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**ROAD TRANSPORT ACT
(Cap. 131)****ROAD TRANSPORT (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2014**

IN exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister by section 82 of the Road Transport Act, the following Regulations are hereby made –

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Transport Short title (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and shall come into force on the 1st day of February 2014 with the exception of regulation 8 which shall come into force on 1st July 2014.
2. The Road Transport Regulations (hereinafter referred to as the Amendment of regulation 2 “principal regulations”) is amended in section 2 by inserting after the words “taxi licence” the words “taxi sign” means removable sign as specified in regulation 77.”
3. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations is repealed and the Repeal and replacement of regulation 6 following substituted –
 - 6(1) Application for licensing and registration of a motor vehicle shall be as prescribed in the Second Schedule –
 - (a) Registration - Form TR01
 - (b) Licensing - Form TR03
 - (2) A motor vehicle licence shall be as prescribed in the Second Schedule –
 - (a) Form TR04 when machine-printed
 - (b) Form TR04M when printed manually
 - (c) Form TR04T for a Temporary Vehicle Licence”.

“Application for motor vehicle licence

Second schedule
Form 1, Form 2

Amendment of
regulation 8

4. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is amended –

- (a) by inserting “issued by the Principal Licensing Officer” after “registration plates”; and
- (b) by deleting subregulations (3) and (4) and substituting the following –

“(3) The registration plates for motor vehicles, including motor cycles, shall be in the form and design specified in the Second Schedule.

(4) The fee for registration pates issued by the Principal Licensing Officer shall be as prescribed in the First Schedule to these Regulations. The fee shall not apply to registration plates issued concurrent with a general dealer’s licence. The fee for one set of registration plates issued with a general dealer’s licence shall be incorporated in the general dealer’s initial licence fee.”

Repeal and
replacement of
regulation 9

5. The principal regulations are amended by repealing regulation 9 and substituting the following –

“Colours and
plates

9.(1) The ground of every registration plate on any vehicle, other than the registration plates issued for motor vehicles which are exempt from fees under the provisions of the Act or these Regulations, shall be yellow, and the letters or numbers thereon shall be black.

(2) The letters DL on registration plates shall be reserved for general dealer’s licences.”.

Amendment of
regulation 10

6. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is amended by substituting “Form TR05” for “Form 3”.

Amendment of
regulation 11

7. Regulation 11 of the principal regulation is amended by substituting “Form TR06” for “Form 4”.

Amendment of
regulation 14

8. Regulation 14 of the principal regulations is amended by substituting “must” for “may” in the Proviso to subregulation (2).

9. The principal regulations are amended by inserting a new regulation 15A after regulation 15 –

Insertion of new regulation 15A

“Certificate of Registration and ownership

15A. (1) The Principal Licensing Officer shall issue a Certificate of Registration and Ownership in respect of each vehicle as evidence of ownership of the vehicle; such certificate to be retained in the vehicle at all times.

(2) The Certificate of Registration and Ownership shall be in the prescribed form in the Second Schedule.

(4) No fee shall be charged for the first issue of a Certificate of Registration and Ownership.

(5) In the case of a Certificate of Registration and Ownership that has been lost, defaced or otherwise indecipherable, the fee for a replacement certificate shall be as prescribed in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

(6) The purchaser of a vehicle that has been previously owned in Solomon Islands shall notify change of ownership to the Principal Licensing Officer within 14 days of purchase or acquisition, in the form provided on the Certificate of Registration and Ownership.

(7) Any purchaser of a vehicle who fails to notify change of ownership as required by this Regulation shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction to a fine of 500 penalty units.”.

10. Regulation 16 of the principal regulations is amended -

Amendment of regulation 16

(a) by deleting from paragraph (a) the words “in Form 5 in the Second Schedule, which” and substituting “as prescribed in the Second Schedule shall be in Form TR10 in the case of a machine-printed licence, and embossed with a Solomon Islands’ crest, or in Form TR10M in the case of a manually printed licence, and such”;

(b) by substituting the words “three years or five years” for “two years or three years” in paragraph (a);

(c) by deleting from paragraph (b) the words “an interim full licence in Form 6” and substituting “a temporary full licence in Form TR10T”.

Amendment of
regulation 17

11. Regulation 17(1) of the principal regulations is amended by deleting "in Form 7 in the Second Schedule" and substituting "as prescribed in the Second Schedule in Form TR08 for machine-printed licences; and Form TR08M for manually printed licences or Form TR08T for a temporary licence."

Amendment of
regulation 22

12. Regulation 22 of the principal regulations is amended –

(a) by substituting "Form TR07" for "Form 8" in paragraph (a);

(b) by inserting a Proviso at the end of paragraph 22(d) –

"Provided that, in the case of a machine-printed driving licence or provisional licence or endorsement to an existing licence, the production of such photograph will not be required."

Insertion of new
regulation 48A

13. The principal regulations are amended by inserting a new regulation 48A after regulation 48.

"Road-worthi-ness
testing of Vehicles

48A. (1) Except as provided for in regulation 79, every vehicle shall be required to be subject to an annual inspection to confirm that it is in a road-worthy condition and meets the requirements of this Part:

Provided that a vehicle that is factory-new at the time it is imported into Solomon Islands shall be exempt from inspection at the first anniversary after importation.

(2) The fee for the road-worthiness inspection shall be as prescribed in the First Schedule."

Repeal and
replacement of
regulation 77

14. Regulation 77 of the principal regulations is repealed and the following substituted –

"Makings on
taxis

"77. (1) Every taxi shall be clearly marked with a removable sign that can be attached to the roof of the vehicle.

(2) The letters on the taxi sign shall be black on a white or yellow ground and shall be clearly visible.

(3) The taxi sign must be affixed to the roof of the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is standing or plying for hire.

(4) Any taxi failing to comply with the requirements of this section may have its licence refused or withdrawn".

Amendment of
regulation 79

15. Regulation 79 of the principal regulations is amended –

(a) by substituting "public service vehicle licence" for "taxi licence",

(b) by substituting "public service vehicle" for "taxi" in that regulation whenever those words occur.

Repeal and
replacement of
Fourth Schedule

16. The First Schedule is repealed and the following new Schedule is substituted –

FIRST SCHEDULE

(reg. 4)

FEES

	Annual Fee (\$)
1. VEHICLE LICENCES:	
(a) Heavy Public Service vehicles (more than 26 seats)	3,438.00
(b) Light Public Service vehicles:	
(i) Light buses (13-26 seats)	2,063.00
(ii) Light buses (up to 12 seats)	1,375.00
(iii) Taxis	1,375.00
(iv) Other light public service vehicles	1,375.00
(c) Heavy Goods vehicles:	
(i) Constructed or adapted with unladen weight in excess of 7.5 ton	6,875.00
(ii) Tracked vehicles	6,875.00
(d) Light Goods vehicles:	
(i) Constructed or adapted with unladen weight not exceeding 3.5 ton	1,375.00
(ii) Constructed or adapted with unladen weight exceeding 3.5 ton but not exceeding 7.5 ton	2,750.00
(e) Motor tractors	413.00
(f) Trailers	344.00
(g) Private motor cars	
(i) Not exceeding 2,000cc	825.00
(ii) Exceeding 2,000cc but not exceeding 3.5 ton	1,375.00
(h) Invalid carriages	No charge
(i) Motor cycles	
(i) Not exceeding 250cc	206.00
(ii) Exceeding 250c	344.00
(j) Duplicate or replacement vehicle licences	50.00
2. DEALER'S GENERAL LICENCE	
(a) New Dealer's General Licence, including one set of plates	6,875.00
(b) Renewal licence (no plates)	6,675.00
3. CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION and OWNERSHIP	
(a) New registration certificate	No charge
(b) Duplicate or replacement certificate	10.00

4.	VEHICLE LICENCE PLATES	200.00
5.	VEHICLE INSPECTION FEE	
	(a) First inspection – all classes of vehicles	138.00
	(b) All re-tests	138.00
6.	DRIVING LICENCES	
(a)	Provisional Driving Licence	
	(i) New	120.00
	(ii) Renewal	120.00
(b)	Full Driving Licence	
	(i) New	103.00
	(ii) Renewal	103.00
(c)	Duplicate or replacement driving licence, including endorsements	50.00
7.	DRIVING TEST FOR ALL CLASSES OF VEHICLES	138.00

8. All public service vehicles, including buses, taxis and other light public service vehicles shall be inspected at the end of every three (3) months after the last inspection and the inspection fee shall be payable for each inspection.

9. Provisional driving licences must be renewed at the end of every three (3) months after the first or previous renewal and the renewal fee shall be one-quarter of the annual fee prescribed in paragraph (6a) above.

10. Full driving licences may be renewed for one year, three years or five years. The fee for 3 years shall be \$278.00. The fee for 5 years shall be \$438.00.

11. Except as provided for in the Act or in these Regulations, the fees listed in paragraphs (1) to (7) are annual fees payable in respect of the matters listed in those paragraphs.

17. The Second Schedule is amended by substituting the following new Second Schedule

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SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

FORMTR01

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

(Regulation 6(1))

FORM TR02

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AND OWNERSHIP

(Regulation 15A(2))

FORM TR03

APPLICATION FOR LICENSING A MOTOR VEHICLE

(Section 9(2) and 11(1); Regulation 6(1))

FORM TR04

VEHICLE LICENCE

(Regulation 6(2))

FORM TR04M

VEHICLE LICENCE (Manual)

(Regulation 6(2))

FORM TR04T

TEMPORARY VEHICLE LICENCE

(Regulation 6(2))

FORM TR05

APPLICATION FOR A GENERAL DEALER'S LICENCE

(Section 16; Regulation 10)

FORM TR06

DEALER GENERAL LICENCE

(Section 16; Regulation 11)

FORM TR07

APPLICATION FOR DRIVING LICENCE or PROVISIONAL LICENCE
or ENDORSEMENT OF EXISTING LICENCE
(Section 21, 22 and 23; Regulation 22(a))

FORM TR08

PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE
(Section 24(1); Regulation 17(1))

FORM TR08M

MANUAL PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE
(Section 24(1); Regulation 17(1))

FORM TR08T

TEMPORARY PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE
(Section 24(1); Regulation 17(1))

FORM TR09

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY
(Section 21(2)(a); Regulation 18)

FORM TR10

FULL DRIVING LICENCE
(Section 24(1); Regulation 16(a))

FORM TR10M

FULL DRIVING LICENCE (Manual)
(Section 24(1); Regulation 16(a))

FORM TR10T

TEMPORARY FULL DRIVING LICENCE
(Section 24(1); Regulation 16(b))

FORM TR09

CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCY
(Section 21 (2) (a), Regulation 18)

No.....

Having subjected him/her to a test of competency to drive a vehicle class and having satisfied myself of his/her competency -

I hereby grant a Certificate of Competency to
of to drive a
[insert class] Dated at this
day of 20

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Examining Officer

DATED AT HONIARA this fourth day of February, 2014.

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