8)(*c*), replace "; or" at the end with a comma;

(*c*) in paragraph (8), delete sub-paragraph (*d*); and

(*d*) after paragraph (8), insert —

"(8A) Subject to rule 29, the approval of the Registrar must be obtained for the transfer of a motor vehicle which has been first registered or re-registered as a taxi, using a certificate of entitlement issued on or after 1 April 1995 under rule 3(1)(*a*) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) Rules, if —

(*a*) on the date on which the application under paragraph (1) is to be made —

(i) less than 3 years have elapsed starting on the date where the vehicle was first registered as a taxi; and

(ii) less than 3 years have elapsed starting on the date where the vehicle was re-registered as a taxi under rule 33J; or

(*b*) where the registered owner is a street-hail service licensee, the number of taxis registered in the name of the registered owner is not greater than the higher of the following:

(i) the minimum number of taxis required by the conditions of the registered owner's street-hail service licence to be registered in the name of the registered owner;

(ii) the number determined according to the formula 95% × A (rounded up to the nearest whole number), where A is the number of taxis registered in the name of the registered owner on 1 January of the year in which the application under paragraph (1) is to be made.".

New rules 33I and 33J

6. In the principal Rules, after rule 33H, insert —

"**Re-registration of taxis as certain vehicles**

33I.—(1) The registered owner of a taxi may, if every condition specified in paragraph (2) is satisfied, apply to the Registrar for the taxi to be re-registered as any of the following vehicles:

(*a*) a business service passenger vehicle;

(*b*) a chauffeured private hire car;

(*c*) a self-drive private hire car.

(2) The conditions mentioned in paragraph (1) are as follows:

(*a*) the registered owner is a street-hail service licensee on the date on which the application is to be made;

(*b*) on the date on which the application is to be made —

(i) a period of 3 years has elapsed starting on the date where the vehicle was first registered as a taxi; and

(ii) a period of 3 years has elapsed starting on the date where the vehicle was re-registered as a taxi under rule 33J;

(*c*) a licence has at any time been issued under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules to the registered owner in respect of the taxi;

(*d*) the number of taxis registered in the name of the registered owner is greater than the higher of the following:

(i) the minimum number of taxis required by the conditions of the registered owner's street-hail service licence to be registered in the name of the registered owner;

(ii) the number determined according to the formula 95% × A (rounded up to the nearest whole number), where A is the number of taxis registered in the name of the registered owner on 1 January of the year in which the application is to be made.

(3) However, the Registrar may, in his or her discretion, allow an application under paragraph (1) to be made despite any condition mentioned in paragraph (2) not being satisfied.

(4) The application must be made in the form and manner specified by the Registrar.

(5) After considering the application, the Registrar may, in his or her discretion —

(*a*) approve the application upon payment of a fee of $100; or

(*b*) reject the application.

(6) The Registrar may, in his or her discretion and subject to such conditions as he or she thinks fit, waive in whole or in part the fee specified in paragraph (5)(*a*).

(7) The Registrar may, in considering the application, require —

(*a*) the taxi to be produced for an inspection by an examiner authorised by the Registrar under the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) Rules; and

(*b*) anything installed or displayed on or within the taxi as required under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules or the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules to be removed from the taxi.

(8) The Registrar may refuse an application if any requirement required by the Registrar under paragraph (7) is not satisfied.

Re-registration of certain vehicles as taxis

33J.—(1) The registered owner of any of the following vehicles (each called in this rule a re-registrable vehicle) may, if every condition specified in paragraph (2) is satisfied, apply to the Registrar for the re-registrable vehicle to be re-registered as a taxi:

(*a*) a business service passenger vehicle;

(*b*) a chauffeured private hire car;

(*c*) a self-drive private hire car;

(*d*) a tuition car.

(2) The conditions mentioned in paragraph (1) are as follows:

(*a*) the registered owner is a street-hail service licensee on the date on which the application is to be made;

(*b*) the re-registrable vehicle is less than 5 years old on the date on which the application is to be made;

(*c*) the re-registrable vehicle is not —

(i) a vehicle which uses diesel exclusively as its source of power; or

(ii) a diesel-CNG vehicle.

(3) However, the Registrar may, in his or her discretion, allow an application under paragraph (1) to be made despite any condition mentioned in paragraph (2) not being satisfied.

(4) The application must be made in the form and manner specified by the Registrar.

(5) After considering the application, the Registrar may, in his or her discretion —

(*a*) approve the application upon payment of a fee of $100; or

(*b*) reject the application.

(6) The Registrar may, in his or her discretion and subject to such conditions as he or she thinks fit, waive in whole or in part the fee specified in paragraph (5)(*a*).

(7) The Registrar may, in considering the application, require the re-registrable vehicle to be produced for an inspection by an examiner authorised by the Registrar under the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Test) Rules.

(8) The Registrar may refuse an application if the requirement required by the Registrar under paragraph (7) is not satisfied.".

Amendment of rule 39

7. In the principal Rules, in rule 39 —

(*a*) replace paragraphs (1) and (2) with —

"(1) An application for a licence mentioned in section 13 of the Act must not be granted in respect of a vehicle that, on the date of the application, belongs to a class of vehicles mentioned in the first column and comes within the description specified in the second column opposite the class of vehicles to which the vehicle belongs.

First column	*Second column*
Class of vehicles	*Description*
1. Excursion buses 2. School buses 3. Private hire buses 4. Private buses 5. Ambulances 6. Goods vehicles 7. Medical transport vehicles	The vehicle is more than 20 years old.
8. Omnibuses	The vehicle is more than 17 years old.
9. Type A Taxis	The vehicle is more than 8 years old.
10. Type B Taxis 11. Any of the following vehicles re-registered under rule 33I: (*a*) business service passenger vehicles; (*b*) chauffeured private hire cars;	The vehicle is more than 10 years old.

(*c*) self-drive private hire cars 12. Taxis re-registered under rule 33J 13. Motor cars registered in the name of the Government or a statutory board, company, firm, society, club or an association using a certificate of entitlement issued on or after 1 April 1998 which is used for instructional purposes for reward 14. Vehicles registered in the name of any of the following persons which at the time of registration was more than 3 years old: (*a*) a diplomatic officer; (*b*) a consular officer; (*c*) a representative, an officer or an employee of an international organisation approved by the Registrar;	

(*d*) a member of a visiting military force who is approved by an authorised officer of the Ministry of Defence and who complies with such conditions for approval as the authorised officer may impose	
15. Type C Taxis	The vehicle is more than 9 years old.

(2) Despite paragraph (1), the Registrar may grant the licence in any particular case."; and

(*b*) after paragraph (4), insert —

"(5) In this rule —

"excursion bus" means a vehicle which has at any time been issued with an excursion bus licence under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules;

"omnibus" means a vehicle which has at any time been issued with an omnibus licence under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules;

"private bus" means a vehicle which has at any time been issued with a private bus licence under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules;

"private hire bus" means a vehicle which has at any time been issued with a private hire bus

licence under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules;

"school bus" means a vehicle which has at any time been issued with a school bus licence under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules;

"Type A Taxi", "Type B Taxi" and "Type C Taxi" have the meanings given by rule 8(16).".

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