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THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY (DRIVING LICENCES)
REGULATIONS, 2021

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2021 No. 14.

The Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Licences) Regulations, 2021

(Under sections 35, 36, 41, 42(7a) 45, 59, 91 and 178 of the Traffic and Road Safety Act 1998, Cap. 361)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for transport by section 178 of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998, these Regulations are made this 25th day of February 2021.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

1. Title and commencement

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Licences) Regulations, 2021.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of March 2021.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998, Cap. 361;

“Chief Licensing Officer” means the chief licensing officer of motor vehicles designated under the Act and includes a deputy chief licensing officer;

“Competent Authority” means the department of transport regulation and safety in the Ministry responsible for transport;

“computerised driving permit” means a permit which is machine read existing immediately before the commencement of these Regulations;

“dangerous goods” means goods that can pose a significant risk to health and safety or to property, or the environment during transport and that are listed in the United Nations Model Regulations on the Transport of Dangerous Goods by Road and include waste as classified in the National Environment (Waste Management) Regulations, 2020;

“driving licence” means a licence issued under these Regulations in accordance PART IV of the Act;

“extension” means the process of adding one or more groups of motor vehicles to a holder’s valid driving licence;

“international driving permit” means a document issued to translate a valid driving licence issued under these Regulations for purposes of use in a foreign country in accordance with the United Nations Convention on Road Traffic, 1968;

“learner driving licence” means a licence issued under section 39 of the Act to a person to drive a motor vehicle or tractor under the personal supervision of a licensed instructor;

“licensing officer” means a person appointed as a licensing officer under section 4(1)(a) of the Act;

“professional driving permit” means a permit issued under section 45 of the Act;

“temporary driving licence” means a licence issued to a successful applicant for a driving licence or for the extension of a driving licence allowing the applicant to drive a specified group of motor vehicles before the driving licence is issued, where circumstances do not permit the issuing of a driving licence at the time of application.

PART II—LEARNER DRIVING LICENCES

3. Application for learner driving licence

(1) An application for a learner driving licence shall be in the form specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

(2) A person shall not be issued with a learner driving licence under these Regulations unless he or she is certified by a medical practitioner to be in good physical and mental health.

(3) Where the applicant is a person with a disability, the medical certification shall be done by a medical person with specialised knowledge relating to the disability of the applicant.

4. Learner driving licence

(1) A learner driving licence shall be in the form specified in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

(2) A learner driving licence shall be issued in accordance with the motor vehicle Groups specified in section 39 of the Act.

PART III—DRIVING LICENCES

5. Uganda Driver Licensing System

(1) The Uganda Driver Licensing System under the Ministry responsible for transport shall issue and manage all driving licences in Uganda.

(2) The Uganda Driver Licensing System shall replace the computerised driving permit system in existence immediately before the commencement of these Regulations.

(3) Driving licences issued by the Uganda Driver Licensing System shall replace the computerised driving permits in existence immediately before the commencement of these Regulations.

(4) Notwithstanding subregulation (3), all computerised driving permits issued under the computerised driving permit system in existence immediately before the commencement of these Regulations shall remain in use for the period of their validity.

(5) A successful applicant for the renewal or extension of a computerised driving permit shall be issued with a driving licence.

6. Application for driving licence

(1) An application for a driving licence shall be in the form specified in Schedule 3 to these Regulations.

(2) An applicant for a driving licence or for the renewal or extension of a driving licence shall not be issued with a licence unless he or she—

- (a) is certified by a medical practitioner to be in good physical and mental health;
- (b) has passed a driving competence test for the group of motor vehicles for which a driving licence is applied for; and
- (c) has paid the applicable fees prescribed in Schedule 9 to these Regulations.

(3) Where the applicant is a person with a disability, the medical certification shall be done by a medical person with specialised knowledge relating to the disability of the applicant.

(4) An applicant with an unpaid express penalty scheme ticket issued under the Traffic and Road Safety (Express Penalty Scheme for Road Traffic Offenders) Regulations, 2013 shall not have his or her licence renewed or be granted a class extension.

7. Driving licence

(1) An applicant who meets the requirements of regulation 6 shall be issued with a driving licence.

(2) A driving licence shall be in the form specified in **Schedule 4** to these Regulations.

8. Temporary driving licence

(1) Where the licensing Officer is satisfied that an applicant has complied with the requirements of regulation 6, the Chief Licensing Officer shall issue the applicant with a temporary driving licence in the form specified in Schedule 5 to these Regulations.

(2) A temporary driving licence shall be valid for a period determined by the Chief Licensing Officer, in any case not exceeding 120 days from the date of issue.

9. Vehicle groups for purposes of issuing driving licences

(1) For the purposes of issuing driving licences, vehicles shall be grouped as specified in section 36 of the Act.

(2) A driving permit issued before the coming into force of these Regulations and having vehicle groups other than those specified in section 36 of the Act, shall be converted to its equivalent in accordance with the guidelines for conversion of motor vehicle groups specified in Schedule 6 to these Regulations.

10. Cancellation or suspension of driving licence

(1) The Chief Licensing Officer may cancel or suspend a driving licence in accordance with section 3A of the Act on the following grounds—

- (a) where it is determined that a medical condition is affecting the driving licence holder's ability to drive the group of motor vehicles specified in the licence;
- (b) where it is determined that the conduct of the holder while driving, poses a risk to other road users;
- (c) where the holder of the driving licence is a repeat offender of traffic offences;

- (d) where the demerits points as provided for under section 122A of the Act warrants a cancellation or suspension; or
- (e) where an examining officer is at any time satisfied, on inquiry, that a driving licence holder has a medical condition that may affect his or her ability to drive.

(2) A person whose driving licence is suspended or cancelled under subregulation (1) shall submit the driving licence to the Chief Licensing Officer who shall retain the licence for the period of the cancellation or suspension.

(3) Upon the expiry of the cancellation or suspension period, the holder of the driving licence shall apply to the Chief Licensing Officer for the return of his or her driving licence.

11. Recognition of foreign driving licence

(1) A foreign driving licence is, during its period of validity in the country of issue, deemed to be a valid licence for the purposes of section 35 of the Act—

- (a) if the licence was issued in English by the country of issue;
or
- (b) in the case of a licence not issued in English by the country of issue, if a certificate of validity relating to the licence is issued in English by the issuing authority of that country.

(2) A foreign driving licence shall be recognised as valid for use within Uganda for a period of 6 months.

(3) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the Chief Licensing Officer may decline to recognise a foreign driving licence or a group of motor vehicles in the driving licence, for sufficient cause.

12. Conversion of foreign driving licence

(1) A holder of a foreign driving licence shall apply to the licensing officer for conversion of a foreign licence to a driving licence if he or she wishes to drive within Uganda for a period exceeding 6 months.

(2) An applicant for conversion of a foreign driving licence under subregulation (1) shall—

- (a) possess a valid foreign driving licence issued by a recognised authority;
- (b) have a valid passport with a validity period of not less than one year and a valid visa if the applicant is not a citizen of Uganda; or
- (c) have a national identification card, if the applicant is a citizen of Uganda.

(3) An application for conversion of a foreign driving licence to a driving licence shall be in the form specified in Schedule 3 to these Regulations and shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in Schedule 9.

(4) The Chief Licensing Officer shall determine the group conversion of the foreign driving licence in accordance with the Act.

(5) The Chief Licensing Officer may require an applicant for conversion of a foreign driving licence to undertake a driving competence test for one or more groups of the motor vehicles the applicant has applied to be included in the driving licence.

13. International driving permit

(1) A person or entity shall not issue international driving permits unless the person or entity is registered with the Competent Authority.

(2) The Competent Authority shall not register any person or entity under subregulation (1) unless the person or entity—

- (a) is registered under the Companies Act, 2012; and
 - (b) has a valid certificate of accreditation from the International Automobile Federation.
- (3) An entity registered to issue international driving permits under these Regulations shall—
- (a) issue international driving permits to holders of valid driving licences; and
 - (b) issue the international driving permits based on groups of vehicles as prescribed in the driving licence.
- (4) A person or entity who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding three hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

PART IV—PROFESSIONAL DRIVING PERMITS

14. Professional driving permit

- (1) A professional driving permit shall be held by a driver of—
- (a) a public service vehicle with seating capacity of eight seats and above;
 - (b) a private omnibus with seating capacity of eight seats and above; and
 - (c) a goods vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of which exceeds 3,500 kilograms.
- (2) A person without a professional driving permit shall not drive a vehicle described in subregulation (1).
- (3) Subregulation (1) shall not apply to—
- (a) a traffic officer or examiner of vehicles, in the performance of his or her duties; and

- (b) a person driving a motor vehicle described in subregulation (1) on a road other than a public road.

15. Application for professional driving permit

(1) A driver of a motor vehicle referred to in regulation 14 shall apply to the Chief Licensing Officer for a professional driving permit in the form set out in Schedule 7 to these Regulations.

(2) An applicant for a professional driving permit shall—

- (a) be in possession of a valid driving licence for the motor vehicle in respect of which the licence is applied for;
- (b) be 25 years of age or above, but not exceeding 65 years of age for code P and 70 years of age for code G and D prescribed in regulation 18;
- (c) be medically fit as determined by a registered medical practitioner; and
- (d) have passed a vetting process conducted by the Competent Authority and the Uganda Police.

(3) The vetting process referred to in subregulation (2)(d), shall examine the track record of the applicant within the period of two years preceding the date of application.

(4) An application referred to in subregulation (1) shall be accompanied by—

- (a) the fee prescribed in Schedule 9 to these Regulations;
- (b) the identification document of the applicant;
- (c) two photographs of the applicant;
- (d) the original driving licence which authorises the applicant to drive the motor vehicle to which his or her application for a professional driving permit relates;

- (e) refresher training certificate for all categories;
- (f) a special training certificate in occupational health and safety, in the case of an application to drive a motor vehicle carrying dangerous goods.

(5) The refresher training certificate referred to in subregulation 4(e) shall be obtained after undertaking a refresher course from a driving school or a driver training institution licensed under the Act to carry out such training.

16. Issue of professional driving permit

Where the Chief Licensing Officer is satisfied that the applicant meets the requirements for the issue of a professional driving permit, the Chief Licensing Officer shall authorise the issue of the professional driving permit on a valid driving licence, in the form set out in Schedule 8 to these Regulations and shall record the authorisation on the register of professional driving permits.

17. Validity of professional driving permit

A professional driving permit issued under these Regulations shall be valid for a period of 24 months from the date of issue.

18. Categories and format of a professional driving permit

(1) Professional driving permits shall be issued in the following categories—

- (a) code “P” for the category “Passengers”, which authorises the driving of a motor vehicle referred to in regulation 14 (1)(a) and (b) for reward;
- (b) code “G” for the category “Goods”, which authorises the driving of a motor vehicle referred to in regulation 14 (1) (c) for reward;
- (c) code “D” for the category “Dangerous”, which authorises the driving of a motor vehicle referred to in regulation 14(1)(c) carrying dangerous goods for reward.

(2) The professional driving permit shall be printed on the driving licence in the format set out in Schedule 8 to these Regulations.

(3) The Minister shall, by notice in the Gazette, appoint the commencement date for issuance of the professional driving permit for the different codes and vehicle groupings as advised by the Chief Licensing Officer.

19. Suspension or cancellation of professional driving permit

(1) The Chief Licensing Officer may suspend or cancel a professional driving permit—

(a) where the applicant has been convicted of any of the following offences—

(i) driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or a drug having a narcotic effect;

(ii) driving a motor vehicle while the concentration of alcohol in his or her blood or breath exceeds the statutory limit;

(iii) reckless driving;

(b) during any period for which the driving licence of the applicant has been cancelled or suspended.

(2) A person whose professional driving permit has been cancelled or suspended shall not drive any motor vehicle referred to in regulation 18 and shall submit the driving permit to the chief licensing officer for the duration of the cancellation or suspension.

(3) After the expiry of the cancellation or suspension period, the holder of the professional driving permit shall apply to the Chief Licensing Officer for the return of his or her driving permit.

PART V—GENERAL

20. Fees

The fees payable under these Regulations are prescribed in Schedule 9 to these Regulations.

21. Validity of medical examination report

(1) The medical examination report in the application forms shall be valid—

- (a) in the case of an application for a learner driving licence and a driving licence, for a period of six months from the date of examination by the registered medical practitioner;
- (b) in the case of an application for a professional driving permit, for a period of three months from the date of examination by the registered medical practitioner.

(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1) a medical examination report for purposes of application for a learner driving licence shall be recognised for purposes of an application for a driving licence by the same applicant, if the six months period has not elapsed.

22. Revocation

(1) The Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Permits) Regulations, 2005, S.I. No.4 of 2005 are revoked.

(2) Part III of the Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Tests and Special Provisions for Drivers of Public Service Vehicles and Goods Vehicles) Regulations, 2012, S.I No. 40 of 2012 is revoked.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 3(1)

APPLICATION FORM FOR A LEARNER DRIVING LICENCE

APPLICATION FOR LEARNER DRIVING LICENCE



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
 MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT
 The Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998 Cap. 361

PERSONAL DETAILS (To be filled by Applicant)

| | | | |
|--|---------|--------------|---------------------------|
| Surname: | | Other Names: | |
| National I.D. (NIN)/ Passport No/ Refugee ID No: | | | |
| Gender: | Male: | | Date of Birth: |
| | Female: | | Payment Reference Number: |
| Phone Number: | | Mobile No: | |
| Driving Licence No: (Where applicable) | | | |

Group of LDL Applied for (Tick Appropriate box)

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| A | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| A1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| B | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| B1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| G | <input type="checkbox"/> | |

SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 4(1)

LEARNER DRIVING LICENCE



REPUBLIC OF UGANDA
MINISTRY OF WORKS AND TRANSPORT
The Traffic and Road Safety Act 1998, CAP 361

LEARNER DRIVING LICENCE (LDL)

PARTICULARS OF APPLICANT

Name:
National ID No:
Phone Number:
Date of Birth:
Gender:
Document Number:
Transaction Type:

A holder of a learner driving licence is not authorised to drive any vehicle including motor cycles and mopeds, if cycles except when accompanied by a licensed instructor for the group of motor vehicles a learner driver wishes to drive. "L" plates shall at all times be affixed on the front and rear of the vehicle whenever the learner driver is in control of the vehicle.

The holder of this licence is subject to the provisions of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998 (as amended), 2020 (Cap 361) and is hereby authorised to undertake instructions from a licensed driving instructor for the groups of motor vehicles as under prescribed.

PARTICULARS OF LEARNER DRIVING LICENCE

Driver Restriction:
Period of Validity:
Driver Licence Group Vehicle Restriction Issue Date

Applicants Signature

