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CHAPTER 230

BICYCLES REGULATIONS

(Section 112)

Ch. 62.
R.L 1958.
CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.

Short title.

1. These Regulation may be cited as the

BICYCLES REGULATION.

Powers of officers and inspectors.

2. Transport officers and inspectors appointed under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act shall have authority to act for the Department of Transport in all matters regulated by Part V of the Act.

Test of bicycle.

3. Before any bicycle is registered it may be examined and tested by any Inspector and if it is found to be without an efficient brake or bell or to be in any respect in such a condition a danger the Department of Transport may refuse to grant registration.

Registration plates.

4. Registration plates shall be affixed to each bicycle at the bottom of the bottom of the right hand arm of the front fork or in such place as may be required by the Department of Transport and shall be kept in such position and condition that the number thereon is clearly visible. No other plate shall be carried which might be confused with the authorised registration plate.

Forms.

5. The forms set out in the Schedule to these Regulations or forms to like effect, may be used in the cases to which they refer, with such variation as the Department of Transport may consider desirable.

Penalty.

6. Any person who by any act or omission contravenes or fails to comply with any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding ten dollars.

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SCHEDULE

FORM NO. 1

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Requisition for a Bicycle Registration

I (full name of owner) …….……
of (address) ……
hereby apply for registration for the year 20 …… for the bicycle described hereunder, which is my property.

Description of Bicycle

Make …….…….....

Whether Lady's or Gent's.……

Designation or Model.……...

Frame Number……...…...

Date……. ……
Signature of Owner

Note: Section 49(3) of the Act reads: "Any person who, on applying for a registration, does not set forth truly in such requisition any of the particulars required to be set forth commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction for each offense to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars."

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FORM NO. 2

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

Application for Transfer of a Registration from one Bicycle to another Bicycle

I…...……
of.…….…...
being the owner of the bicycle registered under Registration No. …… issued at…….....on……..……..and Registration Plate Number……declare that this bicycle will no longer be used and I therefore apply for the issue of a new registration in respect of the bicycle described hereunder for the unexpired portion of my original registration.

Description of Bicycle

Make …….…….....

Whether Lady's or Gent's.……

Designation or Model.……...

Frame Number……..

Date…….. ……
Signature of Applicant

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FORM NO. 3

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

Application for Amendment of a Registration Upon Change of Ownership

I…….....…
of……..…...
having become the owner of the bicycle described herein and which bicycle I have acquired from.……...
of ..……..
do hereby apply for the transfer of the registration to my name.

Description of Bicycle

Make …….…….....

Frame Number……..

Registration Plate Number.……..

Old Registration Plate Number……..

Issued at……on…….

Date…….. ……
Signature of Applicant

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FORM NO. 4

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MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

Bicycle Registration

Number:……

(Name of Owner) ……

of (address) …….

is authorised to keep for use the bicycle described herein for the year ending the 31st December 20…….. .

Description of Bicycle

Make …….....

Designation or Model.……...

Frame Number……..

Registration Plate Number ..……....

Fee of $..... Received

Date…… ……..……...

Department of Transport

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BICYCLES (REGISTRATION FEES REMITTANCE) REGULATIONS

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BICYCLES (REGISTRATION FEES REMITTANCE) REGULATIONS

(Section 112)

Ch. 62.
R.L 1958.
CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

BICYCLES (REGISTRATION FEES REMITTANCE) REGULATIONS.

Exemption: property of Government, City or Town Council, etc.

2. All bicycles which are the property of the Government or any City or Town Council or town authority shall be exempt from the payment of any registration fee on the production to the Department of Transport of a requisition signed by the head of the department concerned.

Half fee: property of official.

3. All bicycles which are the property of any government official or official of any city or town council or any town authority or any member of any fire brigade and which are normally used by such official or member in the performance of his official duties may be registered at half the fee prescribed on the production to the Department of Transport of a certificate in the form prescribed hereinafter signed by the head of the department concerned.

Certificate.

4. The certificate to be signed by the head of the department concerned shall be in the following form and shall accompany the requisition for the registration:

"I hereby certify that the bicycle frame No. …… Make……..…..... described on the attached requisition is the property of Mr...…… who is employed as ……..……...…… by this Department and that the bicycle is normally used by him in the performance of his official duties.
Date……. Signature……..
Office……"

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MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (REGULATION OF TRANSPORT AT BORDER POINTS) (REVISED) REGULATIONS

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MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (REGULATION OF TRANSPORT AT BORDER POINTS) (REVISED) REGULATIONS

Ch. 62.
R.L 1958.
CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
CAP. 230.
83 of 2008.
R.E. 2020.

[Gazetted 30th August, 2008.]

1. These Rules may be cited as the

Short title.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (REGULATION OF TRANSPORT AT BORDER POINTS) (REVISED) REGULATIONS.

2.– In these Regulations–

Interpretation.

"border points" means Santa Elena in the Corozal District, Benque Viejo in the Cayo Disrict, and any other place designated as such by the Minister responsible for Transport by order published in the *Gazette*;

"foreign cargo" means cargo originating outside Belize for importation into Belize, for commercial purposes;

"foreign vehicle" or "foreign cargo vehicle or trailer" means a vehicle or trailer not registered in Belize, which is made or adopted for the carriage or haulage of goods, merchandise or other materials;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for Transport;

"respective Town Council" means, in respect of Santa Elena border point, the Corozal Town Council; in respect of Benque Viejo border point, the Benque Viejo Town Council; and in respect to any other border point, the nearest Town Council.

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Restriction on the entry of foreign cargo vehicles.

3.–(1) Subject to these Regulations, no person shall bring into Belize through any border point or otherwise any foreign cargo vehicle or trailer containing foreign cargo or articles or merchandise.

(2) Arrangement may be made with officials of the Customs Department or the Border Management Agency exercising control at the border points to transfer such foreign cargo from the foreign cargo vehicles or trailers to vehicles of Belizean registration.

(3) The restrictions mentioned above shall not apply to any foreign vehicle or trailer coming empty into Belize solely for the purpose of removing under-bond cargo from Belize.

Cases in which foreign vehicles may be brought into Belize.

4.–(1) Subject to regulation 5 below, foreign cargo vehicles or trailers transporting bulk petroleum products, refrigerated cargo or abnormally heavy cargo, which may not be easily transferable at the border points may be permitted to cross the border points into Belize at the discretion of the Comptroller of Customs.

(2) Subject to regulation 5 below, any importer of fragile goods or heavy equipment especially used for agricultural or industrial purposes may apply to the Minister specifying the vehicle such importer intends to use for the import of such materials, and the Minster may in any such case grant a permit for the purpose of bringing such vehicle into Belize through the border point.

Road service charge.

5.–(1) Where a foreign vehicle or trailer containing foreign cargo or articles or merchandise, whether destined for Belize or elsewhere, is allowed to enter Belize through any border point under the provisions of regulations 4 of these Regulations, there shall be levied and collected a road service charge of one hundred dollars per axle of such vehicle.

(2) The said service charge shall be payable by the driver of such foreign vehicle and shall be collected at the border point

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by the Customs Officer of the authorised officer designated by the respective Town Council.

(3) All fees and charges received under these Regulations shall be paid into the City or Town Fund of the respective City or Town Council and shall be applied to the repairs and maintenance of public roads and streets within the jurisdiction of such City or Town Council.

(4) The following shall be exempt from the payment of the said road service charge–

(i) foreign vehicles transporting bulk petroleum products; and

(ii) foreign trailers containing foreign cargo which are towed by Belizean registered vehicles from the border point into Belize.

Offence and penalty.

6. Any person who acts in contravention of any of these Regulations and any person who aids or abets in the commission of any such contravention shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Customs Regulations not affected. CAP. 49.

7. These Regulations shall be in addition to any rules or regulations made by the Minister of Finance under the Customs Regulation Act.

Commencement and repeal.

8.–(1) These Regulations shall come into force with effect from 1st September 2008.

S.I. 100/85. 8/94. 35/94. 51/95.

(2) On the coming into force of these Regulations, the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Regulation of Transport) Regulations, 1985, as subsequently amended, shall stand repealed.

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MADE by the Minister of Public Utilities, Transport, Communications and National Emergency Management this 26th day of August, 2008.

MELVIN HULSE
(Minister of Public Utilities, Transport, Communications and National Emergency Management)

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ROAD CROSSING REGULATIONS

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4. Precedence for pedestrians.

5. No vehicle to stop on a crossing.

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7. Pedestrians not to remain on crossing.

8. Pedestrians to cross over crossing.

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CHAPTER 230

Ch. 62.
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50/1971.
CAP. 192.
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CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.

ROAD CROSSING REGULATIONS
(Section 112)

[24th July 1971]

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

ROAD CROSSING REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2.– In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires–

"crossing" means a crossing for pedestrians established on any road in accordance with the provisions of regulation 3;

"one-way street" means any road in which the driving of vehicles otherwise than in a specified direction is prohibited;

"uncontrolled crossing" means any crossing–

(a) where the flow of traffic is not controlled by means of traffic lights or by a police officer in uniform or by a traffic warden in uniform; and

(b) the approaches to which are delineated in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Schedule to these Regulations.

Establishment of crossings.
Schedule.
50/1971.

3. The Department of Transport may establish crossings on any road and shall cause every crossing to be delineated in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule to these Regulations:

Provided that in any proceedings for a contravention of these Regulations in respect of a crossing, the crossing shall be

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deemed to have been established and delineated in accordance with the provisions of this regulation unless the contrary is proved.

Precedence for Pedestrians.

4. Every pedestrian within the limits of an uncontrolled crossing shall have precedence within those limits over any vehicle and the driver of any vehicle shall accord such precedence to the pedestrians, if the pedestrian is on the road within these limits before the vehicle or any part thereof has come on to the road within those limits:

Provided that in the case of a crossing on which there is a street refuge or central reservation, the parts of the crossing which are situate on each side of the street refuge or central reservation, as the case may be, shall each be treated as a separate crossing.

No vehicle to stop on a crossing.

5. The driver of a vehicle shall not cause the vehicle or any part thereof to stop within the limits of a crossing unless either he is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond his control or it is necessary for him to stop in order to avoid an accident.

No vehicle to stop near an uncontrolled crossing.

6.–The driver of a vehicle shall not cause the vehicle or any part thereof to stop within 45', or any lesser distance as shall be indicated by a line drawn in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Schedule to these Regulations, of an uncontrolled crossing on the side of the road on which such line is placed or if the road is a one-way street on either side of the road:

Provided that a vehicle shall not be prevented from stopping by this regulation–

(i) to comply with the provisions of regulation 4;

(ii) if the driver is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond his control;

(iii) if it is necessary for the driver to stop in order to prevent an accident; or

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(iv) for so long as may be necessary to enable the vehicle, if it cannot be used for such purpose without stopping on that part of the road, to be used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes or for defence purposes, or in connection with any building or demolition operations, the removal of any obstruction to traffic, the maintenance or reconstruction of that part of the road or the laying, erection, alteration or repair in or near to that part of the road of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of water or electricity, or of any telegraph or telephone wires, cables, posts or supports.

Pedestrians not to remain on crossing.

7. No pedestrian shall remain on a crossing longer than is necessary for the purpose of passing over the crossing with reasonable despatch.

Pedestrians to cross over crossing.

8. No Pedestrians shall cross a road, otherwise than on a crossing, within 45′ of a crossing or within such lesser distance as shall be indicated by a line drawn in accordance with paragraph 3 of the Schedule to these Regulations.

Offences and Penalties. 50/1971.

9. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of regulation 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction therefor to a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

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SCHEDULE
(Regulation 3)

1.–(1) Every crossing and its limits shall be indicated by alternate black and white stripes not less than 20" nor more than 24" in width and parallel to the side of the road:

Provided that these provisions shall be regarded as having been complied with in the case of any crossing which for the most part complies with those provisions notwithstanding that there may be some variation in the exact width of such stripes so long as the general indication of the stripes is not thereby materially impaired.

(2) The limits of a crossing may be indicated by studs placed along each edge, not less than 10" nor more than 28" apart extending to within 50" of the edge of the carriageway; or by a white line 6" wide.

(3) A crossing shall not be less than 8' in width.

2. A crossing or its limits shall not be deemed to have ceased to be indicated in accordance with the provisions of this Schedule by reason only of the imperfection or partial displacement or discolouration of any stripe indicating the crossing so long as the general indication of the crossing is not thereby materially impaired.

3.–The approach to every uncontrolled crossing shall be indicated by a white line 6" wide 45' from the nearest side of the crossing, extending from the side of the road to the centre of the road, on the side of the road on which traffic is proceeding, or in the case of a one-way street across the road:

Provided that where the Department of Transport is satisfied in relation to any particular approach to a crossing that by reason of the existence of a road junction, at or near the crossing, which is on the same side of that crossing and in the

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case of a road other than a one-way street, on the same side of the road as that approach, he may reduce the distance of 45' mentioned above or may omit the line.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (SEAT BELTS) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Interpretation.

3. Mandatory use of seat belts.

4. Exemptions.

5. Sale of motor vehicle without seat belts prohibited.

6. Powers of Transport Officers.

7. Offences and Penalties.

8. Commencement.

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CHAPTER 230

CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
67 of 1996.
82 of 1996.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (SEAT BELTS) REGULATIONS

[Section 112]

(Gazetted 4th May 1996)

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (SEAT BELTS) REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2.–(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires–

CAP. 230.

"Act" means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act;

"front seat" in relation to a motor vehicle, includes the driver's seat, a seat alongside the driver's seat or any other seat specified as a front in these Regulations;

CAP. 232.

"highway" has the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Public Roads Act;

"seatbelt" means a device used to secure passengers to a seat in a motor vehicle and includes a shoulder belt and a child passenger seat restraint.

(2) A word or phrase not specifically defined in these Regulations but defined in the Act shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Act.

Mandatory use of seat belts.

3. Subject to regulation 4, no person shall operate a motor vehicle on any highway unless that person and all the

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passengers in the front seats of that motor vehicle are secured by a seat belt.

Exemptions.

4. The provisions of regulations 3 shall not apply to a–

(a) tractor;

(b) freight passenger vehicle, except the front seats used by the driver and any other persons sitting with the driver;

(c) goods vehicle, except the front seats used by the driver and any other persons sitting with the driver;

(d) land tractor;

(e) motor cycle;

(f) motor lorry, except the front seats used by the driver and any other persons sitting with the driver;

(g) motor omnibus, except the front seats by the driver and any other persons sitting with the driver;

(h) pickup, except the front seats used by the driver and any other persons siting with the driver, and in the case of a pickup with double rows of seats in the front; such double rows of front seats;

(i) public service vehicle, except the front seats used by the driver and any other persons sitting with the driver;

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(j) taxi, except the front seats used by the driver and any other persons sitting with the driver;

(k) carriage, wagon, cart, bicycle, tricycle, hand cart, barrow and other similar, vehicle for the transportation of goods or persons on any road;

(l) motor vehicles specifically designed for the use of the physically or medically handicapped or disabled, when the person operating the motor vehicle has a certificate issued by a qualified medical practitioner registered under the Medical Practice Act specifying– CAP. 318.

(i) the nature of the physical or medical disability or handicap; and

(ii) the reasons why the use of a seat belt is not desirable;

(m) cars manufactured before 1986 or trucks manufactured before 1972.

Sale of motor vehicle without seat belts prohibited.

5. No persons shall sell, offer for sale or hire, or otherwise deal in, any motor vehicle which is required by these Regulations to be equipped with seat belts unless that motor vehicle is duly equipped with seat belts.

Powers of Transport Officers.

6. A Transport Officer or other person duly authorised by the Minister may cancel, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew the license of a motor vehicle required by these Regulations to be equipped with seat belts.

Offences and Penalties.

7. Any person who operates a motor vehicle in contravention of the provisions of these Regulations commits an offence and is

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liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one month, or to both such fine and imprisonment.

Commencement.

8. These Regulations shall come into force with effect from the 1st day of June 1996.

MADE by the Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Transportation this 29th day of April, 1996.

(JOSEPH CAYETANO)
Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Transportation

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (DEVICE FOR TESTING DRIVER'S BLOOD-ALCOHOL CONTENT) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Interpretation.

3. Driver's blood-alcohol content testing device.

4. Evidence of blood-alcohol content.

5. Commencement.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (DEVICE FOR TESTING DRIVER'S BLOOD-ALCOHOL CONTENT) REGULATIONS

CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
156 of 1996.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.
27 of 2011.

[Gazetted 28th December 1996]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the– Short title.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (DEVICE FOR TESTING DRIVER'S BLOOD-ALCOHOL CONTENT) REGULATIONS.

2.–In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires– Interpretation.

"the act" means the Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic Act; CAP. 230.

"alco-sensor" means a breath-alcohol testing device with digital readout used for measuring a driver's blood-alcohol content.

3. The following device is hereby prescribed for measuring the blood-alcohol content of a driver operating a private or public motor vehicle: Driver's blood-alcohol content testing device. 27 of 2011.

"CLINICAL ALCO-SENSOR"

4. Without prejudice to any other method by which the blood-alcohol content of any driver operating a private or public motor vehicle may be measured or assessed for the purposes of sections 74 to 80 of the Act, any court may reach a conclusion of the blood-alcohol content of any driver operating such motor vehicle at a particular time and place from the evidence of a member of the Belize Police Department, a transport officer, a motor vehicle inspector or a traffic warden as to facts ascertained from the reading of the device specified in Evidence of blood-alcohol content.

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regulation 3 above, and such evidence given shall be admissible in all courts as *prima facie* evidence of the blood-alcohol content of the driver at the material time.

Commencement.

5. These Regulations shall come into force with effect from 16th December 1996.

MADE by the Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Transportation this 16th day of December, 1996.

(JOSEPH CAYETANO)
Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Transportation

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (VIOLATION TICKETS) REGULATIONS

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FIRST SCHEDULE

SECOND SCHEDULE

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (VIOLATION TICKETS) REGULATIONS

CAP.92.
R.E. 1980-1990.
180 of 2003.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.
62 of 2009.

(Gazetted 13th December, 2003.)

Short title.

1.These Regulations may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (VIOLATION TICKETS) REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2.– In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires–

"Department" means the Department of Transport established under section 3 of the Act;

"Minister" means Minister for the time being responsible for Transport;

"owner" shall have the meaning assigned to it in section 2 of the Act;

"traffic offence" means an offence under any provision of the Act or any Regulations made thereunder, or an offence under section 108 of the Criminal Code committed through a motor vehicle; CAP. 101.

"traffic violation ticket" means a ticket issued pursuant to these Regulations.

Issue of traffic violation tickets.

3.–(1) Subject to these Regulations, the following persons are authorised to issue traffic violation tickets, namely–

(a) a member of the Belize Police Department;

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(b) a traffic warden;

(c) a transport officer and motor vehicle inspector and examiner appointed under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act; CAP. 230.

(d) any other fit and proper person whom the Minister may, on the recommendations of the Commissioner of Transport or the City Administrator or Town Administrator, as the case may be, of the municipal authority, appoints for purpose of issuing traffic violation tickets; and

(e) an authorized Justice of the Peace.

(2) A traffic violation ticket may be issued by any of the persons specified in subregulation (1) above where a traffic offence is alleged to have, or suspected of having been committed.

(3) A traffic violation ticket shall be affixed to the windscreen or some other conspicuous part of the vehicle to which the traffic offence relates or it may be issued directly to the person committing the traffic offence.

(4) Any person who refuses to receive a traffic violation ticket from a person specified in subregulation (1), refuses to give his name and address, or gives a false name or address commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month or to both such fine and period of imprisonment. 24 of 1993.

Form of traffic violation ticket. First Schedule.

4.–(1) The traffic violation ticket shall be in the form prescribed in the First Schedule to these Regulations.

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(2) Subject to subregulation (3) below, the Department shall be responsible for the printing, supplying and distribution of all traffic violation tickets to be used in areas falling outside the limits of the municipality.

(3) The municipal authority shall be responsible for the printing, supplying and distribution of all traffic violation tickets to be used in areas falling within the limits of the municipality.

Fine to be paid.

5. Every person who is issued with a traffic violation ticket shall, except as otherwise provided in regulation 6(3), pay a fine of twenty-five dollars, which amount shall be clearly stated on the face of the traffic violation ticket.

Time for payment of fine and penalty.

6.–(1) For violations which occur in areas falling outside the limits of a municipality, the fine stated on the traffic violation ticket shall be paid at any office of the Department within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of issue of the ticket, failing which the fine shall be increased at the rate of five dollars for every day the fine remains unpaid.

(2) For areas falling within the limits of a municipality, the fine stated on the ticket shall be paid at the office of the Department of Traffic of the municipal authority within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of the issue of the ticket, failing which the fine shall be increased at the rate of five dollars for every day the fine remains unpaid.

62 of 2009.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in subregulation (5), where the fine stated on the traffic violation ticket remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days from the date of issue of the ticket, the ticket shall automatically operate as a summons, and the person to whom the ticket was issued shall on the day specified in the summons for him to appear in court (which day shall be not less than seven calendar days and not more than fourteen calendar days from the expiry of the 30-day period referred to above) be required to appear at the summary jurisdiction court in the judicial district, on that date, and during

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the time, specified on the face of the ticket, except as otherwise provided in subregulation (5).

(4) Except as otherwise provided in subregulation (5), immediately after the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days after the fine remains unpaid, but in any case, no later than the day specified for the person to appear in court, the summons shall be laid in court by the bailiff or some other officer designated by the Department for that purpose, and the provisions of Part IV of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act shall apply in respect of the complaint contained therein as if the information and complaint were made under that Act, except as otherwise provided in subregulation (5). 62 of 2009. CAP. 99.

(5) Every traffic violation ticket issued to a foreign registered and licensed motor vehicle, motor omnibus, motorcycle or motor lorry is payable immediately at the nearest office of the Department of Transport or department of traffic in a municipality, as the case may be, and shall not after the expiration of 30 calendar days from the date of issue of the ticket operate as a summons. 62 of 2009.

Further application of certain provisions of Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act. CAP. 99.

7.–(1) The provision of section 25 and 27 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act shall not affect the validity of a summons issued under these Regulations, and any violation ticket issued pursuant to regulation 3(3) above shall, for the purpose of proving service of summons on the defendant, be deemed to be good and sufficient service.

CAP. 99.

(2) The provision of section 26 and 28 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply to a summons issued under these Regulations.

Procedure upon payment of a fine.

8.–(1) Every person paying a fine in respect of a traffic violation ticket shall deliver the duplicate copy of the ticket to the person collecting the fine at the places referred to in Regulation 6 above.

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(2) The Department or the municipal authority, as the case may be, shall–

(a) ensure that the correct amount of fine is paid by a person presenting a traffic violation ticket for payment, including any increased fine which may have accrued by virtue of regulation 6 (1) or (2) above;

(b) issue a receipt for the amount of the fine collected from the person; and

(c) keep a full record of the amount of fines collected for traffic violation tickets, showing *inter alia*, the names and addresses of the person paying the fine, the number and date of the traffic violation ticket, the amount of fine collected, and the date of payment of the fine.

Duty to ensure compliance with Regulations.

62 of 2009.

9. For areas falling outside the limits of the municipality, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Transport, and for areas falling within the limits of the municipality, it shall be the duty of the City Administrator or Town Administrator, as the case may be, to ensure, except as otherwise provided in regulation 6(5), that every person issued with a traffic violation ticket pays the fine by the specified date and that every person who has failed to pay such fine as aforesaid by the thirtieth day after the issuance of the ticket is duly charged with a traffic offence, and prosecuted according to law. Prosecution for violations committed in areas falling within the limits of the municipality shall be conducted by such person as the City Administrator or Town Administrator, as the case may be, may designate.

Use of fines paid.

10. All fines and penalties collected by virtue of these Regulations shall–

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(a) if they were paid in respect of violations which occurred in areas falling outside the limits of the municipality, be paid into and form part of the Consolidated Revenue Fund;

(b) if they were paid in respect of violations which occurred in areas falling within the limits of the municipality, be credited to the account of the Belize City Fund, Belmopan City Fund, or Town Council's Fund, as the case may be.

Offence and penalties.

11. Every person who without lawful cause removes or defaces or causes to be removed or defaced a traffic violation ticket affixed to a vehicle in accordance with these Regulations, commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two months, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

Presumption as to driver.

12. Where a vehicle used in the commission of a traffic offence is unattended at the time of the offence and the driver or person in charge of the vehicle cannot be ascertained by reasonable efforts, it shall be presumed that the registered owner of the vehicle was the driver or person in charge of the vehicle at the time of the offence.

Offences by body corporate.

13. Where an offence under these Regulations is committed by a body corporate, every person who at the time of the commission of the offence was a director, manager, secretary, principal representative or other similar officer of the body corporate, or was purporting to act in any such capacity, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence unless he proves that the offence was committed without his consent or connivance and that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of the offence as he ought to have exercised, having regard to the nature of his functions in that capacity and to all the circumstances–

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Specific fines. Schedule.

14. Notwithstanding regulation 4(5) above, the fines specified in the Schedule hereto shall be payable in respect of the offences specified in the said Schedule to which they apply.

Repeals S.I. 12/1993. 115/1993. 47/1994. 98/1999.

15. From the commencement of these Regulations, the Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic (Violation Tickets) Regulations, 1993, as amended, shall stand repealed

Commencement.

16. These Regulations shall come into force on the 28th day of November, 2003.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Transport this 28th day of November 2003.

(VILDO MARIN)
Minister Responsible for Transport

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FIRST SCHEDULE
[Regulation 4]

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (VIOLATION TICKETS) REGULATIONS

Violation Ticket Cum Summons

Part I

No. _____

Date Time Day of the week

Name of Driver: (First, Middle, Surname)

Residence or Business Address of Driver Street, City, Town, Village

Place of Occurrence of Violation District Street, City, Town, Village

Driver License No. License Expiry Date Date of Birth

Sex Colour of Hair Height

Vehicle Plate Number VIN Vehicle Identification No.(VIN)

Vehicle year Make

Colour Body Style Vehicle Style

Registered Owner

Residence or Business Address of Registered Owner City, Town, Village, District

Type of Violations and Fines

Violations Fines

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1._____
2._____
3._____
4._____
5._____

I CERTIFY THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT

_____ (Print clearly)
ISSUING OFFICER

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Part II

INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT CUM SUMMONS

If fine is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of Issue hereof, you are hereby summoned to appear in the _____Court, on the
(Name of Court)

_____at_____
(date of appearance) (specify time of Appearance)

To answer the following charges–

1._____

2._____

3._____

4._____

5._____
(Specify charges which led to issuance of ticket)

If you fail to appear as indicated above, the trial may proceed in your absence or a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

SPECIMEN CHARGE

_____committed the offence of
(Name of Defendant)

_____
(specify the offence)

section _____ of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 230 of the Substantive Laws of Belize. For that the

said _____on the _____
(Name of Defendant) (Date of commission of offence)

in the _____ Judicial District _____
(give particulars of offence)

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NB: Officers issuing tickets should endeavour to follow the specimen charge provided above when they are specifying the charges leading to the issuance of the ticket.

NOTES

1. This traffic violation ticket has been issued in respect of a traffic offence.

2. If the violation occurred in an area falling within the limits of a municipality, you should pay the fine stated on the ticket at any of the Department of Traffic or the municipal authority, within fifteen calendar days of the date of issue of the ticket, by delivering a duplicate copy of the ticket. However, if the violation occurred in an area outside the limits of a municipality, you should pay the fine stated on the ticket at any office of the Department of Transport within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of issue of the ticket by delivering a duplicate copy of the ticket.

3. If the fine is not paid within fifteen (15) calendar days you will be charged an additional fine of $5.00 for every day the fine remains unpaid.

4. If the fine stated on the violation ticket remains unpaid for a period of thirty (30) calendar days this violation ticket shall automatically operate as a summons to appear before the Court stated on the face of the ticket. If you fail to appear in court as required, a warrant may be issued for your arrest, or the trial may be held in your absence.

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SECOND SCHEDULE
[Regulation 14]

Offences	**Fines ($)**
Driver to give way to pedestrian at X-ing	50.00
Excessing passengers on any motor vehicle or trailer	25.00
Excessive passengers on Public Service Vehicles	100.00
Using Motor Vehicle with defective tyres	50.00
Person in Motor Vehicle not properly seated	50.00
Fail to use seat belts on public highway	50.00
Using Motor Cycle without identification plates	25.00
Using Motor Vehicle without both identification plates	50.00
Defective lights	100.00
Using Motor Vehicle without mudwings	25.00
Using unauthorized plates on Motor Vehicle	50.00
Fail to display license sticker on motor cycle	25.00
Fail to display license sticker on trailer	25.00
Fail to display license sticker on Motor Vehicle	25.00
Obstructing the free flow of traffic	50.00
Obstructing the free flow of pedestrians	50.00
Fail to signal when changing direction	50.00
Fail to obey traffic sign or signal	50.00
Fail to obey traffic lights	50.00
Speed on amber light	50.00
Driving contrary to traffic/one-way street	50.00

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Illegal parking	25.00
Unsecured load	250.00
Unsecured load without three chains when carrying logs	250.00
Unsecured load object in contact with the road while vehicle is in motion	250.00
Fail to stop engine of stationary vehicle	25.00
Use of unclean or defected glass on Motor Vehicle	25.00
Using Motor Vehicle without mechanical indicators	25.00
Identification plate lights	25.00
Using Motor Vehicle without sufficient brakes (also emergency brakes)	100.00
Using Motor Vehicle without warning instrument	50.00
Fail to keep certificate of registration in vehicle at all times	25.00
Improper overtaking (right side)	100.00
Improper overtaking (speeding abreast)	100.00
Improper overtaking (on a hill)	100.00
Using Motor Vehicle without dealer's general identification marks	50.00
Driving a Motor Vehicle when not in possession of a valid learner's permit or driver's license	50.00
Excessive smoke, oil or vapour (Public Service Vehicles)	250.00
Excessive smoke, oil or vapour (Private Vehicles)	25.00
Door not properly closed	25.00

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Fail to dim the front lamps when meeting or approaching any other vehicle	50.00
Driving Motor Vehicle without a valid driver's license	50.00
Fail to observe regulations governing the use of a learner's permit	50.00
Fail to display insurance disc	50.00
Fail to produce driver's license	50.00
Driving under the influence	500.00
Unregistered Motor Vehicle or trailer	25.00
Driving motor cycle without helmet	25.00
Unlicensed Motor Vehicle or trailer	50.00
Parking within thirty feet of an intersection	25.00
Cause unnecessary obstruction	25.00
Driving Motor Vehicle without rear view mirror	25.00
Fail to produce road service permit	200.00
Driving omnibus in contravention of road service permit	200.00
62 of 2009. Driving a motor omnibus registered and licensed in a foreign country in contravention of a road service permit issued by the Department of Transport, or in absence of a road service permit as required by the Department of Transport	400.00
Unauthorized lamps	50.00
Loud music (R135) excessive noise	25.00
Using vehicle without tarpaulin	250.00
All other offences	25.00

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (FEES AND DUTIES) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF ORDERS

1. Short title.

2. Fees and duties.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC
(FEES AND DUTIES) ORDER
(Section 20(2))

CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990
182 of 2003.
41 of 2013.
CAP.230.
R.E. 2020

[Gazetted 13th December 2003]

1. This Order may be cited as the– Short title.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (FEES AND DUTIES) ORDER.

2.–The following fees and duties shall be payable in respect of the several matters to which they are applicable– Fees and duties.

		$
(i)	Motor Cycles and Tricycles	75.00
(ii)	Motor Cycles with side cars	100.00
(iii)	Taxis not exceeding 2,000 lbs. tare	80.00
(iv)	Taxis exceeding 2,000 lbs. tare and not exceeding 3,000 lbs. tare	100.00
(v)	Taxis exceeding 3,000 lbs. tare and not exceeding 4,000 lbs. tare	120.00
(vi)	Taxis exceeding 4,000 lbs. tare	165.00
(vii)	Motor omnibuses with seating accommodation for less than or equal to twenty-two passengers	187.00

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(viii)	Motor omnibuses with seating accommodation for more than twenty-two passengers	312.00
(ix)	Goods vehicles not exceeding 3,000 lbs. tare	175.00
(xi-a)	Goods vehicles exceeding 3,000 lbs. tare and not exceeding 4,000 lbs. tare	200.00
(b)	Goods vehicles exceeding 4,000 lbs. tare but not exceeding 10,000 lbs. tare	325.00
(xii)	Goods vehicles licensed in the name of registered cane farmer or a family member in paragraphs *(ix)* to *(xi)*	Half Rate
(xiii)	Freight Passenger vehicles, the rate prescribed in paragraph *(ix)* to *(xi)*	40.00
(xiv)	Motor vehicles constructed and used solely as hearses	200.00
(xv)	Trailers used exclusively in connection with agriculture	Free
(xvi)	Other Trailers	75.00
(xvii)	Tractor used exclusively in connection with agriculture	Free
(*xviii)*	Other Tractors	75.00
(xix)	Motor Vehicles other than those specified in paragraphs *(i)* to *(xvii)*	
	(a) not exceeding 3,000 lbs. tare	135.00
	(b) exceeding 3,000 lbs. tare and not exceeding 5,000 lbs. tare	200.00
	(c) exceeding 5,000 lbs. tare and not exceeding 10,000 lbs. tare	275.00
	(d) exceeding 10,000 lbs. tare	325.00
(xx)	Motor Vehicles otherwise licensed under *(xix)* by a registered cane farmer or a family member and proved to the satisfaction of the Department of Transport to be used in the sugar industry	Half Rate

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OTHER FEES AND DUTIES

(i)	Belize Driving Licence	60.00 p.a.	41 of 2013
(ii)	Learners Permit	30.00 p.a.	
(iii)	For every Driving test	30.00	
(iv)	Any duplicate or copy of a license or permit authorized or required to be used	15.00	
(v)	Registration of any motor vehicle or trailer including certified extract	35.00	
(vi)	Certified extract of entry in motor vehicles record other than on registration	15.00	
(vii)	Amendment of any record or licence or change of ownership	15.00	
(viii)	Any other amendment of any record or licence	15.00	
(ix)	Dealers License	1,500.00	
(x)	International License	200.00	

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (PROTECTIVE HELMETS) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Interpretation.

3. Mandatory use of protective helmets and eye protectors.

4. Minimum requirements to be observed when riding motor cycles.

5. Sale of motor cycles without protective helmets and eye protectors prohibited.

6. Powers of Transport Officers.

7. General offence and penalty.

8. Commencement.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLE AND ROAD TRAFFIC (PROTECTIVE HELMETS) REGULATIONS

CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
3 of 1999.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020

[Gazetted 16th January 1999]

1.These Regulations may be cited as the– Short title.

MOTOR CYCLES (PROTECTIVE HELMETS) REGULATIONS.

2.–(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires– Interpretation.

"Act" means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act; CAP. 230.

"eye protector" means an appliance intended for the protection of the eyes which is designed or adapted for use with any protective helmet or for being attached to or placed upon the head by a person driving or riding on a motor cycle;

"motor cycle" means a motor vehicle with less than four wheels and the weight of which unladen does not exceed eight hundred pounds;

"protective helmet" means a helmet–

(a) of a type manufactured for use by persons riding on motor cycles which by virtue of its shape, material and construction can reasonably be expected to afford to persons on motor cycles a high degree of protection from injury in the event of a traffic accident; and

(b) which, if worn with a chin cup attached to or held in position by a strap or other fastening

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provided on the helmet, securely and firmly holds the helmet on the head of wearer; and

(c) which is securely and firmly fastened to the head of the wearer by means of the straps or other means of fastening provided on the helmet for that purpose.

"public road" has the meaning assigned to it in the Public Roads Act. CAP. 232.

(2) Any word or phrase not specifically defined in these Regulations but which is defined in the Act shall have the meaning assigned to it in the Act.

Mandatory use of protective helmets and eye protectors.

3.–(1) Subject to subregulation (2) below, every person driving or riding on a motor cycle on any public road shall wear a protective helmet and eye protectors.

(2) Nothing in subregulation (1) above shall apply to any person riding on a motor cycle if–

(a) such motor cycle is a mowing machine; or

(b) such motor cycle is for the time being propelled by a person on foot; or

(c) such person is a follower of a religion whose headdress precludes the wearing of a helmet.

Minimum requirements to be observed when riding on motor cycles.

4. Any person driving a motor cycle shall only ride upon the permanent and regular seat attached thereto, and such driver shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on that motor cycle unless such motor cycle is designed to carry more than one person, in which case the passenger may only ride on the motor cycle upon the permanent and regular seat if such seat is designed for two persons.

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Sale of motor cycles without protective helmets and eye protectors prohibited.

5. No persons shall sell, offer for sale or hire, otherwise deal in any motor cycle unless that motor cycle is sold, offered for sale, hired or otherwise dealt with together with a protective helmet and eyes protectors.

Power of transport officers.

6. A transport officer or any other person duly authorised by the Minister in that behalf may cancel, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew the licence of a motor cycle if such motor cycle is being used contrary to the provisions of these Regulations.

General offence and penalty.

7. Any person who operates or uses any other motor cycle in contravention of these Regulations commits an offence and shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not more than fifty dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one month, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment.

Commencement.

8. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of March, 1999.

MADE by the Minister of Public Utilities, Transport and Communications this 7th day of January, 1999.

(MAXWELL SAMUELS)
Minister of Public Utilities, Transport and Communications.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED MEASURING DEVICE) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Speed measuring device.

3. Evidence of speed.

4. Commencement.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED MEASURING DEVICE) REGULATIONS.

CAP. 192.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.
181 of 2003.

[Gazetted 13th December, 2003]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the– Short title.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED MEASURING DEVICE) REGULATIONS.

2. The device known as **"**SPEEDGUN (R) MAGNUM MOBILE TRAFFIC RADAR**"** is hereby prescribed for measuring the speed of a vehicle. Speed Measuring device.

3. Without prejudice to any other method by which the speed of vehicle may be measured for the purpose of providing evidence of such speed, a court may rely on the evidence of a member of the Belize Police Department, a transport officer, a motor vehicle inspector or a traffic warden as to facts ascertained from the reading of the device specified in regulation 2 and such evidence shall be admissible in court as *prima facie* evidence of the speed at which the vehicle was travelling at the material time. Evidence of speed.

4. These Regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January 2004. Commencement.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Transport and Communications this 28th day of November 2003.

(HON. VILDO MARIN)
Minister of Works, Transport and Communications

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (PRIVATE MOTOR MECHANICS INSPECTION FEES) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Inspection fee.

3. Negative resolution.

4. Commencement.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (PRIVATE MOTOR MECHANICS INSPECTION FEES) REGULATIONS

CAP. 192. R.E. 1980-1990. CAP. 230. R.E. 2020. 85 of 2007.

[Gazetted 18th August, 2007]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the– Short title.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (PRIVATE MOTOR MECHANICS INSPECTION FEES) REGULATIONS.

2. Every private motor mechanic approved by the Ministry to carry out inspections in accordance with the provisions of the Act shall charge a fee of ten dollars (BZD$10.00) for each inspection that he conducts. Inspection fee.

3. These Regulations are subject to the negative resolution of the National Assembly. Negative resolution.

4. These Regulations shall come into force on the 9th day of August 2007. Commencement.

MADE by the Minister responsible for Transportations this 9th day of August 2007.

(JOSE COYE)
Minister of Health, Local Government, Transport and Communications

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (TINTED WINDOWS) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Citation.

2. Interpretation.

3. Prohibition on use of motor vehicles with tinted windows.

4. Exemption.

5. Tinting test.

6. Transitional.

7. Commencement.

SCHEDULE

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (TINTED WINDOWS) REGULATIONS

CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.
114 of 2007.
16 of 2008.
19 of 2011.
37 of 2011.

[Gazetted 12th March, 2011.]

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (TINTED WINDOWS) REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2.–(1) In these Regulations–

"authorised officer" means a transport officer, motor vehicle inspector, traffic warden, or police officer appointed under section 3 of the Act;

"tint" means a treatment to achieve a variety of tinting effects and includes a plastic film that is fitted to a windshield, window or rear glass of a motor vehicle;

"VLT %" means the measurement of the percentage of Visible Light Transmission that passes through a tint on a windshield, window or rear glass of a motor vehicle.

(2) A reference in this regulation to "use" of a motor vehicle is construed as including driving or parking a motor vehicle on a public road.

Prohibition on use of motor vehicles with tinted windows.

3.–(1) Subject to subregulation (2) and regulation 4, no person shall use, or cause or permit another person to use, a motor vehicle on a public road if its windscreen, rear glass or any of its windows is tinted or otherwise treated, in a way that is likely to impede sight, from outside the vehicle, of a person or thing inside the vehicle.

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(2) Notwithstanding subregulation (1), the shades of tint as set out in the Schedule are allowed to be used on motor vehicles used on a public place.

(3) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than $150.00 and not more than $500.00.

Exemption.

4. Notwithstanding regulation 3, the Minister may specify, by Notice in the *Gazette*, that a motor vehicle or a class of motor vehicle is a motor vehicle exempt from the provisions of this regulation.

Tinting test.

5.–(1) An authorised officer may inspect and test a tint on a windshield, window or rear glass of a motor vehicle using a photometer.

(2) An authorised officer who discovers that a tint on a windshield or a window of a motor vehicle is not in accordance with the specifications described in the Schedule shall issue a written notice to the owner of the motor vehicle or the driver of the motor vehicle to remove the tint within 10 days of the issue of the written notice.

Schedule.

(3) A person who fails to comply with subregulation (2) commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of $500.00.

Transitional.

6.–(1) The owner of a motor vehicle, a local manufacturer, or an importer of a motor vehicle shall ensure that the tint fitted on the motor vehicle manufactured, imported or owned complies with the specifications described in the Schedule within 30 days of the coming into force of this regulation.

Schedule.

(2) A person who contravenes subregulation (1) commits an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not less than $150.00 and not more than $500.00.

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Commencement.

7. These Regulations come into force on the 1st day of June, 2011.

SCHEDULE

[regulation 3(2), 5(2)]

DESCRIPTION OF TINT

Tint Area	Tint Type	VLT%
Windshield	Non-reflective tint applied along the top of windshield above the manufactures AS-1 line only (four inches from the top)	At least 50%
Front side window	Reflective or non-reflective tint of any colour	At least 50%
Rear side window	Reflective or non-reflective tint of any colour	At least 20%
Rear glass	Reflective or non-reflective tint of any colour	At least 20%

37 of 2011.

MADE this 9th day of March 2011.

(MELVIN HULSE)
Minister of Transport, Communications and National Emergency Management

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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13. Trailers to carry special mark.

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15. Size of identification numbers for motor cycles.

16. Application for licence.

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20. Licence to be carried on vehicle.

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26. Form of plates.

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28. Holder of dealer's licence to keep record of use of plates

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29. Application for Belize Driving Licence.

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MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

(Section 112)

PART I

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires–

"Act" means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act; CAP 230.

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"articulated vehicle" means a motor vehicle with a trailer so attached to the drawing vehicle that part of the trailer is superimposed upon the drawing vehicle, and when the trailer is uniformly loaded part of the weight of its load is borne by the drawing vehicle;

"Department" means the Department of Transport;

"direct in transit" means transit through Belize, by an international service provider, without dropping off or picking up any passengers on the route; 59 of 2019. 76 of 2019.

"express service" in relation to a motor omnibus, means the service offered by an operator which departs from one designated point and takes a route to another designated point without stopping to carry on or drop off passengers in between the route; 20 of 1999.

"forward drive vehicle" means a motor vehicle so constructed that the distance measured horizontally and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle between two vertical planes at right angles to such axis passing through the two points specified hereunder does not exceed 80"–

(i) the foremost point of the vehicle,

(ii) the rearmost point of the driver's seat;

"height" means the height measured vertically and at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle between two parallel planes to such axis passing through the highest point of the body or any load thereon and the ground;

"hotel charter transit" means transit into Belize by an international service provider, which stops and departs from a hotel designated in the manifest of international passengers and without dropping off or picking up any passengers on the route; 76 of 2019.

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"indirect in transit" means transit into Belize, by an international service provider, with stops at designated bus terminals in Belize and departure to the country of origin;

"individual load" means a load which cannot without undue expense or risk of damage be divided into two or more loads for the purpose of conveyance on a road;

"Minister" means the Minister responsible for the operation of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act;

153 of 1992.

"Ministry" means the Ministry responsible for motor vehicles and road traffic;

"one-way street" means a street or road in which vehicles may proceed only in a specified direction, and declared by the Department of Transport to be such by notice published in the *Gazette*;

"overall length" means the length of a motor vehicle measured between parallel planes passing through the extreme projecting points of the motor vehicle, exclusive of–

(i) any starting handle,

(ii) any hood when down;

"overall width" means the width measured between parallel planes passing through the extreme projecting points of the motor vehicle exclusive of the driving mirror and of any direction indicator when in operation and of so much of the distortion of any tyre as is caused by the weight of the motor vehicle;

"overhang" means the distance measured horizontally and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle between two vertical planes at right angles to such axis passing through the two points specified in paragraphs (1) and (2) of this definition, respectively–

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(i) the rearmost point of the motor vehicle exclusive of–

(a) any hood when down,

(b) any luggage carrier fitted to a private motor car,

(ii) *(a)* in the case of a motor vehicle having only two axles, through the centre point of the rear axle; and

(b) in the case of a motor vehicle having three axles where the front axle is the only steering axle, through a point 4" in the rear of the centre of a straight line joining the centre points of the rear and middle axles;

"owner" in the case of a motor vehicle registered in the name of a company means the manager or managing director of the company and includes any person for the time being acting in that capacity;

"pneumatic tyre" means a tyre which complies in all respects with the following requirements–

(i) it shall be provided with a continuous closed chamber containing air at a pressure substantially exceeding atmospheric pressure when the tyre is in the condition in which it is normally used, but is not subjected to any load,

(ii) it shall be capable of being inflated and deflated without removal from the wheel or vehicle,

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(iii) it shall be such, that when it is deflated and is subject to a normal load, the sides of the tyre collapse;

"public stand" means a place appointed by the Department of Transport by notice published in the *Gazette* where public service vehicles or any particular class of public service vehicles may wait;

"registered" means registered for the first time under the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act;

"road authority" in the case of a road outside the limits of any town means the Chief Engineer, Public Works Department, and in the case of a road within the limits of a town means the Town Council of such town;

"soft solid tyre" means a tyre of rubber or similar elastic material or fabric that does not depend on confined air for the support of the load:

Provided that in these Regulations a tyre shall not be deemed a soft solid tyre unless the said tyre is either–

(i) continuous round the circumference of the wheel, or

(ii) fitted in sections so that so far as reasonably practicable no space is left between the ends thereof,

and is of such thickness and design as to minimise, so far as reasonably possible, vibration when the vehicle is in motion, and so constructed as to be free from any defect which might in any way cause damage to the surface of the road;

"tandem drive" means in relation to a motor vehicle, a vehicle on which the motive power is delivered through a pair of axles at the rear of the vehicle;

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"town" means a town as defined under the Town Boundaries Act; CAP. 340.

"traffic sign" means marks on the surface of roads, all signals whether automatic electric signals or otherwise, warning sign posts, direction posts and signs or other devices for the guidance or direction of persons using roads;

"wheel" in the case of a motor vehicle or trailer means a wheel, the tyre of which when the wheel is in motion on a road is in contact with the ground;

"wheel base" means the distance measured horizontally and parallel to the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle between two vertical planes at right angles to such axis passing through the two points specified hereunder–

(a) the centre of the front axle, and

(b) the centre of the rear axle;

"wheeled" in relation to a motor vehicle or trailer means that the whole weight of the vehicle is transmitted to the road surface by means of wheels.

(2) For the purpose of these Regulations any two wheels of a motor vehicle or trailer shall be regarded as one wheel if the distance between the centres of the areas of contact between such wheels and the road surface is less than 18";

(3) Other expressions have the same meaning as in the Act.

3. The forms set out in the Schedules or forms to like effect shall be used in the cases to which they refer with such variations as the Department of Transport may consider desirable. Forms.

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PART II

Registration and Licensing

Application for registration. Schedule A.

4. The owner of a motor vehicle who desires to register it shall apply to the nearest Transport officer and shall complete and sign an application form as set out in Schedule A hereto. Application for the registration of a motor omnibus other than a freight passenger vehicle shall be made direct to the Department of Traffic of the municipality.

Registration fee.

5. On receipt of such application properly completed and signed by the owner together with the prescribed fee the Transport Officer shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and these Regulations and to the vehicle being certified by an inspector to be fit to be registered as a vehicle of the class for which it is sought to register it, register it by making the required entries in the records.

Certificate of registration. Schedule B.

2 of 1988. 26 of 2011.

6. The Department of Transport shall furnish the owner with a certificate of registration in the form of Schedule B hereto, and in the case of a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle shall also furnish two identification plates bearing the registered number of the vehicle. In the case of a trailer or a motor cycle only one such plate shall be furnished. The certificate of registration shall be kept in the vehicle at all times.

Fixing and maintenance of registration plates.

7. The owner of the motor vehicle shall forthwith affix or cause to be affixed and keep affixed on the front of the motor vehicle one of such registration plates in such manner that the number thereon shall be upright and clearly discernible from a distance of twenty yards in front of the vehicle and the other of such plates at the rear of the vehicle in such manner that the number thereon shall be upright and illuminated and clearly discernible at any distance up to twenty yards.

Fixing of plate on trailers.

8. On trailers, the plate shall be affixed at the rear of the trailer in the manner aforesaid.

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Identification numbers for motor cycles. 26 of 2011.

9. In the case of motor cycles a plate issued by the Department of Transport or Municipal Authority should be fixed on the rear of the cycle in a manner that the number thereon is upright and clearly discernible at a distance of twenty yards.

Only authorized identification plates to be displayed.

10. No plate or number other than the authorised identification plates shall be carried or displayed on any registered vehicle.

Duplicate identification plates. Schedule E.

57 of 1984.

11. When the identification plates or any of them have been lost or destroyed or rendered illegible application shall be made by the registered owner of the vehicle in the form of Schedule E hereto to the Department of Transport for the issue of a duplicate set of plates. Such application shall be accompanied by the certificate of registration and the licence and a fee of fifteen dollars and any remaining plate shall be surrendered to the Department who will then issue a new set of plates and amend the certificate of registration and licence and the records of the same.

Colours for identification plates and numbers. 3 of 1998.

12.–(1) The identification plates shall be of such type and size as the Department of Transport shall deem suitable and shall be coloured as follows–

(a) for public service vehicles—white figures on a green background;

(b) for goods vehicles—white figures on a black background;

(c) for vehicles the property of the Government or any City or Town Council or Town Authority—white figures on a blue background;

102 of 1990.

(d) for vehicles the property of any public statutory body (other than City or Town Councils)—black figures on a yellow

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background with serial number thereon prefixed by the letter E;

(e) for other vehicles—black figures on a white background.

No. 27 of 1994. 3 of 1998. CAP. 278

(2) For vehicles the property of Commercial Free Zone businesses or companies under the Free Zones Act, the identification plates and numbers shall be as follows–

(a) green figures and letters on a white background;

(b) the district abbreviation where the vehicle was registered, at the top of the identification plates;

(c) a four digit figure prefixed by the letters "CFZ" in the middle of the identification plates; and

(d) the caption "BELIZE C.A.", on the bottom of the identification plates.

(3) For vehicles the property of designated processing areas businesses or companies under the Designated Processing Areas Act, the identification plates and numbers shall be as follows–

CAP. 280. 3 of 1998.

(a) green figures and letters on a white ground;

(b) the district abbreviation where the vehicle was registered, at the top of the identification plates;

(c) a four digit figure prefixed by the letters "EPZ" in the middle of the identification plates; and

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(d) the caption "BELIZE C.A.", on the bottom of the identification plates.

(4) For vehicles the property of persons, organisation or other entities entitled to duty free status, the identification plates and numbers shall be as follows–

(a) white figures and letters on a purple background;

(b) the district abbreviation where the vehicle was registered, at the top of the identification plates;

(c) a four digit figure prefixed by the letters "DFS" in the middle of the identification plates; and

(d) the caption "BELIZE C.A.", on the bottom of the identification plates.

(5) the owners of vehicles referred to in subregulations (2) to (4) above shall pay the same registration and licensing fees as are paid by other holders of private identification plates and all identification plates relating to such vehicles shall be issued by the Department of Transport.

(6) Before obtaining the registration plates for the vehicles referred to in subregulations (2) to (4) above, the owners thereof shall present to the satisfaction of the Department of Transport–

(a) an original letter from the Ministry of Economic Development, Finance, Trade and Industry or the Comptroller of Customs, as the case may be, specifying that they fall within any of the categories referred to in subregulations (2) to (4) above;

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(b) a copy of a customs entry clearly specifying that the owner of the vehicle was exempt from payment of customs duty;

(c) a certificate of title, a manufacturer's certificate, a Bill of Sale, or a copy thereof; and

(d) in the case of vehicles belonging to owners operating under the Free Zones Act or the Designated Processing Areas Act, a duly stamped or sealed original letter from their respective management agency or committee, certifying the owner of the vehicle to be a good standing member of the Commercial Free Zone or the Designated Processing Area, as well as giving a complete description of the vehicle.

CAP. 278.
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(7) Subregulations (2) to (6) above shall be complied with whenever there is a change of ownership of the vehicle initially registered under the procedures outlined in the said subregulations.

Trailers to carry special mark.
26 of 2011.

13. The identification plates for trailers issued by the Department of Transport or Municipal Authority shall have white figures on a black background and the number thereon shall be prefixed by the letter "T".

Trailers to bear number of vehicles towing it.

14. *Revoked by S.I. No. 26 of 2011.*

Size of identification numbers for motor cycles.

15. The identification numbers for motor cycles, other than motor cycles the property of Government which shall be in white figures on a blue background, shall be clearly painted in black figures not less than 1¾" high and not less than 5/16" thick on a white background; the total width of the space taken by each figure, except the figure one, shall be not less than 1¼";

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the space between adjoining figures shall be not less than ¼"; and there shall be a margin between the nearest part of every figure and the top and bottom of the identification plate of at least ¼", and between the nearest part of every figure and the sides of the plate of at least ½".

Licensing

Application for licence. 26 of 2011. Schedule C.

16. The owner of a registered motor vehicle or trailer who desires to license it shall apply to a transport officer and shall complete and sign an application form as set out in Schedule C hereto.

The application shall be accompanied by the certificate of registration, expired licence and the appropriate licence fee.

Examination of vehicle. 153 of 1992.

17.–(1) On receipt of the application form properly completed and signed by the owner and the appropriate licence fee, the transport officer shall, subject to the provisions of the Act and these Regulations and to the vehicle being certified by an inspector or by a private motor mechanic approved for that purpose by the Ministry to be fit to be licensed as a vehicle of the class for which it is sought to licence, issue the appropriate licence.

(2) For the purpose of subregulation (1), the Minister may prescribe maximum fees which may be charged by motor mechanics for inspecting vehicles for licensing and may impose such other conditions as he think fit.

(3) A list of motor mechanics approved by the Ministry under subregulation (1) for inspecting vehicles shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at all licensing offices of the Department together with the prescribed maximum charges and shall be open to inspection by the public.

(4) Every motor mechanic approved by the Ministry under subregulation (1) shall complete and issue a certificate of

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Schedule Q.

inspection in Schedule Q hereto in respect of every vehicle examined by him for the purpose of these Regulations.

(5) No person not being a motor mechanic approved by the Ministry under subregulation (1) shall certify a vehicle to be fit to be licensed.

(6) No motor mechanic approved by the Ministry under subregulation (1) shall–

(a) charge more than the prescribed fee for inspecting a vehicle for licensing or contravene any condition of his permit to inspect vehicles; or

(b) falsely certify that a vehicle is fit to be licensed or that it complies with the Act and the Regulations, or make any entry in the certificate of the inspection of a vehicle knowing or believing it to be false in a material particular.

(7) Any person who by any act or omission contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of any of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of one hundred dollars, or to imprisonment for two months or both.

Form of licence. Schedule D. 2/1988. 35 of 1995.

18. The licence issued in the municipality shall be in the form set out in Part A of Schedule D hereto, and the licence issued in any other part of the country shall be in the form set out in part B of the said Schedule.

Licence to show number of persons or gross weight.

19. *Revoked by S.I. 2/1988.*

Licence to be carried on vehicle. 26 of 2011.

20.–(1) The owner or person in charge of a motor vehicle shall at all times keep the licence relating to such vehicle fixed and

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displayed in the manner pursuant to subregulations (2) or (3) as the case may be.

(2) The licence shall be carried in a metal and weatherproof holder which is on the vehicle–

(a) in the case of a motor cycle, in a conspicuous position on the left side of the handlebar;

(b) in the case of a trailer, in a conspicuous position on the left side of the vehicle facing towards the left side of the road.

(3) In the case of a vehicle fitted with front glass windscreen, the licence shall be carried facing forward on the left lower corner of the glass behind it so that the licence is clearly visible in front at all times by daylight whether such vehicle is moving or is stationary.

(4) At the commencement of these Regulations, all motor vehicles which were licensed and is carrying a licence in accordance with the revoked regulation 20, the licence shall remain under the revoked regulation 20 up to the date of expiration of the license, only.

Application for duplicate licence. Schedule E.

21. Application for a duplicate vehicle licence shall be made to the Department of Transport in the form of Schedule E hereto.

Temporary vehicle licences.

Schedule F. 26 of 2011.

22. No temporary licence for a vehicle shall be issued under the provisions of section 28 of the Act unless the vehicle is registered and licensed in the country of residence of the owner of the vehicle. Application for such temporary licence shall be made by the owner of the vehicle to a Transport officer in the form of Schedule F hereto. Such licence shall be valid for a period not exceeding three months and may be issued upon the payment of a fee of ten dollars; but the Department of Transport may require the vehicle to be produced for inspection.

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Dealers' Licences

Application for a licence.

Schedule G.

23.–(1) Any person who desires a dealers' general licence shall make application to the Department of Transport in the form set out in Schedule G hereto together with the prescribed fee.

Form of licence.

(2) On being satisfied that the applicant is a *bona fide* dealer in, or manufacturer or repairer of, motor vehicles the Department shall issue to him a licence in the form set out in Schedule H hereto.

Schedule H.

Department will issue identification plates.
26 of 2011.

24. On being satisfied that the number of sets of plates for which application is made is reasonably required by the applicant and on payment of a fee of fifteen dollars for each set of plates the Department of Transport shall issue to the applicant the plates required.

Plates to remain property of Department.

25. The plates shall remain the property of the Department of Transport and shall be returned forthwith to the Department whenever the licence in respect of which they were issued is no longer valid.

Form of plates.

26.–(1) The plates shall be of such shape and size as the Department of Transport may consider desirable and shall be marked "TEST" followed by a serial number which shall be the same for all sets of plates supplied to the holder of the licence. Where more than one set of plates is supplied to the holder of a licence each set shall be distinguished by a letter after the serial number.

(2) All such plates shall have yellow figures and letters on a black background.

Fixing and illumination of plates.

27. The provisions of these Regulations which relate to the fixing and illumination of identification plates shall apply to the plates forming the dealer's general identification marks as they apply to the plates forming the ordinary identification marks.

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Holder of dealer's licence to keep record of use of plates.

28. Every holder of a dealer's general licence shall keep a Demonstration Book upon his business premises and, on every occasion on which the dealer's identification plates are used on a motor vehicle, he shall make or cause to be made immediately on the departure of such motor vehicle from his premises an entry in the Demonstration Book giving the following particulars, provided that the particulars of the return of the vehicle shall not be entered until its return:

(a) date;

(b) identification plate;

(c) make, colour and engine number of the vehicle;

(d) name of driver or other employee of the holder of the licence accompanying the vehicle;

(e) name of other passengers;

(f) purpose for which the vehicle is used;

(g) destination;

(h) time of departure; and

(i) time of return.

PART III

Licensing of Drivers

Application for Belize Driving Licence.
42 of 2013.

Schedule J.
37/1974.

29. A person who desires to obtain the grant or renewal of a Belize Driving Licence to drive a motor vehicle shall apply to a transport officer and complete and sign the appropriate application form set out in Schedule J hereto. Every application

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shall be accompanied by two copies of the applicant's recent photograph, the size of each being 1" by 1¼".

Form of Belize Driving Licence. 42 of 2013.

Schedule K.

30. If the transport officer is satisfied that the provisions of the Act and these Regulations have been complied with, he shall, on payment of the prescribed fee, issue a Belize Driving Licence in the form set out in Schedule K hereto or in the case of an application for the renewal of a Belize Driving Licence shall renew such Belize Driving Licence.

Renewals may be effected one month in advance. 42 of 2013.

31. Application for the renewal of a Belize Driving Licence may be received and dealt with at any time within one month before the date on which the renewal is to take effect.

Application for duplicate Belize Driving Licence. Schedule E. 42 of 2013.

32. Application for a duplicate Belize Driving Licence shall be made to a transport officer in the form set out in Schedule E hereto.

Holder to sign Belize Driving Licence. 42 of 2013.

33. A person to whom a Belize Driving Licence is granted shall forthwith, in the presence of the transport officer, sign it with his ordinary signature. In the case of an applicant who is unable to sign his name he shall, in the presence of the transport officer, affix in the space provided for the signature an impression of the middle finger of his left hand.

Test of applicant. 42 of 2013.

34. Before the issue of a Belize Driving Licence the applicant shall satisfy the transport officer either by passing a test conducted by an examiner or by other means to the satisfaction of the transport officer that he is capable of driving and controlling a motor vehicle of the particular class, construction or design to which the application relates. In addition, he shall satisfy the transport officer that he is by character a fit and proper person to hold a Belize Driving Licence.

Form of test.

35. In order to pass such aforesaid test the applicant shall satisfy the examiner as to his ability unaided to:

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(a) start the vehicle from rest, to move away in a reasonably quick time and to maintain an accurate course;

(b) turn right and left hand corners correctly;

(c) stop the vehicle within a reasonable distance when travelling at various speeds. In this respect he must satisfy the examiner that in an emergency he will be able to apply the brakes promptly and effectively;

(d) operate all controls with safety and without moving from the driving seat;

(e) read and know the meaning of the road signs and give all recognised signals to other persons using the roads and to traffic controllers in a clear and unmistakable manner. If, owing to some physical disability, it is impracticable or undesirable that he should give such signals by hand the vehicle must be fitted with a device or devices which in the opinion of the examiner will be suitable having regard to the physical disability of the applicant;

(f) except in the case of a motor cycle, make the vehicle proceed backwards for a reasonable distance, make a right and left hand turn in reverse gear and back the vehicle into an indicated position;

(g) turn the vehicle round so as to proceed in the opposite direction in a roadway 30' in width;

(h) stop, hold and start the vehicle on a gradient.

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Deferment of test.

36. Where an applicant fails to pass the test required by regulation 34 of these Regulations the transport officer may, in his discretion, defer a further test of such applicant for a period not exceeding three months from the date of such failure.

Applicant able to drive without danger to road users.

37. The applicant shall also satisfy the examiner that he is capable of driving a motor vehicle of the particular construction or design to which the application relates without danger to users of the road.

Evidence of physical fitness. 42 of 2013. Schedule J.

38. Before the issue or renewal of a Belize Driving licence the applicant shall sign a declaration as to his physical fitness to drive a motor vehicle which shall be in the form set out in Part III of Schedule J hereto:

42 of 2013.

Provided that the transport officer may at his discretion require the applicant to produce a certificate of fitness signed by a government medical officer certifying that the physique, vision, hearing and bodily and mental fitness of the applicant are such as to qualify the applicant to hold a Belize Driving Licence.

Fee for examination as to physical fitness. 26 of 2011. 42 of 2013.

39. A fee of ten dollars shall be paid to the Medical Department for every medical examination as aforesaid except in the case of an applicant entitled to a free Belize Driving Licence.

Standard of physical fitness. 42 of 2013.

40. A person suffering from any of the following diseases shall be absolutely debarred from obtaining a Belize Driving Permit:

total deafness, epilepsy, insanity, defective vision to a degree corresponding to a standard of vision less than 6/12 by Snellen's test in both eyes with glasses, aneurysm, angina pectoris, loss of both hands or of both feet, or one hand and one foot, disease of the nervous system giving rise to muscular incoordination:

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Provided that a person who has lost the sight of one eye and whose standard of vision with the other eye is not less than 6/6 by Snellen's test without glasses may be granted, after the expiring of six months from the date of such loss, a permit to drive a private motor car only.

Provided further that a person who has lost both feet but is fitted with artificial legs may be granted a permit to drive a private motor car only if the Commissioner of Transport is satisfied that such a person possesses sufficient manoeuvrability in his feet to be capable of driving a motor vehicle with artificial legs. 132 of 1992.

Validity of Belize Driving Licence may be limited. 42 of 2013.

41. A Belize Driving Licence may at the discretion of the transport officer be issued and endorsed as valid only for the driving of any particular class or description of motor vehicle of a particular design or construction or for a specific motor vehicle in the following circumstances:

(a) when the applicant is certified by the examiner who has tested him as capable of driving only such vehicle or class of vehicles;

(b) when the applicant is certified by a medical officer as physically fit to drive only such vehicle or class of vehicles;

(c) when by reason of his age or experience or otherwise he is entitled to drive only a particular class of vehicles by the provisions of the Act;

(d) when the applicant is issued with a free Belize Driving Licence under the provisions of section 39 of the Act. Any such licence issued as aforesaid shall be valid only for the driving of the vehicle or class of vehicles endorsed thereon.

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Holder of licence to drive private vehicles may drive taxi for his own use.
42 of 2013.

42. Any person holding a Belize Driving Licence valid for the driving of private motor vehicles shall not be deemed to commit an offence under these Regulations by driving a vehicle registered as a taxi where he has hired such vehicle for his private use and where such vehicle is not carrying passengers for hire or reward, notwithstanding that his Belize Driving Licence is not endorsed as valid for the driving of public service vehicles.

Learner's permit, physical fitness.

Schedule L.

26 of 2011.

43. Any person desiring to learn to drive shall make application to a transport officer for a learner's permit which shall be in the form set out in Schedule L hereto. On receipt of the application the transport officer shall, unless he has reasonable cause to believe that the applicant is physically unfit to drive issue the permit subject to the conditions of the Act. Such permit shall be valid for a period of three months commencing on the date of issue of the permit.

Temporary Belize Driving Licence, fee.

Schedule M.

26 of 2011.
42 of 2013.

44. Any person who wishes to obtain a temporary Belize Driving Licence under the provisions of section 45(1) of the Act, shall make application to a transport officer in the form of Schedule M to these Regulations, and such person may be required to satisfy the transport officer that he is physically fit to drive. The fee for a temporary Belize Driving Licence shall be twenty-five dollars.

Transport officers, examiners and inspectors to have free Belize Driving Licence.
42 of 2013

45. No fee shall be payable on a Belize Driving Licence issued to a transport officer, examiner or inspector appointed as such under section 4 of the Act.

PART IV

Construction of Motor Vehicles

Overall length.

53/1977.

46. The overall length of–

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(a) an articulated vehicle having two axle tractor and single axle trailer shall not exceed 46';

(b) an articulated vehicle having two axle tractor and twin axle trailer shall not exceed 48';

(c) an articulated vehicle having tandem drive tractor and twin axle trailer shall not exceed 52'.

Overall width and height.

47.–(1) The overall width of a motor vehicle shall not exceed 8'.

(2) The overall height of a motor vehicle shall not exceed 14'. 53/1977.

Overhang.

48.–(1) The overhang of a tractor shall not exceed 6' or 50% of the wheel-base whichever is less.

(2) The overhang of any other motor vehicle shall not exceed 50% of its wheel-base, or in the case of a forward drive vehicle 60% of its wheel base.

Minister may allow dimensions.

49.–(1) The Minister may in his discretion, permit any motor vehicle to exceed any of the dimensions set out in the three preceding regulations, subject to such conditions as he shall think fit to impose.

(2) The Minister may revoke any such permission on proof to his satisfaction that any condition imposed under paragraph (1) of this regulation has been broken.

Springs.

50. Every motor vehicle and every trailer drawn thereby shall be equipped with suitable and sufficient springs between each wheel and the frame of the vehicle:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to motor cycles.

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Parking brakes.

51. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a braking system (which may be one of the braking systems hereinafter prescribed) so designed and constructed that it can at all times be set so effectually as to prevent two at least, or in the case of a vehicle with only three wheels, one, of the wheels from revolving when the vehicle is not being driven or is left unattended:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to–

(a) motor cycles with or without sidecars attached;

(b) invalid carriages.

Braking systems.

52.–(1) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with two entirely independent braking systems or with one efficient braking system having two independent means of operation, in each case so designed and constructed that the failure of any single portion of any braking system shall not prevent the brakes on two wheels or in the case of a vehicle having less than four wheels on one wheel, from operating effectively so as to bring the vehicle to rest within a reasonable distance:

Provided that in the case of a single braking system the two means of operation shall not be deemed to be otherwise than independent solely by reason of the fact that they are connected either directly or indirectly to the same cross-shaft.

(2) In the case of a motor vehicle having more than three wheels and equipped with two independent braking systems, each such system shall be so designed and constructed that if the brakes thereof act either directly or indirectly on two wheels, they shall act on two wheels on the same axle.

(3) Where in the case of a single braking system the means of operation are connected directly or indirectly to the same cross-shaft, the brakes applied by one of such means shall act

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on all the wheels of the motor vehicle directly and not through the transmission gear.

(4) In all cases the brakes operated by one of the means of operation shall be applied by direct mechanical action without the intervention of any hydraulic, electric or pneumatic device.

(5) In all cases the brakes operated by one of the means of operation shall act directly on the wheels and not through the transmission gear.

(6) In the case of a steam driven vehicle which is not used as a public service vehicle for the conveyance of passengers for gain or hire, the engine of the vehicle shall be deemed to be one independent braking system if the engine is capable of being reversed and is incapable of being disconnected from all the road wheels other than the steering wheels by the sustained effort of the driver.

Maintenance of brakes.

53. All brakes described by these Regulations shall at all times while the vehicle is used on a road be maintained in good and efficient working order and shall be properly adjusted.

Warning instruments.

54.–(1) Every motor vehicle shall be fitted with an instrument capable of giving audible and sufficient warning of its approach or position, provided that no such instrument shall consist of a siren, gong or bell, except in the case of a motor vehicle used solely for fire brigade, ambulance or law enforcement.

26 of 2011.

(2) Every horn or instrument used for the purpose authorised shall either be of a kind which has been approved by the Department of Transport generally as proper to be used on motor vehicles or which has been approved by the Department in a special case on the application of the owner of the motor vehicle.

(3) Any horn or other instrument which has been approved by the Department for use on motor vehicles shall not be used on any other class of vehicles.

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Prohibition of use of horn or instrument.

55. The Department of Transport shall have power at any time to prohibit the use or fitting to any vehicle of any horn or instrument the use of which is likely to cause annoyance to the public.

Pneumatic tyres.

56. Every motor vehicle other than a land tractor and every trailer shall be equipped with pneumatic tyres.

Wings.

57. Every motor vehicle and every trailer shall be provided with wings or other similar fittings to catch, so far as practicable, mud or water thrown up by the rotation of the wheels, unless adequate protection is afforded by the body of the vehicle.

Reversing.

58. Every motor vehicle which exceeds 8 cwt. in weight unladen, shall be capable of being so worked that it may travel either forward or backward.

View of road.

59. Every motor vehicle shall be so designed and constructed that the driver thereof while controlling the vehicle can at all times have a full view of the road and traffic ahead of the motor vehicle.

Mirrors.
26 of 2011.

60. Every motor vehicle, other than a trailer, shall be equipped either internally or externally with a mirror so constructed and fitted to the motor vehicle as to assist the driver to become aware of the traffic to the rear of the vehicle:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to a motor vehicle when drawing a trailer if a person is carried on the trailer in a position which affords an uninterrupted view to the rear and such person is provided with efficient means of communicating to the driver the effect of signals given by the drivers of other vehicles.

Silencers.

61. Every motor vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine shall be fitted with an efficient silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing as far as may be reasonable the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases from the engine.

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Emission of smoke.

62.–(1) Every motor vehicle shall be so constructed that no avoidable smoke or visible vapour is emitted therefrom.

Sparks, etc.

(2) Every motor vehicle using solid fuel shall be fitted with an efficient appliance for the purpose of preventing the emission of sparks or grit, and also with a tray or shield to prevent ashes and cinders from falling on to the road.

Steering.

63. Every motor vehicle shall be fitted with an efficient means of steering the same.

Rear view mirror.

64. Every motor vehicle shall be fitted with a rear view mirror which shall be so adjusted as to allow the driver to have a clear view of the road behind him.

Determination of maximum gross weight.

65. The maximum gross weight of a goods vehicle, freight passenger vehicle or a motor omnibus for which the vehicle may be licensed shall be determined by the Department of Transport having regard to the maximum permissible gross weight of the vehicle declared by the maker and the general condition of the vehicle.

Information to be marked on vehicles.

66.–(1) All goods vehicles, freight passenger vehicles and motor omnibuses shall have clearly painted thereon the information given below for each class of vehicle–

Goods vehicles–

(i) Unladen weight……..……lb.
(ii) Maximum gross weight.……lb.
(iii) Maximum speed limit…….m.p.h.

Freight passenger vehicles–

(i) Unladen weight…….lb.
(ii) Licensed to carry…..…….……persons
(iii) Maximum gross weight.……lb.
(iv) Maximum speed limit……..…..…..m.p.h.

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Motor omnibuses–

Licensed to carry…….…….…….persons

(2) The information required in the last foregoing paragraph of this regulation shall be the weights, the number of persons and the maximum speed limits respectively that each vehicle is authorised by law to carry, and shall be clearly painted in letters and figures not less than ½" in height on the right side of the bonnet immediately in front of the windscreen in such a position that it may be clearly read by a person standing on the right side of the vehicle, or, with the consent of the transport officer, on the outside of the right-hand front door of the vehicle.

Speedometer.

67.–(1) Every registered motor vehicle shall be fitted with an instrument so constructed and in such a position as at all times to indicate to the driver of the vehicle within a margin of accuracy of plus or minus 10% if and when he is driving at a speed in excess of that specified by law.

(2) Every instrument for indicating speed in compliance with the requirements of the last foregoing paragraph of this regulation shall–

(a) at all material times be maintained in good working order; and

(b) be kept free from any obstruction which might prevent it being easily read:

Provided that it shall be a good defence to proceedings taken in respect of a contravention of subparagraph *(a)* of this regulation to prove that–

(i) the defect occurred in the course of the journey during which the contravention was detected, or

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(ii) at the time when the contravention was detected steps had already been taken to have the defect remedied with all reasonable expedition.

Seats, determination of seating capacity.

68.–(1) Every licence issued for a taxi, freight passenger vehicle or motor omnibus shall state in the part marked "seats" the maximum number of persons including the driver that such vehicle shall carry. In determining the number of persons for which such vehicle has seating capacity–

(a) where separate seats for each person are provided one person shall be counted for each separate seat provided; or

(b) where the vehicle is provided with continuous seats one person shall be counted for each complete length of 15" measured in a straight line lengthwise on the front of such seat, and where any such continuous seat is fitted with arms for the purpose of separating the seating spaces and such arms are so constructed that they can be folded back or otherwise put out of use such seat shall be measured for the purpose of these Regulations as if it had not been fitted with such arms.

(2) *(a)* Where a motor vehicle is fitted with a continuous front seat, only two persons, including the driver, shall be carried on such seat unless the vehicle is licensed to carry thereon three persons, including the driver.

(b) A vehicle shall not be so licensed unless the seat complies with the provisions of paragraph (l)*(b)* of this regulation and in the opinion of a transport officer the seating of three persons thereon would not interfere with

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or encumber the driver of the vehicle in the proper control thereof.

Passengers to be seated within sidecar.

(3) No person shall be carried in any sidecar attached to a motor cycle unless seated within it and not on any part of the body thereof.

No person to be carried between the driver and the side of the vehicle.

(4) No person shall be seated or carried in the case of a motor vehicle steered from the right-hand side between the driver and the right side of the motor vehicle and in the case of a vehicle steered from the left-hand side between the driver and the left side of the vehicle.

(5) No taxi, freight passenger vehicle or motor omnibus shall carry more persons than the number stated in the licence in the part marked "seats":

Children.

Provided that where children not exceeding fourteen years of age are carried on such a motor vehicle any three such children shall be reckoned as two passengers and no child under three years of age shall be reckoned as a passenger.

Seats to be fixed and passengers to be seated.

(6) Every motor vehicle carrying passengers shall be provided with fixed seats and no person shall be permitted to travel on any motor vehicle unless seated on such a seat.

Trailers

Overall length. 26 of 2011.

69. The overall length of a trailer (excluding any draw bar) shall not exceed 60'.

Brakes.

70. Every trailer other than an agricultural trailer exceeding 10 *cwts.* in weight unladen shall have an efficient braking system the brakes of which are capable of being applied when it is being drawn to at least two wheels in the case of a trailer having four wheels, so constructed that–

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(a) the brakes can be applied either by the driver of the drawing vehicle or by some other person on such vehicle or the trailer:

Provided that this subparagraph shall not apply in the case of a trailer not exceeding 1 ton in weight unladen or in the case of a trailer not constructed or adapted to carry any load, other than plant or other special appliance or apparatus which is a permanent or essentially permanent fixture and not exceeding 2 tons in total weight, if in either case the brakes of the trailer automatically come into operation on the overrun of the trailer; and

(b) the brakes are capable of being set so effectually as to prevent two at least of the wheels from revolving when the trailer, whether it is attached to the drawing vehicle or not, is not being drawn.

Fitting of sidecar.

71. Every sidecar fitted to a motor cycle shall be so attached that the wheel thereof is not wholly outside perpendicular planes at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the motor cycle passing through the extreme projecting points in the front and in the rear of the motor cycle.

PART V

Construction of Motor Omnibuses other than Freight Passenger Vehicles

Omnibuses to conform with this Part.

72. In addition to the other requirements of these Regulations motor omnibuses shall conform with the provisions of this Part of these Regulations.

Definitions.

73. In this Part of these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires–

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"omnibus" means a public service vehicle, other than one licensed as a freight passenger vehicle or a taxi;

"entrance" means any aperture or space by which passengers are intended to board the vehicle;

"exit" means any aperture or space by which passengers are intended to leave the vehicle;

"emergency exit" means an exit which is intended to be used only in the case of emergency;

"permanent top" means any covering of a vehicle other than a hood of canvas or other flexible material which is capable of being readily folded back or removed;

"gangway" means the space provided for obtaining access from any entrance to the passengers' seats or from any such seat to an exit other than an emergency exit but does not include any space in front of a transverse seat which is required only for the use of passengers occupying that seat.

Stability.

74. The stability of an omnibus shall be such that under any conditions of load if the surface on which the omnibus stands were tilted to either side to an angle of 35° from the horizontal point at which the overturning occurs would not be passed.

Turning circle.

75. Every omnibus shall be so constructed as to be capable of turning in either direction in a circle not exceeding in diameter 66'. For the purposes of this regulation such diameter shall be determined by reference to the extreme outer edge of the wheel track at ground level.

Side overhang.

76. No part of the omnibus other than a direction indicator, when in operation, or a driving mirror shall project laterally more than 8" beyond the outer face of the outer tyre on the rearmost wheel on the same side of the omnibus.

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Steering.

77. The steering mechanism shall be so constructed or arranged that no overlock shall be possible and that the wheels shall not in any circumstances foul any part of the vehicle.

Dust covers.

78. Dust-excluding covers fitted to any joint or connection of the steering mechanism shall be capable of being easily removed to facilitate inspection.

Locking of bolts, etc., on steering.

79. Where brake and steering connections are secured with bolts or pins, the bolts or pins shall be threaded and effectively locked.

Wheel projection.

80. No portion of any road wheel or any fittings thereof shall project more than 3½" beyond the extreme outer face of the tyre when fully inflated.

Fuel tanks.

81.–(1) No fuel tank shall be placed under any part of any gangway which is within 2' of any entrance or exit.

(2) Fuel tanks shall be so placed that no overflow therefrom shall fall upon any woodwork or accumulate where it can be readily ignited. The filling points of all fuel tanks shall be outside the body of the omnibus, and the filter caps shall be so designed and constructed that they can be securely fixed in position.

Carburetters.

82. All carburetters and apparatus associated therewith shall be so placed or shielded that no fuel leaking therefrom shall fall upon any part or fitting which is capable of igniting it, or into any receptacle where it might accumulate.

Exhaust pipes.

83. The exhaust pipe shall be so fitted or shielded that no inflammable material can be thrown upon it from any other part of the omnibus and that it is not likely to cause a fire through proximity to any inflammable material on the omnibus; the outlet thereof shall be placed far enough to the rear to prevent, so far as practicable, fumes from entering the omnibus.

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Insulation of leads.

84. All electric leads shall be adequately insulated.

Lock nuts.

85. All moving parts and all parts subject to severe vibration connected by bolts or studs and nuts shall be fastened by lock nuts or by nuts and efficient spring or lock nut washers, or by castellated nuts and split pins or by some other efficient device, so as to prevent their working or coming loose.

Fixing the body.

86. The body shall be securely affixed to the chassis.

Height of body sides.

87. In the case of an omnibus without a permanent top the height of the body sides from the top of the seats shall not be less than 15".

Steps.

88. The top of the tread of the lowest step for any entrance or exit to an omnibus, other than an emergency exit, shall not be more than 18" or less than 10" above the ground when the omnibus is empty. All steps shall be fitted with non-slip treads. Fixed steps shall not be less than 9" wide and shall in no case project laterally beyond the body of the omnibus unless they are so protected by the wings (or otherwise) that they are not liable to injure pedestrians.

Exits.

89.–(1) An omnibus with a permanent top shall be provided with not less than two exits (one of which may be an emergency exit) which shall not both be situated on the same side of the omnibus.

(2) Emergency exits must have a clear opening of not less than 7½ sq. ft. (5' x 18"). And the height must not be less than 4' or the width less than 18".

Construction of exits.

90.–(1) Every entrance and exit door shall be capable of being opened by one operation of the locking mechanism:

Provided that for the purpose of securing the omnibus when unattended it shall be permissible to fit to any entrance or exit door a supplementary lock with or without a detachable actuating mechanism if such lock is so designed and constructed

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that the door can at all times be opened by a person inside the omnibus by one operation of the ordinary locking mechanism.

(2) Door handles or levers to door catches shall be so designed and fitted that they are not liable to be dislodged or to be operated accidentally.

(3) A grab handle shall be fitted to each entrance or exit other than an emergency exit to assist passengers in boarding or alighting from the omnibus.

(4) All doors (including those of emergency exits) shall be so designed as to be readily opened in case of need from both the inside and the outside of the omnibus.

(5) All doors shall open so as not to obstruct clear access to any entrance or exit from inside or from outside the omnibus.

Emergency exits.

91.–(1) The means of operation of all emergency doors shall be clearly indicated.

(2) All emergency exits shall–

(i) be clearly marked as such;

(ii) be fitted with doors which open outwards;

(iii) be easily accessible to the passengers and between any such exit and some gangway there shall be a passage which shall not be of less dimensions than those prescribed in regulation 93(1) for a gangway;

(iv) be so situated that passengers can step directly from the passage to the outside of the omnibus.

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(3) The actuating mechanism of all emergency exits shall be easily accessible to persons of normal height standing on ground level outside the vehicle.

Access to exits.

92.–(1) There shall be unobstructed accessibility from every seat to at least two exits:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to–

(i) any seats alongside the driver, if there is access to such seats by an entrance other than the driver's entrance;

(ii) seats on an omnibus not provided with a permanent top.

(2) No seat shall be fitted to any door.

Gangways.

93.–(1) The width of every gangway shall be not less than 14".

(2) For the purposes of this regulation when any space in front of a seat is required for the accommodation of seated passengers the space within 9" of the seat shall not be taken into account in measuring the width of a gangway.

Interior height.

94. The clear height at the centre line of any gangway extending from the front edge of the foremost passenger seat to the front edge of the rearmost passenger seat served by that gangway shall be as follows–

(i) in the case of an omnibus, other than an omnibus referred to in subparagraph *(ii)* hereof, fitted with a permanent top, not less than 5' 6" if the seating capacity of the omnibus exceeds eight;

(ii) in the case of an omnibus the seating capacity of which exceeds eight constructed and used solely for the purpose of conveying school

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children and any necessary attendants to and from school, not less than 5'.

Seat supports.

95. The supports of all seats shall be firmly fixed in position and at least 15" measured in a straight line along the front of each seat shall be allowed for each passenger.

Fitting of seats.

96.–(1) No part of the back of any seat placed lengthwise shall be less than 54" from the corresponding part of the seat facing it.

(2) Traverse seats shall be so fitted that–

(i) when facing in the same direction, there is a clear space of at least 24" in front of every part of the top of the seat back, any handles or grips which do not project more than 4" from the back of a seat being disregarded when measuring the clear spaces herein referred to;

(ii) when facing each other, there is a clear space of at least 19" between any part of the front of a seat and any part of any other seat which faces it.

Seats over wheel arches.

97. Seats over a wheel arch shall not be placed in such position as to cause discomfort to passengers.

Step wells.

98. The shortest distance between the edge of any step well and a vertical plane passing through the front edge of a seat shall not be less than 9".

Internal lighting.

99. Adequate artificial lighting shall be provided for the illumination of an omnibus with a permanent top. At least one lamp shall be provided as near as is practicable to every entrance and exit.

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Ventilation.

100. There shall be adequate ventilation for both passengers and driver without the necessity for opening any main window or windscreen.

Driver's accommodation.

101. Every omnibus shall be so designed that the driver has adequate room and can easily reach and quickly operate the controls, and means shall be provided where necessary to prevent light from the interior of the omnibus from incommoding the driver.

Screenwipers.

102. Where an omnibus is fitted with a front glass windscreen for the driver, an efficient automatic windscreen wiper shall be fitted.

Communication with driver.

103. Efficient means shall be provided to enable passengers to signal to the driver if the seating capacity of the omnibus exceeds eight persons.

Fire extinguishers. 26 of 2011.

104. The owner of an omnibus shall ensure that a suitable and efficient fire extinguisher of twenty pounds is carried on that omnibus in a position that is readily available for use and shall be one or more of the following types–

(a) foam producing;

(b) soda acid chemical;

(c) carbon tetra-chloride;

(d) ABC Wood;

(e) oil;

(f) electrical fire.

General design.

105. Every omnibus shall comply in all respects with the requirements as to the construction, weight, and equipment of motor vehicles contained in these Regulations or in any regulations that may hereafter be made in place of these

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Regulations, which are applicable to the omnibus, and the omnibus, including all bodywork, upholstery and fittings shall be soundly and properly constructed of suitable materials well finished and in good and serviceable condition, and of such design that it is capable of withstanding the loads and stresses likely to be met with in operation.

Certificate of fitness.

106. A certificate of fitness shall not be issued in respect of a motor omnibus which does not comply with the foregoing conditions.

PART VI

Construction of Freight Passenger Vehicles

Freight passenger vehicles to conform to this part.

107. In addition to the other requirements of these Regulations freight passenger vehicles shall conform with the provisions of this Part.

Seats.

108.–(1) Every freight passenger vehicle shall be provided with proper seats, which may be removable, sufficient to accommodate all the passengers carried in the vehicle.

(2) The seats shall be sufficiently strong to carry the weight of the passengers and shall be so constructed that when they are in position they cannot move laterally or backwards or forwards.

(3) Each seat shall be at least 8" in width measured from the front to the back and there shall be a space of at least 12" between the front portion of any seat and the back portion of any other seat, or any part of the body of the freight passenger vehicle immediately in front of such seat.

(4) The height of the body of the freight passenger vehicle above the seats shall not be less than 18".

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(5) The seats shall be so fixed at all times when they are in use that they are not less than 16" and not more than 22" from the floor of the vehicle.

(6) The seats shall be so fixed that when in use the distance between the seats and the ground is not greater than the distance between the outside surface of the tyres when inflated on the rear wheels.

Persons carried to be seated.

109. No person shall be carried in any freight passenger vehicle otherwise than seated on a proper seat and any person not so carried as well as the driver of the vehicle shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.

General design.

110. The body of the freight passenger vehicle shall be securely fixed to the chassis and the vehicle including all body work, upholstery and fittings shall be soundly and properly constructed of suitable materials and in good and serviceable condition and of such design that it is capable of withstanding the loads and stresses likely to be met with in operation.

Certificate of fitness.

111. A certificate of fitness shall not be issued in respect of any vehicle for use as a freight passenger vehicle which does not comply with all the conditions prescribed in these Regulations.

Licence endorsed with number of passengers.

112. No licence for a freight passenger vehicle shall be endorsed to carry more passengers than the number for which proper seats are provided nor for any number of passengers that would exceed the maximum gross weight allowed for the vehicle.

Fare table to be displayed. Schedule R.

113.–(1) The driver of a freight passenger vehicle shall carry in his vehicle two copies of the form 1 in Schedule R hereto showing the maximum fares he may charge.

(2) He shall cause one copy of the said form to be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place inside the driver's compartment either immediately above the centre of the windshield, or, if it interferes with the driver's vision, on the dashboard of the vehicle.

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(3) He shall cause the other copy of the said form to be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place in the front of the back compartment.

(4) These copies shall be supplied by the Department of Transport free of charge.

PART VII

Rules of the Road

Keeping to the right.

114. Each driver of a motor vehicle shall comply with the following rules:

(1) *(a)* He shall at all times keep the vehicle on the right side of the road unless prevented by some sufficient cause.

(b) When meeting or being overtaken by other vehicles he shall keep as close as possible to the right side of the road.

Overtaking.

(2) *(a)* When overtaking other vehicles, he shall keep to the left or off side of such other vehicle.

(b) When being overtaken by other vehicles or when there are other vehicles immediately behind that desire to overtake him, he shall drive as close to the right side of the road as possible so as to allow such other vehicles to pass, and in all cases he shall drive so as to give as much space as possible for the passing of other traffic and shall not speed abreast any other vehicle when such vehicle is overtaking him.

(c) He shall not drive so as to overtake other traffic unless he has a clear and unobstructed

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view of the road ahead and he shall not overtake such other traffic unless he sees that the road ahead is clear for a sufficient distance to enable him to overtake and get back to his proper side before meeting any traffic coming from the opposite direction.

(d) He shall not overtake other traffic when rounding a corner or where roads intersect or fork or where the road passes over the brow of a hill or over a humpbacked bridge or in any other circumstances where the driver cannot see sufficiently far ahead to overtake with safety.

Crossing and turning in roads.

(3) He shall not cross a road or turn in or commence to cross or turn in a road or proceed from one road into another road or drive from a place which is not a road into a road or from a road into a place which is not a road unless he can do so without obstructing any other traffic on the road and for this purpose he shall be held to be obstructing other traffic if he causes risk of accident thereto.

Turning into a road.

(4) *(a)* When turning from one road into another road to the right he shall keep as close as possible to the right side of each road.

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(b) When turning from one road into another road to the left he shall drive into the shared center lane on highways and roadways, which are lanes reserved for making left turns (or U turns when they are permitted), but can be used by vehicles traveling in both directions. On the pavement left turn arrows for traffic in one direction, alternate with left turn arrows for traffic coming from the other direction, unless otherwise directed by a police constable on duty.

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Driver who changes direction to give way.

115. The burden of ascertaining whether the road is clear in every direction shall rest with the driver of a motor vehicle which alters its speed or direction and the driver of such vehicle shall give way to other vehicles.

Major roads.

116. The driver of a motor vehicle approaching a major road shall give way to vehicles on such major road, and he has the burden upon him of taking every care and precaution against accident. Proof that the warning appliance was sounded will not be held to be proof that this burden was discharged.

General rule. 13 of 1980. 102 of 1990.

117. At the junction, intersection or crossing of roads neither of which is a major road or both of which are major roads the driver of a motor vehicle shall give way to every driver in a road on his left allowing such vehicle to cross or proceed before him.

Giving way at obstruction in road.

118. Where there is an obstruction at or near the side of a road the driver of a motor vehicle on whose right such obstruction is situated shall give way to drivers on whose left the obstruction is situated.

Stopping.

119.–(1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not stop his vehicle on any road in such a position that a clear view of the vehicle cannot be obtained from a distance of 50' in either direction on such road unless compelled to do so by accident or the necessities of traffic on the road.

(2) The driver of a motor vehicle shall not stop, park or leave the vehicle standing, whether attended or unattended, so that any part of the vehicle is within a distance of 30' of any part of any corner or junction or intersection of any two or more roads.

(3) No person in charge of a motor vehicle or trailer shall cause or permit the motor vehicle or trailer to stand on a road so as to cause any unnecessary obstruction thereof.

(4) Where a police officer finds a motor vehicle in violation of the provisions of this regulation, he may move such motor vehicle or require the driver or operator or other person in

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charge of such motor vehicle (not being a child under the age of seventeen years) to move the same.

(5) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to the driver or operator of a motor vehicle which is so disabled while on a public road that it is impossible to avoid temporarily a violation of such provisions.

Interruption of free passage.

120. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not negligently or wilfully prevent, hinder or interrupt the free passage of any vehicle, person or animal.

Signals to be when changing direction, etc.

121.–(1) The driver of a motor vehicle shall when approaching turnings and cross roads or coming from any private road or place to any public road, slow down and make the appropriate traffic signal.

(2) He shall when turning across traffic or turning to the left, slow down and make the appropriate traffic signal.

(3) He shall when about to stop or slow down on any public road do so gradually and make the appropriate traffic signal.

(4) He shall when about to quit any place at which his vehicle has been stationary make the appropriate traffic signal.

Driving on footpath.

122. No person shall drive a motor vehicle upon any footpath or causeway by the side of any road made or set apart for the use or accommodation of foot passengers.

Traffic signal to be obeyed.

123.–(1) Where any traffic sign, being a sign for regulating the movement of traffic or indicating the route to be followed by traffic, has been placed on or near any road in accordance with regulation 197 hereof any person driving any motor vehicle who fails to conform to the indication given by the sign shall be guilty of an offence.

74 of 1998.

(2) Without prejudice to subregulation (1) above and Regulation 197 below, where any electric traffic signal

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regulating the movement of traffic has been placed on or near any road, street, highway, or an intersection thereto, all traffic approaching the traffic signal shall–

(a) stop when the electric traffic signal is red in colour and proceed when the electric traffic signal turns green in colour;

(b) observe at all times (by stopping or proceeding with extreme caution) the electric traffic signal when it is amber in colour, noting always that the amber colour appears immediately before the red colour in an electric traffic signal;

(c) observe at all times flashing electric traffic signals which are amber or red in colour by proceeding with extreme caution or stopping:

Provided that instead of stopping at an intersection as provided in paragraph *(a)* above, a driver may proceed with caution to turn right into the lane perpendicular to the lane he is presently travelling only under the following circumstances–

(a) when the road, street or highway in which the driver is travelling is a single lane and the driver is at the front of all motor vehicles in the said lane; or

(b) when the road, street or highway in which the driver is travelling has at the minimum a double lane and the driver is in the proper lane used by the motor vehicles intending to turn right at the intersection; and

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(c) when the electric traffic signal in front of him is green or red in colour.

(3) Any person who contravenes subregulation (2) above (including the *proviso* thereto), commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalty specified in regulation 229 below.

Absolute right of way and related offence. 74 of 1998. CAP. 230.

123A.–(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Regulations or the Act to the contrary, any motor vehicle belonging to the Belize Police Department or some other Law Enforcement Agency approved in writing by the Commissioner of Transport, or to the Medical or Fire Services, travelling on any road, street or highway with its emergency light or siren on (as a way of indicating the existence of some emergency) shall have an *absolute* right of way on such road, street or highway.

74 of 1998.

(2) All drivers of vehicles shall give way to the motor vehicles referred to in subregulation (1) above by stopping on, or moving to, the extreme right-hand shoulder of the road, street or highway, as the case may be, and any driver who fails to conform to this Regulation commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to the penalty specified in regulation 229 below.

One-way street.

124. No person shall cause a motor vehicle to proceed in a one-way street other than in the direction specified for vehicles to proceed in such street:

25 of 1992.

Provided that this regulation shall not apply to the driver of an ambulance or a fire service vehicle whilst driving in response to an emergency and sounding a siren or other audible warning signal.

Parking. 25 of 1992.

125.–(1) Subject to paragraph (2) below, the driver of a vehicle shall not park it or leave it standing–

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(a) on any road (including the shoulder of the road) outside the limits of any city or town at any time;

(b) in any other place where parking is prohibited;

(c) in any parking place except in accordance with the regulations governing the use of that parking place.

(2) Where a vehicle has broken down on a road, the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle shall not leave it or permit it to be left on any road without taking the requisite steps to indicate its presence and position by lighting or otherwise to other persons using the road, and shall take immediate steps to have it removed as near to the right of the road as possible and thereafter shall remove or cause it to be removed from the road without undue delay. 25 of 1992.

(3) No person shall park a vehicle on or over a sidewalk or causeway by the side of any road made or set apart for the use or accommodation of pedestrians.

(4) No person shall park or draw up a vehicle or leave it standing on any road within three yards of a fire hydrant.

(5) No person shall dismantle or abandon a vehicle on a road.

(6) Where a member of the Police Department, a transport officer or a traffic warden finds a vehicle on a road in violation of this regulation, he may, without prejudice to other penalties prescribed for such violation, remove such vehicle from the road or cause the same to be removed, and in every such case the cost of removal shall be paid by the owner or other person in charge of the vehicle and shall operate as a charge on the vehicle.

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(7) Where a vehicle is removed from a road in pursuance of paragraph (6) above, the owner or other person in charge of the vehicle may, after paying the cost of removal, claim it within two weeks of the date of such removal, and if no such claim is made within the aforesaid period, the vehicle may be treated as a 'derelict vehicle' and the provision of section 6 of the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act shall, *mutatis mutandis*, apply. CAP. 98.

25 of 1992.

(8) Where a vehicle is found on a road in violation of this regulation and the driver or other person in charge of the vehicle cannot be identified, the registered owner of the vehicle shall be presumed to be the driver and may be proceeded against accordingly unless he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or consent or that he had taken reasonable steps to prevent the offence being committed.

PART VIII

Use and Maintenance of Motor Vehicles

Maintenance of vehicles and loads so as not to be a danger.

126.–(1) Every motor vehicle and every trailer drawn thereby and all parts and accessories of such vehicle and trailer shall at all times be in such condition, and the weight, packing and adjustment of the load, of such vehicle or trailer shall at all times be such that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person on the vehicle or trailer or on a road.

(2) The load carried by any motor vehicle or trailer shall be so secured that danger is not likely to be caused to any person on a road by reason of the load or any part thereof falling from the vehicle.

(3) No motor vehicle or trailer shall be used for any purpose for which it is so unsuitable as to cause or be likely to cause danger to any person on the vehicle or trailer or on a road.

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(4) No luggage or goods shall be carried on a motor vehicle other than within the body of the vehicle or upon a suitable carrier attached to the rear or roof of the vehicle.

(5) Every motor vehicle and every trailer shall, when carrying logs, be fitted with at least three chains of links of not less than in ½" cross-sectional diameter and such chains shall be tightly bound, at approximately equal distances apart, around the logs and platform of the motor vehicle together, or the logs and body of the trailer together, as the case may be, and shall be secured to such motor vehicle or trailer by proper load binders of a type approved by the Department of Transport.

(6) Every motor vehicle and every trailer shall when carrying sand, stone, gravel, debris, or like material on a road, be fitted with a tarpaulin or similar covering, and the driver as well as the owner of every such vehicle or trailer shall securely cover all material as aforesaid by tarpaulin or other suitable covering and shall ensure that no such material falls from the said vehicle while on a road. 93 of 1991.

Maintenance of brakes, steering and other equipment.

127. Every part of every braking system and of the means of operation thereof, all steering gear and lighting equipment and other equipment required by the Act and these Regulations to be fitted to a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times while the motor vehicle or trailer is used on a road be maintained in good and efficient working order and shall be properly adjusted.

Maintenance and use of silencer.

128.–(1) No person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road any vehicle propelled by an internal combustion engine so that the exhaust gases from the engine escape into the atmosphere without first passing through the silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance required by these Regulations to be fitted.

(2) Every such silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance shall at all times while the vehicle is used on a road be maintained in good and efficient working order, and shall not

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have been altered in such a way that the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases is made greater by the alteration.

Maintenance of tyres.

129. All the tyres of a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times, while the vehicle or trailer is used on a road be maintained in such condition as to be free from any defect which might in any way cause damage to the surface of the road or danger to persons on or in the vehicle or to other persons using the road.

Size of soft solid tyres.

130. No motor vehicle or trailer fitted with one or more soft solid tyres shall be used on any public road unless such tyres shall be at least ⅞" thick measured from the nearest part of the wheel to the ground, nor shall any motor vehicle be used on any public road with deflated tyres or without tyres.

Laden weight. 53/1977.

131. The total laden weight of any axle of any motor vehicle or trailer shall not exceed 18,000 lbs:

Provided that the Department of Transport may in a particular case require that the total laden weight of any axle of a motor vehicle or trailer shall not be more than will cause a load of 500 lbs. per inch width of tyre (using the maker's width as stamped on the tyre) even if the total laden weight then be less than allowed under the licence for that vehicle.

Glass.

132. All glass or other transparent material fitted to motor vehicles shall be maintained in such condition that it does not obscure the vision of the driver while the vehicle is being driven on a road.

Maintenance of vehicles so as not to emit smoke, etc.

133. Every motor vehicle shall be maintained in such condition, and shall be so driven and used on a road, that there shall not be emitted therefrom any smoke, visible vapour, grit sparks, ashes, cinders or oily substance, the emission of which could be prevented or avoided by the taking of any reasonable steps or the exercise of reasonable care, or the emission of which might cause damage to other persons or property or endanger the safety of any other users of the road in consequence of any harmful content therein.

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134. All motor vehicles shall be fitted with mechanical indicators for indicating a change of direction or an intention to stop.

Mechanical indicators. 26 of 2011.

135. No person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road any motor vehicle or trailer which causes any excessive noise either directly or indirectly as a result of–

Excessive noise.

(a) any defect (including a defect in design or construction), lack of repair or faulty adjustment in the motor vehicle or trailer or any part or accessory of such motor vehicle or trailer; or

(b) the faulty packing or adjustment of the load of such motor vehicle or trailer:

Provided that it shall be a good defence to proceedings taken under this regulation–

(i) to prove that the noise or continuance of the noise in respect of which the proceedings are taken, was due to some temporary or accidental cause and could not have been prevented by the exercise of due diligence and care on the part of the owner or driver of the motor vehicle; or

(ii) in the case of proceedings against the driver or person in charge of the motor vehicle who is not the owner thereof, to prove that the noise arose through a defect in design or construction of the motor vehicle or trailer or through the negligence or fault of some other person, whose duty it was to keep the motor vehicle or trailer in proper condition or in a proper state of repair

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or adjustment or properly to pack or adjust the load of such motor vehicle or trailer as the case may be and could not have been prevented by the exercise of reasonable diligence and care on the part of such driver or other person in charge of the motor vehicle.

Driver to avoid noise.

136. No motor vehicle shall be used on a road in such manner as to cause any excessive noise which could have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the driver.

Engine of stationary vehicle to be shut off.

137. The driver of every motor vehicle shall, when the vehicle is stationary otherwise than through enforced stoppage owing to the necessities of traffic, stop the action of any machinery attached to, or forming part of, such vehicle, so far as may be necessary for the prevention of noise:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply so as to prevent the examination or working of the machinery attached to, or forming part of, a motor vehicle where any such examination or working is rendered necessary by any failure or derangement of the said machinery or where the machinery attached to, or forming part of, the vehicle is required to be worked for some ancillary purpose.

Use of warning instruments.

138.–(1) No person shall make any unnecessary noise by means of the audible warning instrument on a motor vehicle.

(2) When a motor vehicle is stationary on a road no person shall use or permit to be used any audible warning instrument with which it is fitted unless such use is necessary for the safety of the occupants of the vehicle.

Drivers to ensure doors properly closed.

139. Before setting a motor vehicle in motion, the driver shall ensure that all the doors of such vehicle are properly closed.

Reversing.

140. No person shall, except in the case of a road roller or other road plant while actually engaged in the construction,

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maintenance or repair of roads, cause a motor vehicle to travel backwards for a greater distance or time than may be requisite for the safety or reasonable convenience of the occupants of that vehicle or of other traffic on the road.

Setting of brakes on stationary vehicle.

141.–(1) No person in charge of a motor vehicle or trailer drawn thereby shall cause or permit such trailer to stand when stationary detached from the drawing vehicle unless one at least of the wheels of the trailer is prevented from revolving by the setting of the brakes or the use of a chain.

(2) No person while actually driving a motor vehicle shall be in such a position that he cannot have proper control over the vehicle or that he cannot retain a full view of the road and traffic ahead.

(3) No person in charge of a motor vehicle shall quit the vehicle without having stopped the engine and, where the vehicle is fitted with a brake capable of being set, having set the brake so as to effectually prevent two at least or, in the case of a vehicle with only three wheels, one, of the wheels from revolving.

Application of brakes on trailer.

142. Where a trailer is drawn by a motor vehicle the driver shall be in a position readily to operate any brakes required by these Regulations to be fitted to the trailer as well as the brakes of the motor vehicle, unless a person other than the driver is in a position and competent efficiently to apply the brakes of the trailer:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply in the case of trailers which, in compliance with these Regulations, are fitted with brakes which automatically come into operation on the overrun of the trailer.

Attendants on trailers.

143. Where a motor vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers the weight of which exceeds ten hundred weights unladen on a road, one person, in addition to the driver of the vehicle, shall

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be carried either on the vehicle or on a trailer for the purpose of attending to the trailer or trailers:

Provided that this regulation shall not apply in the case of–

(a) any articulated vehicle;

(b) any closed trailer not constructed or adapted to carry any load other than a plant or special appliance or apparatus which is a permanent or essentially permanent fixture and not exceeding 2 tons in total weight;

(c) any trailer drawn by a private motor car.

Length of tow rope.

144. No motor vehicle shall tow any broken down or disabled vehicle unless the tow rope or chain be so adjusted that the distance separating the nearest points of the two vehicles does not exceed 15', and steps shall be taken to render the tow rope or chain easily distinguishable by other users of the road.

Restrictions on use of vehicles to draw trailers.

145.–(1) No public service vehicle shall while carrying passengers for hire, draw a trailer.

(2) No articulated vehicle shall draw a trailer.

(3) No motor cycle or invalid carriage shall draw a trailer.

Distance between drawing vehicle and trailer.

146. The distance from the rearmost point of any drawing vehicle to the front of any trailer attached to it, measured when the vehicles so attached are in a straight line, shall not exceed 4', and where more than one trailer is attached the distance between each trailer shall not exceed 4' measured as above.

Limitation of number of trailers.

147. No motor tractor shall draw more than two trailers, and no truck shall draw more than one trailer, and no private motor car shall draw a trailer the unladen weight of which exceeds the unladen weight of the drawing vehicle:

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Provided that where a motor tractor is engaged in transporting sugar cane to a sugar factory it may, on its journey to the factory and back to the point of loading, be employed to draw three trailers.

Defective vehicles. Power to seize registration plates and licence.

148.–(1) Any police officer in uniform or on showing his authority as a member of the Police Department, having reason to believe that any motor vehicle or trailer is in a defective condition may require the driver to take such vehicle or trailer to the nearest inspector or transport officer who shall examine it as to its suitability or otherwise to be used on a road and as to what shall be done before it may be so used. Should the inspector find out that the vehicle is defective he shall issue a certificate in the form in Schedule N hereto and the police officer shall remove and retain the registration plates and/or licence, and the person in charge of the vehicle shall be directed to take the vehicle to the nearest place where repairs can be effected, and the registration plates and/or licence shall not be returned until an inspector certifies in the form in Schedule O hereto that the vehicle is no longer defective.

Schedule N.

Schedule O.

Power to enter premises where vehicle involved in accident.

(2) It shall be lawful for an inspector to examine and test any motor vehicle or trailer upon a road, and where a vehicle has been involved in an accident or there is reason to believe that it has been so involved it shall be lawful for an inspector forthwith to enter upon any premises where he believes the vehicle to be kept in order to examine and test the same, and to remove the vehicle, if necessary, for further examination.

Suspended licence to be surrendered.

(3) Where a transport officer has decided to cancel or suspend a vehicle licence under section 17 of the Act, he shall notify in writing the owner of the vehicle in respect of which such licence was issued, and the owner shall thereupon deliver up the licence to the transport officer and shall not use or cause or permit to be used such vehicle.

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Duties of owner.

149. The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer who–

(a) uses or drives or permits to be used or driven on a road his motor vehicle or trailer which does not comply with the provisions of regulation 127 hereof; or

(b) neglects when engaging or permitting any person to drive his motor vehicle to ascertain the correct name and place of residence of such person at the time of such engagement or the granting of such permission and to keep a record thereof,

shall be guilty of an offence.

Only labourers may be carried in goods vehicle or trailer.

150. No person other than a labourer employed for the purpose of loading or unloading a goods vehicle or trailer shall be carried or shall be permitted to travel in or on such goods vehicle or trailer except as provided in section 15(3) of the Act.

Persons carried on vehicle to be wholly within it.

151.–(1) No person shall travel nor shall any person in charge of a motor vehicle or trailer permit any person to travel or drive in or on a motor vehicle or trailer in such a manner that any part of the body of any such person protrudes beyond the main sides of the body of the vehicle:

Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to a person travelling on a motor cycle.

(2) The driver of a motor cycle and any person carried thereon shall sit astride such cycle.

Restriction on loads.

152. No person shall load nor shall any person in charge of a motor vehicle or trailer permit the same to be so loaded that any goods, freight or merchandise of any description or class–

(a) protrudes more than 6" beyond either side; or

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(b) protrudes beyond that portion of the body constructed or adapted for the carriage of freight in such a manner as to hinder the free opening and closing of any door of the cab or driver's compartment of such vehicle; or

(c) obstructs the view of the driver when seated in the driving seat either to the front or the right or the left or renders ineffective the rear view mirror; or

(d) protrudes more than 3' beyond the front or rear of the vehicle:

Provided that permission may be granted in writing by the Department of Transport to enable any person to carry on a suitable vehicle an indivisible load other than in conformity with the above provisions. Such permission shall be produced on demand by any police constable in uniform and may be subject to such conditions as regards the time and route to be taken by the vehicle and in other respects as the Department may think fit.

Articles on vehicle to be clear of road.

153.–(1) No article shall be carried upon or attached to a motor vehicle or trailer in motion in such a manner that any part of the article is in contact with the road.

(2) No part of a motor vehicle or trailer in motion, other than the wheels, shall be in contact with the road.

Change of ownership.

Schedule P.

154. Notification of change of ownership of a motor vehicle shall be made to the Department of Transport, in accordance with the provisions of section l0 of the Act in the form set out in Schedule P hereto.

Hire by fraud.

155. No person shall procure the use or hire of any motor vehicle by fraud or misrepresentation, nor shall any person aid and abet any such person.

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Engine to be stopped when fuelling vehicle and no naked lights allowed.

156. Any person who shall fill petrol into any receptacle on or adjacent to any motor vehicle or into the tank of a motor vehicle while the engine is running, or while any light, other than an electric light, is alight on the vehicle, and any person who shall smoke or light a match or expose a naked light in close proximity while petrol is being so filled shall be guilty of an offence.

Musical instrument restricted, prohibitions and related offence. 25 of 1992.

156A.–(1) No radio, tape recorder or other similar apparatus shall be played, operated or used in a vehicle on a road in such a manner as to cause annoyance or disturbance to any person.

(2) No musical or noisy instrument shall be played, operated or used in a vehicle on a road except on the written permission of the Commissioner of Police.

(3) Any person who plays, operates or uses any such instrument or apparatus as is mentioned in paragraphs (1) and (2) above in contravention of this regulation and the driver of the vehicle who permits or suffers such instrument or apparatus to be played, operated or used is each guilty of an offence against this regulation.

PART IX

Lights

Obligatory front lamps. 26 of 2011.

157. Every motor vehicle when in use on any road at night shall be equipped with two red lamps at the front of the vehicle, hereinafter referred to as the "obligatory front lamps", and two red lamps at the rear, hereinafter referred to as the rear lamp:

Provided that a motor cycle not fitted with a sidecar shall be equipped with one such obligatory front lamp and one red rear lamp.

Lighting of lamps.

158. At all times when in motion on any road at night and otherwise as provided hereinafter all motor vehicles shall carry

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the obligatory front lamps and the rear lamp and all other lamps required to be carried by these Regulations lighted and in good working order.

Restriction on fitting of lamps.

159. There shall not be fixed to the vehicle any lamps other than those required by these Regulations except with the written permission of the Department of Transport.

Fixing and intensity of front lamps. Rays to be uncoloured.

160. The obligatory front lamps shall be fixed at the front of the vehicle one on each side and at equal heights from the ground, the rays from the lamps shall be uncoloured and if the vehicle is capable of proceeding at a speed greater than 20 m.p.h., of such intensity as to illuminate the road ahead for a distance of at least 100 yd. or such greater distance as is sufficient to ensure the safety of the vehicle and the persons carried in the vehicle and to indicate clearly the presence of the vehicle to approaching traffic. The lamps shall not be fixed at a greater height than 5' from the ground.

Intensity of rear lamp. Lighting of rear identification plate.

161. The rear lamp shall show a red light to the rear, of such intensity as to indicate clearly within a reasonable distance the presence of the vehicle on the road to traffic approaching from behind, and either–

(a) the rear lamp shall be of such construction that it shows an uncoloured light of such intensity as to illuminate clearly the figures on the rear identification plate; or

(b) the figures on the rear identification plate shall be clearly illuminated by a separate uncoloured light which shall not show to the rear.

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Fixing of rear lamp.
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162. The rear lamp shall be fixed on both left side and right side of a vehicle and so that no part of the vehicle or the load carried thereon projects beyond such lamp so as to obstruct the light from the view of following vehicles:

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Provided that where a trailer or trailers is attached to a motor vehicle, the owner or person in charge of the motor vehicle shall place reflective tapes and red reflectors or a red lamp on both the right and the left sides of the rear of the trailer or trailers.

Lamps to show width of vehicle.

163. The obligatory front lamps on all motor vehicles which exceed 6' 3" in width shall either be so placed that no part of the vehicle or its load or equipment, except the driving mirror or any direction indicator when in use, extends more than 12" beyond the centre of the lamp on the side at which the lamp is placed; or in the case of motor vehicles when either of the obligatory front lamps is not so placed, two additional lamps shall be fitted at the front of the said vehicle one on each side so that its centre shall not exceed the aforesaid distance of 12" and so as clearly to indicate the width of the vehicle to approaching traffic. The said additional lamps shall be focused below the horizontal and shall exhibit a white light of sufficient power only to indicate the width of the vehicle.

Elimination of dazzle.

164.–(1) No front lamp shall be used on any motor vehicle unless such lamp is so constructed, fitted and maintained that the beam of light emitted therefrom–

(a) is permanently deflected downwards to such an extent that it is at all times incapable of dazzling any person standing on the same horizontal plane as the vehicle at a greater distance than 25' from the lamp whose eye level is not less than 3' 6" above that plane; or

(b) can be deflected downwards, or both downwards and to the right, at the will of the driver in such manner as to render it incapable

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of dazzling any such person in the circumstances aforesaid; or

(c) can be extinguished by the operation of a device which at the same time causes a beam of light to be emitted from the lamp which complies with subparagraph *(a)* of this paragraph; or

(d) can be extinguished by the operation of a device which at the same time either deflects the beam of light from another lamp downwards, or both downwards and to the right, in such manner as to render it incapable of dazzling any such person and in the circumstances aforesaid, or brings into or leaves in operation a lamp or lamps (other than the obligatory front lamps) which complies or comply with subparagraph *(a)* of this paragraph.

(2) This regulation shall not apply to any lamp fitted with an electric bulb, if the power of the bulb does not exceed 7 W and the lamp is fitted with frosted glass or other material which has the effect of diffusing the light.

Moveable lamps.

165. No lights shall be moved while the vehicle is in motion except dipping headlights or lights moving with the front wheels, which must not be more than two in number and must not be the obligatory front lamps and must be fixed so that the centre of the lamp is not more than 3' 3" from the ground.

Dimming.

166. At all times when meeting or approaching any other vehicle the driver of any vehicle shall so operate the lights that they are incapable of dazzling any person standing on the same horizontal plane as the vehicle at a greater distance than 25' from the lamp whose eye level is not less than 3' 6" above that plane.

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Motor cycle and sidecar lamps.

167. A motor cycle fitted with a sidecar shall carry one obligatory front lamp fitted to the motor cycle and another lamp fitted to the side of the sidecar farthest from the motor cycle so as to be clearly discernible to traffic approaching from the front.

Lamp on trailer. 26 of 2011.

168. A trailer being towed by another vehicle shall carry the two red rear lamps and reflective tapes or red reflectors in accordance with regulation 162.

Lamps for other vehicles.

169. At all times at night when in use on any road the undermentioned vehicles shall carry lighted lamps as prescribed hereunder–

(a) Bicycles, a single lamp fixed to the bicycle and showing a distinct white light to the front;

(b) Tricycles, a single lamp fixed to the tricycle either on the centre line thereof or on the left side showing a distinct white light to the front;

(c) Carts, a white light fixed to the left side of the vehicle and visible from the front and the rear.

Lamps on stationary vehicles.

25 of 1992.

170. Subject to Regulation 125, any vehicle which is stationary at night on any road in such a position that any part of such vehicle or the load thereon is less than 5 feet from the centre of the road shall show such lights as are prescribed in these Regulations for that class of vehicle of such intensity only as will clearly indicate the presence of the vehicle to approaching traffic; or in place of such lights, a red light clearly visible from a reasonable distance in all directions fixed to the side of the vehicle which is nearest to the centre of the road:

Provided that no lighted lamps shall be required to be carried by vehicles while stationary within 30' of a lighted street lamp or at public stands prescribed as such under these Regulations.

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PART X

Use and Maintenance of Public Service Vehicles

Public service vehicles.

171.– The following provisions shall apply to all public service vehicles–

Vehicles to be kept clean.

(a) the bodies of all vehicles both externally and internally and all windows and fittings and all seats and the floor shall be maintained in clean and good condition.

No explosives, etc., to be carried.

(b) except for the fuel and lubricant necessary for the use of the vehicle, no explosive, highly inflammable or otherwise dangerous substance shall be carried in or upon a vehicle whilst carrying passengers:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall apply to kerosene carried by a passenger if the quantity does not exceed 5 gal. and the kerosene is kept in an airtight metal or plastic container.

Carriage of goods.

(3) Goods shall not be carried in or upon any vehicle, other than a freight passenger vehicle, except the personal effects of a person travelling within or hiring the vehicle.

Storing of goods.

(4) Goods, including personal effects, shall not be carried in any vehicle so as to cause danger to any person within the vehicle.

Vehicle to carry spare tyre and tools for fitting it on the road.

(5) *(a)* Every vehicle shall carry at least one spare inflated tyre fixed to a spare rim or spare wheel capable of being fitted to a wheel or axle.

(b) Every vehicle shall carry sufficient tools so that such spare inflated tyre may easily be fitted to the vehicle on the road.

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Fares.

(6) The driver or conductor of any vehicle shall have the right to demand his fare in advance of any person employing him or intending to travel in such vehicle and may refuse to convey any person who refuses to comply with such demand and may require any constable to remove from the vehicle any person refusing to pay his fare or quit the vehicle.

Excessive fares.

Schedule R.

(7) Any owner or driver or conductor of a vehicle who demands or attempts to obtain from any person using such vehicle a fare exceeding the rate of fares set out in Schedule R to these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence.

Lost property.

(8) The driver or conductor of a vehicle wherein any property is left shall within forty-eight hours deposit such property, if not sooner claimed, at a police station.

Duties of driver of public service vehicle.

(9) The driver of a vehicle shall not–

(a) unreasonably refuse to admit and carry in the vehicle any number of passengers not exceeding the number for which the vehicle is licensed, provided that no driver shall be required to carry any person suffering from any infectious or contagious disease or who is otherwise in an unfit state; or

(b) unreasonably refuse to carry in his vehicle without extra charge a reasonable quantity of luggage the property of the person hiring such vehicle:

Provided that no driver shall be required to carry in his vehicle any article likely to damage it or any article of an excessive weight or size; or

(c) be uncivil or discourteous to his passengers; or

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(d) make any loud or unnecessary noise with the engine or his vehicle while waiting to pick up passengers; or

(e) call out to or otherwise importune any person to travel by his vehicle.

Taxis

Duties of driver of taxi.

172. The driver of a taxi shall not–

(a) unreasonably refuse to hire his vehicle to any person requiring to hire or ride in it, or unreasonably refuse to drive his vehicle to any place to which he may be required to drive by a person hiring the vehicle; or

(b) when his vehicle is engaged allow any other person to ride in it except with the consent of the person hiring the vehicle; or

(c) smoke after objection be made by any passenger.

Fare table to be displayed. Schedule R.

173.–(1) The driver of a taxi shall carry in his vehicle two copies of the form 2 in Schedule R hereto showing the maximum fares he may charge.

(2) He shall cause one copy of the said form to be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place inside the driver's compartment either immediately above the centre of the windshield or, if this interferes with the driver's vision, on the dashboard of the vehicle. He shall cause the other copy of the said form to be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place on the back of the front seat.

(3) These copies shall be supplied by the Department of Transport free of charge.

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Motor Omnibuses
(excluding Freight Passenger Vehicles)

Definition.

174. In regulations 174 to 191 inclusive of these Regulations, the expression "omnibus" means a motor omnibus other than a freight passenger vehicle.

School buses to have orange colours.
20 of 1999.

174A. Every school motor omnibus which is used to carry school children and members of staff of a school shall be painted orange in colour, and shall be assigned an identification serial number by the Department of Transport, and additionally bear in a conspicuous place on the body of such motor omnibus such identification markings, letters, slogans or words as may be approved by the Department of Transport, which enables police and transport officers, school children and members of the public to easily identify and recognise the school which owns or operates the motor omnibus.

Colours for public passenger buses.
20 of 1999.

174B.–(1) Every operator or owner of a motor omnibus, other than a motor omnibus referred to in regulation 174A above, shall choose a colour, other than the orange colour referred to in regulation 174A above, or a set of colours which when combined form a design or pattern, with which each and every motor omnibus he owns or operates shall be painted, and shall register such colour or set of colours with the Department of Transport.

(2) Upon registering the colour or set of colours referred to in subregulation (1) above, each motor omnibus owned or operated by an owner or operator of motor omnibuses shall be assigned an identification serial number by the Department of Transport, and additionally every such motor omnibus shall bear in a conspicuous place on the body of such motor omnibus identification markings, slogans or words, as may be approved by the Department of Transport, which enables police and transport officers and members of the public to easily identify and recognise the owner or operator of the motor omnibus.

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(3) After the occurrence of the events referred to in subregulations (1) and (2) above, the colour or set of colours, or identification markings, letters, slogans or words referred to therein, duly registered by the Department of Transport upon application by the owner or operator of the motor omnibuses, shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be the property of such owner or operator and shall not be used by any other owner or operator.

(4) No motor omnibus shall be used to offer taxi services in any city or town unless the owner or operator thereof has obtained the prior written permission of the Department of Transport.

Exits and gangways to be kept clear. 20 of 1999.

175.–(1) The driver of a motor omnibus, or a conductor if one be carried, shall while passengers are being carried, ensure that every entrance, exit and gangway is kept clear of obstructions, including obstructions caused by any goods or luggage carried within the vehicle.

20 of 1999.

(2) The owner or operator of a motor omnibus shall ensure that while passengers are being carried, such motor omnibus is properly provided and equipped with a litter receptacle for the use of passengers, to be affixed in a convenient place inside the motor omnibus.

Bus to complete journey.

176. Every person driving an omnibus shall after quitting any stand or garage with passengers proceed direct to the place or places included in the route of such omnibus, and shall not return to the place of departure after leaving it other than on the return journey.

Bus to be marked with route.

177. The approved route of an omnibus shall be legibly painted or affixed in some permanent manner on a conspicuous part of the front and of the rear of the vehicle.

Setting down and picking up passengers. 20 of 1999.

178. The driver of a motor omnibus shall at the request of any passenger immediately stop in order to enable such passenger to board the omnibus or alight therefrom:

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Provided that he does not thereby cause an obstruction or prevent the free flow of traffic by stopping; and provided further that on routes on highways or other public roads where stopping places are prescribed by the Department of Transport, he shall not pick up or set down passengers, or stop elsewhere than at such places, except in cases of emergency when he shall pull to the extreme right shoulder of the highway or public road, as the case may be, before stopping.

Road service permit to be carried.

179. The driver of an omnibus shall at all times carry upon the vehicle the road service permit issued for the vehicle and shall produce it to any police officer on demand.

Fare table to be displayed. Schedule R.

180.–(1) The driver of a motor omnibus shall carry in his vehicle three copies of form 3 in Schedule R hereto showing the maximum fares he may charge.

(2) He shall cause one copy of the said form to be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place inside the vehicle on each side of the omnibus above the seat. He shall cause the third copy of the said form to be permanently affixed in a conspicuous place inside the driver's compartment either immediately above the centre of the windshield or, if this interferes with the driver's view, on the dash-board of the vehicle.

(3) These copies shall be supplied by the Department of Transport free of charge.

Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers

Conduct of driver and conductor.

181. A driver or a conductor, when acting as such–

(a) shall behave in a civil and orderly manner;

(b) shall not smoke in or on an omnibus when it has passengers on board;

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(c) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of passengers in or on or entering or alighting from the omnibus;

(d) shall not wilfully deceive or refuse to inform any passenger or intending passenger as to the destination or route of the omnibus or as to the fare for any journey;

(e) shall, if requested by any police constable or other person having reasonable cause, give particulars of his licence, his name and the name and address of the person by whom he is employed;

(f) shall not obstruct or neglect to give all reasonable information and assistance to any person having authority to examine the omnibus;

(g) shall at all times wear such uniform as shall be provided for that purpose by the owner or operator. 20 of 1999.

Driver not to converse.

182. A driver, when acting as such, shall not when the omnibus is in motion enter into conversation with the conductor or any other person.

Conduct of conductor.

183. A conductor, when acting as such–

(a) shall not when the omnibus is in motion, distract the driver's attention without reasonable cause or speak to him unless it is necessary to do so in order to give directions as to the stopping of the vehicle;

(b) shall take all reasonable precautions to ensure that every means provided for indicating the

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route, fares and destination of the omnibus are clearly and correctly displayed;

(c) shall to the best of his ability take steps whenever necessary to enforce the provisions of these Regulations relating to the conduct of passengers.

Driver to stop at side of road.

184. A driver of an omnibus, when acting as such–

(a) shall, when picking up or setting down passengers, stop the vehicle as close as may be to the right or near side of the road;

(b) shall not cause the vehicle to remain stationary on a road longer than is reasonably necessary to pick up or set down passengers except at a stand or place where such vehicles are permitted to stop for a longer time than is necessary for that purpose.

Conductor to signal driver to start.

185. A conductor of an omnibus, when acting as such, shall not, except for sufficient reason, by failing to signal to the driver to start, cause the vehicle to remain stationary on a road longer than is reasonably necessary to pick up or set down passengers except at a stand or place where the vehicle is permitted to stop for a longer time than is necessary for that purpose.

Passengers

Conduct of passengers.

186. When an omnibus is carrying passengers or waiting to pick up passengers, a passenger or intending passenger shall not–

(a) use obscene or offensive language or conduct himself in a riotous or disorderly manner;

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(b) enter or alight from the vehicle otherwise than by the doors or openings provided for the purpose;

(c) when entering or attempting to enter the vehicle, wilfully and unreasonably impede passengers seeking to enter the vehicle or to alight therefrom;

(d) enter or remain in or on the vehicle when requested not to do so by an authorised person on the ground that the vehicle is carrying its full complement of passengers or that the operator is debarred from picking up passengers at the place in question by reason of the conditions attached to his licence;

(e) travel in or on the vehicle unless he occupies a seat provided for that purpose, or in or on any part of the vehicle not provided for the conveyance of passengers;

(f) wilfully do or cause to be done with respect to any part of the vehicle or its equipment anything which is calculated to obstruct or interfere with the workings of the vehicle or to cause injury or discomfort to any person;

(g) when the vehicle is in motion, distract the driver's attention without reasonable cause or speak to him unless it is necessary to do so in order to give directions as to the stopping of the vehicle;

(h) give any signal which might be interpreted by the driver as a signal from the conductor to start;

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(i) spit upon or from or wilfully damage, soil or defile any part of the vehicle;

(j) when in or on the vehicle, distribute printed or similar matter of any description or distribute any article for the purpose of advertising;

(k) wilfully remove, displace, deface or alter any number plate, notice board, fare table, route indicator, or destination board or any printed or other notice or advertisement in or on the vehicle;

(l) when in or on the vehicle, to the annoyance of other persons use or operate any noisy instrument or make or combine with any other person to make any excessive noise by singing, shouting or otherwise;

(m) when in or on the vehicle, throw any money to be scrambled for by any person on the road or footway; or throw out of the vehicle any bottle, liquid or litter or any article or thing likely to annoy persons or to cause danger or injury to any person or property;

(n) throw any article from the vehicle or attach to or trail from the vehicle any streamer, balloon, flag or other article in such manner as to overhang the road;

(o) wilfully obstruct or impede any authorised person;

(p) smoke or carry a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette in or on any part of the vehicle in or on which a notice is exhibited that smoking is prohibited;

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(q) when in or on the vehicle, sell or offer for sale any article.

Passengers improperly clothed, etc.

187. When an omnibus is carrying passengers or is waiting to pick up passengers, a passenger or intending passenger shall not–

(a) if his condition is such as to be offensive to the passengers, or the condition of his dress or clothing is such that it may reasonably be expected to soil or injure the linings or cushions of the vehicle or the clothing of other passengers, enter or remain in or on the vehicle after an authorised person shall have requested him either not to enter or to leave the vehicle and in such latter case shall have tendered to him the amount of any fare previously paid;

(b) enter or travel in a vehicle with loaded firearms, or any dangerous or offensive article or, except with the consent of an authorised person, bring into or onto the vehicle any bulky or cumbersome article or place any such article elsewhere in or on the vehicle than as directed by an authorised person;

(c) bring any animal into or onto the vehicle without the consent of an authorised person or retain any animal in or on the vehicle after being requested by an authorised person to remove it or place any animal elsewhere in or on the vehicle than as directed by an authorised person.

Tickets.

188.–(1) No passenger on an omnibus shall use or attempt to use any ticket which has been–

(a) altered or defaced; or

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(b) issued to another person, if such ticket bears thereon an indication that it is not transferable.

(2) Every passenger on an omnibus shall–

(a) unless he is the holder of a ticket in respect of that journey, immediately upon demand, or if no demand has been made, before leaving the vehicle, declare the journey he intends to take or has taken and pay the driver or conductor the fare for the whole of such journey and accept any ticket provided therefor;

(b) if requested by the driver or conductor, leave the vehicle on completion of the journey the fare for which he has paid;

(c) show his ticket, if any, when required to do so by any authorised person, or, if he fails so to show his ticket, pay the fare for the journey taken or to be taken by him;

(d) if required to do so surrender his ticket to any authorised person at the end of the journey covered by that ticket;

(e) if required to do so surrender any period or season ticket held by him at the expiry of the period for which it was issued to him;

(f) if required to do so surrender any ticket held by him either on completion of the journey or journeys covered by that ticket or in exchange for a new ticket covering the journey or journeys he is still entitled to take.

Removal of passenger.

189.–(1) Any passenger contravening these Regulations may be removed from the omnibus on the request of the driver or conductor, by any police constable.

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(2) A passenger in or on an omnibus who is reasonably suspected by the driver or conductor of contravening these Regulations shall give his name and address to a police constable or to a driver or conductor on demand.

Lost Property

Lost property.

190. Any person who finds property accidentally left in an omnibus shall immediately hand it in, in the state in which he finds it to the conductor who shall deal with it in accordance with these Regulations.

Limit of Time for which Drivers of Omnibuses etc., may be Kept on Duty

Hours of duty.

191.–(1) No person shall drive or cause or permit any person employed by him or subject to his orders to drive a motor omnibus or a freight passenger vehicle–

(a) for any continuous period of more than six hours; or

(b) for any continuous periods amounting in the aggregate to more than twelve hours in any period of twenty-four hours commencing two hours after midnight; or

(c) so that the driver has not at least ten consecutive hours for rest in any period of twenty-four hours calculated from the commencement of any period of driving.

(2) For the purpose of this regulation–

(a) any two or more periods of time shall be deemed to be a continuous period unless separated by an interval of not less than one

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hour in which the driver may obtain rest and refreshment;

(b) any time spent by a driver on other work in connection with the vehicle including time spent on the vehicle while on a journey in any other capacity than as a passenger will be reckoned as time spent in driving.

PART XI

Use of Roads

Major roads.

192. The Department of Transport may by notice published in the *Gazette* and one newspaper published in Belize declare certain roads to be major roads. Such notice shall not take effect before the expiry of fourteen days from the date of such publication.

One-way streets; restrictions.

193. The Department of Transport may by notice published in the *Gazette* declare a street to be a one-way street (that is to say a street in which vehicles may proceed only in a specified direction), and may prohibit, restrict and regulate the parking of vehicles on any road, street or public place.

Notice of intentions: Objections.

194. The Department of Transport shall cause to be published in three consecutive issues of the *Gazette* a notice stating that a proposal to make a declaration, prohibition, restriction or regulation under the preceding regulation is to be considered by the Department. Any person or persons affected by such proposal may state their objections thereto to the Department, and such objections shall be considered by the Department at a meeting to be held not less than fourteen days after the publication of the last of the notices aforesaid in the *Gazette*.

Streets declared one-way streets before these Regulations to remain as such.

195. All rules or regulations regarding one-way streets made before the coming into force of these Regulations shall have effect and remain in force as if made under these Regulations.

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Silence zones.

196. The Department of Transport may by notice published in the *Gazette* and in one newspaper of Belize declare that from and after a date fixed by such notice no horn or other warning device shall be sounded during such hours, or at or within such place or area of any urban area as may be specified in the notice and any person who acts in contravention of any such notice shall, except in the case of an emergency the onus of proving which shall lie upon the person charged with such contravention, be guilty of an offence:

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Provided that no declaration made under this regulation shall apply to any vehicle on an occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance and traffic law enforcement purposes if the observance thereof would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion.

Traffic signs.

197.–(1) The Department of Transport may cause or permit traffic signs to be placed on or near any road, and no person unless authorised by the Department shall cause any traffic sign to be placed on any road.

(2) Traffic signs shall be of such size, colour and type as the Department may think fit.

(3) The Department shall by notice in writing require the owner or occupier of any land on which there is any sign or any object which so closely resembles a traffic sign that it might reasonably be taken to be such a sign, to remove it, and if any person fails to comply with such a notice the Department may effect the removal, doing as little damage as may be.

(4) All traffic signs placed upon or near any road before the coming into force of these Regulations shall be deemed to have been erected under these Regulations.

(5) No person shall alter, deface, place notices upon or interfere in any way with any traffic sign or part of a traffic sign unless authorised by the Department.

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(6) No person shall stand, sit or lean on any traffic sign.

Restricting weight of vehicle on bridges, etc.

198. The chief engineer, Public Works Department may by Order published in the *Gazette* direct that no vehicle or vehicle together with a trailer exceeding a specified maximum laden weight shall use any road, section of a road or any bridge specified in such order; and upon the making of such order, he shall cause a sign to that effect to be placed at each end of such road, section of a road or such bridge.

Road under repair signs.

199. When there is any obstruction or hole in any road or street due to repair work it shall be the duty of the Road Authority to indicate such obstruction or hole to users of the road by means of a sign or barrier, and such sign or barrier shall be lighted with a red lamp during the hours prescribed for the carrying of lights upon vehicles in motion:

Provided that a sign or barrier approved by the Department of Transport for use instead of a lighted sign or barrier may be so used during such hours.

Holding on to moving vehicles.

200. Every person who holds on to a moving motor vehicle shall be guilty of an offence.

Signals to be given by drivers. 26 of 2011.

201.–(1) Drivers of motor vehicles including golf carts shall signal their intention to turn to or change direction towards the right or left by means of a mechanical device approved by the Department of Transport:

Provided that in an emergency the hand signals described in paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) hereof may be given.

(2) The driver of a motor vehicle constructed to be steered on the left or off side thereof shall before commencing to turn or change direction towards–

(a) the left, extend his left arm outside the vehicle with the hand in a straight line with the arm and with the palm of the hand turned to the

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front and hold the arm rigid in a horizontal position;

(b) the right, extend his left arm outside the vehicle and rotate it from the shoulder in a clockwise direction.

(3) The driver of a motor vehicle constructed to be steered on the right or near side thereof shall before commencing to turn or change direction towards–

(a) the left, extend his right arm outside the vehicle and rotate it from the shoulder in an anti-clockwise direction;

(b) the right, extend his right arm outside the vehicle with the hand in a straight line with the arm and with the palm of the hand turned towards the front and hold the arm rigid in a horizontal position.

Signals to be given by motor cyclists in an emergency. 26 of 2011.

(4) The driver of a motor cycle may indicate his intention to turn to or change direction towards the left as prescribed for the driver of a vehicle constructed to be steered on the left, and to the right, as prescribed for the driver of a vehicle constructed to be steered on the right.

Signals to be used by driver when slowing down or stopping.

202. The driver of a motor vehicle shall–

(a) before slowing down extend his arm outside the vehicle with the palm of the hand turned downwards and move the arm slowly up and down from the shoulder; and

(b) before stopping extend his arm outside the vehicle with the palm of the hand turned to the front and the elbow bent and hold the arm rigid in a vertical position.

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Signals to proceed straight ahead.

203. The driver of a motor vehicle approaching any place at which a police officer is controlling traffic shall signify his desire to proceed straight ahead (that is to say, without altering direction) by raising his hand towards his shoulder and moving his forearm well forwards and then back in a vertical plane so as to be easily seen by such police officer.

PART XII

Road Service Permits for Omnibuses, Excluding Freight Passenger Vehicles

Road service permit required for omnibus.

204. No person shall use or cause or permit to be used a motor omnibus other than a freight passenger vehicle on any road while carrying passengers for hire or reward unless he is the holder of a road service permit to use such motor omnibus in accordance with this Part of these Regulations.

Application to be made to the Department at municipality. Schedule S.

26 of 2011.

205. Application for a road service permit shall be made to the Department through any of the offices of the Department of Transport countrywide in the form in Schedule S hereto and shall be accompanied by particulars of the type or types and of the number of vehicles to be used, a copy of the time table and a copy of the fare table according to which it is proposed to operate the service. Applications for the renewal of a road service permit shall be made not less than one month before the date upon which such renewal falls due. All applications shall be signed by the applicant or, if there be more than one applicant, by each of them:

Provided that in the case of a company the application may be signed by the secretary or manager or other authorised officer.

Applications to be considered by the Department. 63 of 2009.

206.–(1) All applications shall be considered by the Department of Transport which shall have power to allow or disallow any application:

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Provided that the Department shall not allow any application for a limited or exclusive concession to operate motor omnibuses without the consent of the National Assembly in accordance with section 108 of the Act.

(2) In considering an application for a road service permit to an international service provider, the Department of Transport shall take into account any outstanding traffic violation tickets issued against such applicant.

Procedure for consideration of application.

207. The date of the meeting of the Department of Transport to consider applications together with particulars of the applications to be considered shall be published beforehand in three consecutive issues of the *Gazette*, provided that when only applications for renewals of road service permits are to be heard the date of the meeting of the Department shall be published in one issue of the *Gazette*. In considering an application, the Department shall have regard to the following–

(a) the extent to which the proposed service is necessary or desirable in the public interests;

(b) the needs of the area as a whole in which it is proposed to operate the service, including the provision of adequate, suitable and efficient transport services and the elimination of unnecessary or unremunerative services;

(c) the suitability of the routes and the conditions of the roads upon which it is proposed to operate the service; that the time table is not so arranged that the provisions of the Tenth Schedule to the Act are likely to be infringed;

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(d) the number of vehicles to be used on the service;

(e) that the fares to be charged are reasonable;

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(f) that the fares are so fixed as to prevent wasteful competition with alternative means of transport on the proposed routes or any part of them;

(g) any representations which may be made by persons who are already providing transport facilities along or near to the proposed routes or any part of them;

(h) any representations which may be made by any interested local authority.

Suspension of road service permits.

208. A road service permit may be refused or, if it has already been granted, may at any time be suspended or revoked on written notice by the Department of Transport if it appears that, having regard to the conduct of the applicant or the holder of the permit or to the manner in which any omnibus other than a freight passenger vehicle is being used or maintained, he is not a fit person to hold such a permit.

Suspended or revoked permit to be surrendered.

209. When a road service permit has been suspended or permit to be revoked it shall forthwith be delivered up to the Department of Transport, and if an omnibus other than a freight passenger vehicle be used after the permit has been revoked or while it is suspended the owner shall be guilty of an offence.

Conditions of permit.

210.–(1) The Department of Transport may attach to a road service permit such conditions as the Department may think fit.

77/1987.

(2) If any person uses or causes or permits to be used, or drives or attempts to drive, a motor omnibus in contravention of any of the conditions attached to the road service permit pertaining to such omnibus he shall be guilty of an offence.

Form.

Schedule T
63 of 2009.
26 of 2011.

211.–(1) A road service permit shall be in the form set out in Schedule T to these Regulations, and the amount of permits necessary shall be issued to the applicant for each omnibus up to the number approved by the Department for the service.

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(2) A road service permit issued in respect of a motor omnibus registered and licensed in a foreign country, shall be in the form set out in Schedule T2 to these Regulations, and one such permit shall be issued to the applicant for each omnibus up to the number approved by the Department for the service.

Schedule T2.

(3) A permit issued under subregulation (2) shall be for–

(a) an indirect in transit service;

(b) a direct in transit service; or

(c) a hotel charter transit service.

(4) Notwithstanding subregulation (3), no permit for a hotel charter transit shall be issued after March 4th, 2020.

(5) No international service provider shall operate as a charter from within Belize.

(6) A permit issued under subregulation (2) for an indirect in transit service shall–

(a) be in respect to–

(i) one run per day from one international service provider from Mexico; and

(ii) one run per day from one international service provider from Guatemala; and

(b) be subject to the following conditions–

(i) except in cases of emergency, the international service provider shall stop only at designated bus terminals, with its final stop at the Belize City bus terminal;

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(ii) an international service provider, upon entering Belize, may drop off a passenger at a designated bus terminal, but shall not pick up any passenger;

(iii) an international service provider, during departure from Belize, may pick up a passenger at a designated bus terminal, but shall not drop off any passenger within Belize; and

(iv) on departure from Belize, the international service provider shall not depart from the Belize City bus terminal before 7:30 pm.

(7) An international service provider engaging in indirect in transit shall have a complete manifest of international passengers upon entering or departing from Belize, which–

(a) states the designated bus terminal that each passenger will be dropped off upon entering Belize;

(b) states the designated bus terminal where each passenger is picked up for departure from Belize; and

(c) shall be presented to the following persons at the point of entry and departure–

(i) Immigration Officer;

(ii) Customs Officer; and

(iii) Traffic Warden

(8) An international service provider engaging in hotel charter transit shall–

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(a) have a complete manifest of international passengers upon entering and departing from Belize, which–

(i) states the designated hotel for arrival of passengers in Belize; and

(ii) shall be presented to an immigration officer, customs officer and traffic warden at points of entry and departure; and

(b) stop only at the hotel designated in the manifest of international passengers; and

(c) park and remain at the hotel designated in the manifest of international passengers until departure from Belize.

(9) An international service provider engaging in direct in transit passage shall–

(a) have a complete manifest of international passengers which shall be presented to the following persons at the point of entry and departure–

(i) Immigration Officer;

(ii) Customs Officer; and

(iii) Traffic Warden

(b) traverse through Belize using the "Burrell Boom Road"; and

(c) not be permitted to pick-up nor drop-off any passengers on its direct in transit passage.

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(10) Every driver for an international service provider shall, upon request by a police officer or traffic warden, produce the manifest of international passengers for examination.

Permit to specify permitted route.

212. A vehicle in respect of which a road service permit has been issued shall be used only upon the route described in the permit:

Provided that upon a special occasion the Department of Transport may grant permission in writing, subject to such conditions as the Department may think fit, for a different route to be used.

Road service permits. 20 of 1999.

213.–(1) The Department of Transport shall from time to time determine applications for road service permits in accordance with these Regulations, and may issue a road service permit to a qualified applicant.

63 of 2009.

(2) A road service permit issued under these Regulations shall not be transferable or assignable and in the case of a road service permit issued pursuant to subregulation (4)*(a)(b)* or *(c)*, shall be valid for a period not exceeding two years as the Department may determine, and in the case of a road service permit issued under subregulations (4)*(d)*, shall be valid for one return passage only.

(3) Every owner or operator of a motor omnibus issued with a road service permit pursuant to these Regulations shall, within one month prior to the expiration date of such permit, make an application to the Department of Transport for the initial issue or renewal of such permit.

97 of 2005.

(4) The following fees shall be paid to the Department of Transport for the initial issue or renewal of a road service permit, namely–

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(a) two hundred and fifty dollars for motor omnibuses having seating capacity of seven to twenty passengers;

(b) five hundred dollars for motor omnibuses having seating capacity for twenty-one to forty passengers; and

(c) eight hundred dollars for motor omnibuses having seating capacity of forty-one or more passengers.

(d) one hundred and twenty-five dollars for a motor omnibus registered and licensed in a foreign country.

63 of 2009.
18 of 2011.
72 of 2016.
59 of 2019.
76 of 2019.

(5) *Revoked by S.I. No. 63 of 2009.*

Expired permit to be surrendered.

214. When a road service permit has expired it shall be delivered up to the Department of Transport within fourteen days of the date of expiry.

Offences and penalties.
20 of 1999.

214A.–(1) Any owner or operator of a motor omnibus referred to in regulation 174A and 174B above who fails to comply with the provisions of the aforesaid regulations, or who fails to comply with the provisions of regulations 175(2) and 181(g), commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and period of imprisonment and shall additionally be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars or to ten days imprisonment for each day each of his motor omnibuses is operated, after the first conviction, in contravention of the regulations referred to in this subregulation.

(2) Every driver or conductor of a motor omnibus who fails to comply with the provisions of regulations 175(1) above commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each route

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undertaken by the motor omnibus in contravention of the aforesaid regulation.

(3) Every driver of a motor omnibus who contravenes the provisions of regulation 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182 or 184 of these regulations commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars

(4) Every driver of a motor omnibus which provides an express service who stops in between the designated points for which the express service is provided to pick up or drop off passengers commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine for each contravention not exceeding five hundred dollars.

(5) Every owner or operator of a motor omnibus which is operated without a valid road service permit issued pursuant to these regulations commits an offence and shall be liable–

(a) on first conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction, to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for one month; and

(b) on a second or subsequent conviction by a court of summary jurisdiction, to a fine of one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for a period of six months.

(6) It shall be lawful for the Department of Transport, when enforcing these Regulations, to revoke or cancel the road service permit issued to an owner or operator of a motor omnibus who or which persistently contravenes these Regulations.

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PART XIII

General
International Licences

Vehicle licences.

215. The owner of a motor vehicle who desires to obtain an International Certificate for such vehicle in accordance with section 28 of the Act, shall make application to the Department of Transport at the municipality in the form in Schedule U hereto, and such application shall be accompanied by the certificate of registration issued under the Act in respect of the vehicle.

Schedule U.

Driving permits.

216. A person who wishes to obtain an international driving licence in accordance with section 45 of the Act shall make application to the Department of Transport at the municipality in the form in Schedule V hereto, and such application shall be accompanied by two copies of a recent photograph of the applicant.

Schedule V.

Fees.
57 of 1984.
26 of 2011.

217. An international driving licence pursuant to regulation 216 may be issued upon the payment of a fee of two hundred dollars.

Special Provisions Regarding Bicycles, Other Non-Mechanical Vehicles, Animals and Pedestrians

Bells.

218. Every bicycle and tricycle shall be fitted with a bell capable of giving audible and sufficient warning of its approach or position, and no other kind of warning appliance shall be fitted to any bicycle or tricycle.

Brakes.

219. Every bicycle and tricycle shall be fitted with an efficient brake or brakes capable of stopping the vehicle within a reasonable distance.

Control of vehicle.

220. No person shall ride a bicycle or tricycle in such a manner or while in such a position that he has not full control of the vehicle.

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Carrying of loads.

221. No person shall carry any article or load whilst riding any bicycle or tricycle of such a nature or in such a manner that he has not full control of the vehicle.

Part VII to apply.

222. The provisions of Part VII of these Regulations shall, *mutatis* mutandis, apply to the rider, driver or person in charge of every vehicle except that paragraphs (1) and (2) of regulation 119 shall not apply to the rider of a bicycle.

Riding without due care and attention.

223. If any person rides a bicycle or tricycle or drives or conducts any other vehicle on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, he shall be guilty of an offence.

Excessive noise; restriction on loads.

224. The provisions of regulations 135, 138, 152 and 153 of these Regulations shall apply to all vehicles.

Signals.

225. The provisions of regulation 203 of these Regulations shall apply to the rider of every bicycle and tricycle and to the driver of every other vehicle; and such rider and driver shall indicate their intention to turn to or change direction towards the right and left in the manner provided for the riders of motor cycles in paragraph (4) of regulation 201 of these Regulations.

General rule for use of the roads.

226. No person shall on any road negligently or wilfully prevent, hinder or interrupt the free passage of any foot passenger, vehicle or animal, and shall not proceed or stand in any road so as to cause any hindrance to the free passage of traffic.

Riding animal carelessly.

227. No person shall ride, drive or conduct any animal on any road in a careless or violent or furious manner.

Offence.

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227A. No person shall wilfully drive, ride, draw or propel a vehicle (including a bicycle, tricycle, van, handcart or any other vehicle as defined in section 2 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act), or ride an animal, upon any footpath, pavement, walkway or causeway by the side of any road made or set apart for the use or accommodation of pedestrians.

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Exemptions

Fire engines and road rollers.

228. The provisions of regulations 46 to 50 inclusive, 56,57,64,130,131 and 163 of these Regulations shall not apply to any fire engine or road roller.

Penalty

Offences and penalties. 76 of 2019.

229. Any person who by any act or omission contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of any of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of five hundred dollars or to imprisonment for two months or to both.

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SCHEDULE A

(Reg. 4)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for the Registration of a Motor Vehicle or Trailer

Full name of owner .....

Address of owner .....

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE

Type .....

(Insert motor cycle, motor cycle combination, private motor car, goods vehicle, taxi, omnibus, freight passenger vehicle, trailer or other kind of vehicle)

Make .....

Engine number .....

Type of body .....

Serial no. of chassis .....

Colour .....

Tare in lbs. .....

(The weight of the vehicle unladen but inclusive of the body, accumulators, loose tools, spare wheels, other usual equipment, and a full supply of water, oil and fuel)

Date..... .....
Signature of Owner

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SCHEDULE B

(Reg. 6)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Certificate of Registration

The vehicle described hereunder has this day been registered in the name of.....
of.....

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE

Registered number .....

Type .....

Make .....

Engine number .....

Type of body .....

Serial no. of chassis .....

Colour .....

Tare in lbs. .....

Capacity .....

FEE OF _____ *RECEIVED*

Office stamp .....
Transport Officer

Date:

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SCHEDULE C

(Reg. 16)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for a Licence or a Renewal of a Licence for a Motor Vehicle or Trailer

Full name of owner .....

Address of owner .....

State whether licence is required until 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, or 31st December.....

Number of previous licence and date and office of issue

……

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE

Type .....
(Insert motor cycle, motor cycle combination, private motor car, goods vehicle, taxi, omnibus, freight passenger vehicle, trailer or other kind of vehicle)

Registered number .....

Make .....

Engine number .....

Tare in lbs. .....
(The weight of the vehicle unladen but inclusive of the body, accumulators, loose tools, spare wheels, other usual equipment, and a full supply of water, oil and fuel)

Vehicle insured with .....
(Name of Company)

Date of expiry of Insurance Policy.....

Date..... .....
Signature of Owner

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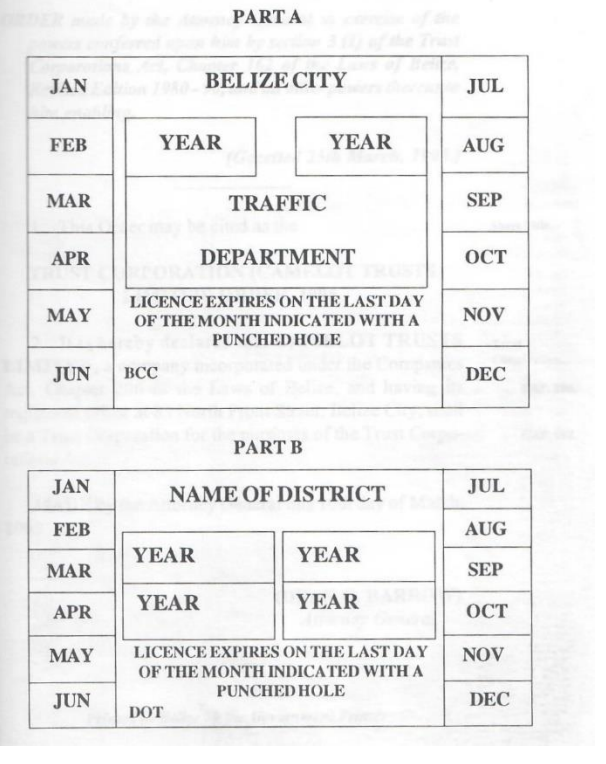
SCHEDULE D[1]

(Reg. 18)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Licence for a Motor Vehicle or Trailer



[1] This Schedule was inserted by S.I. No. 35 of 1995.

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SCHEDULE E

(Regs. 11, 21 and 30)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Belize driving Licence[1]
Vehicle Licence
Registration Certificate
Identification Plates
Dealers' General Licence

I (full name) .....

of (address) .....

declare that my .....

particulars of which are given below has/have been (insert lost or destroyed, etc.).....

at……..……. on……..

I hereby apply for a duplicate……

PARTICULARS OF LOSS

……...

……...

……...

……...

Date..... .....
Signature of Owner

[1] Strike out words not applicable

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SCHEDULE F

(Reg. 22)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for a Temporary Licence for a Motor Vehicle

Full name of applicant .....

Country of usual residence .....

Nationality .....

Address in Belize .....

Country of registration of Vehicle .....

Identification mark .....

Make .....

Engine number .....

Type of body .....

Colour .....

Tare (weight of the vehicle unladen but inclusive of the body, accumulators, loose tools, spare, wheels and other usual equipment, and a full supply of water, oil and fuel used for the purposes of propulsion) in lbs.....

I am the owner of the motor vehicle herein described and a visitor to Belize, and I apply for a temporary licence to use that vehicle in Belize for a period not exceeding three months.

Date..... .....

Signature of Applicant

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SCHEDULE G

(Reg. 23(1))

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for a Dealer's General Licence

Full name of applicant .....

Address .....

Place of business .....

Nature of business (Dealer or Repairer) …….....

Number of pairs of .....

General Identification .....

Marks required .....

Date..... .....
Signature of Applicant

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SCHEDULE H

(Reg. 23(2))

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Dealer's General Licence

A Dealer's General Licence is hereby granted to

.....
of.....
.....under section 21 of the Act and subject to the provisions of the Act and of the Regulations.

The following General Identification Marks are assigned under this Licence.....

This Licence expires on 31st December .....

Office stamp

Date. ……. .....
Transport Officer

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SCHEDULE J
(PART I)

(Reg. 29)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for a Belize Driving Licence

Full name of applicant .....

Address .....

Present age and date of birth .....

State types of vehicle it is intended to drive (motor cycle, public service vehicle, goods vehicle or private motor car)
.....
Have you ever held a Belize driving licence
.....
If so, state number and date and office of issue
.....
Have you ever held a driving permit issued in any other country?
.....
If so, state which country and date of issue of permit
.....
Are you, at the time of this application, suspended from driving or disqualified for obtaining a driving permit?
.....
Have you ever passed a driving test?
.....
If so, state date and place of test
.....

Date..... .....
Signature of Applicant

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SCHEDULE J
(PART II)

(Reg. 29)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for the Renewal of a Belize driving licence

Full name of applicant .....

Address .....

Serial number of expired permit .....

Date of expiry of permit .....

Date..... .....
Signature of Applicant

"B" *Claim of Disabled Driver to be Subjected to Special Test*

I claim to be subjected to a special test as to my fitness or ability to drive a motor vehicle of the class or classes specified in my application.

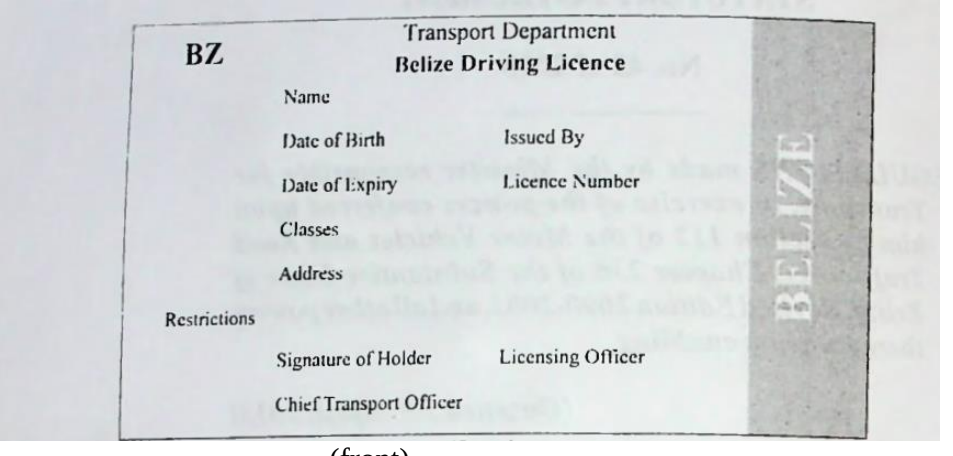
Date..... ….....
Signature of Applicant

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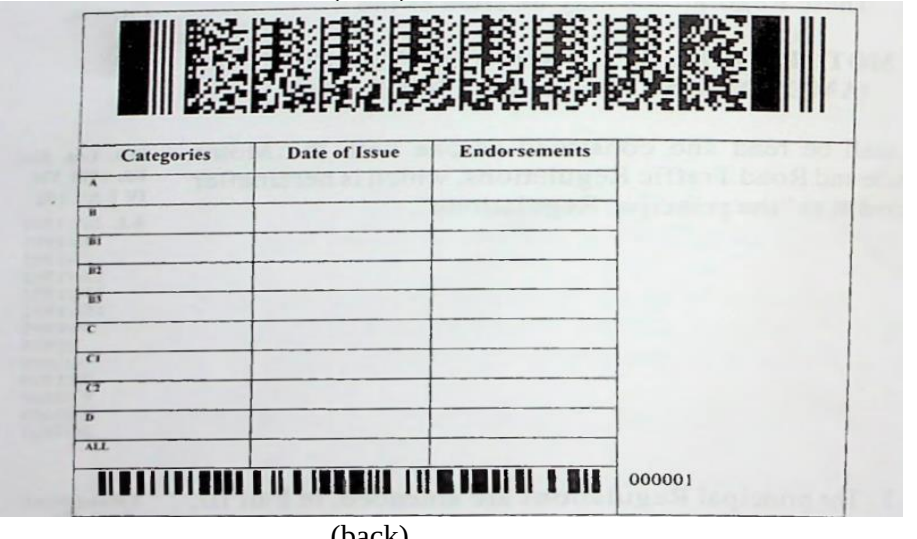
SCHEDULE K[1]

(Reg. 30)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE



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[1] This Schedule was amended by S.I. No. 42 of 2013.

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SCHEDULE L

(Reg. 43)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Learner's Permit

(Full Name) .....

of Address .....

.....

for the purpose of learning to drive is authorised to drive any motor vehicle not being a motor omnibus, freight passenger vehicle or goods vehicle, provided that he/she is accompanied for the purpose of instruction by a person holding a valid driving license who shall sit next to him/her in the vehicle (not being a motor cycle) and subject to the following conditions:

(i) that, in the case of a motor cycle, no other person shall be carried on the vehicle,

(ii) that in the case of a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle no passenger shall be carried,

(iii) that a vehicle while being operated by a learner driver shall display in a conspicuous position on the front and on the back a plate on which is displayed the letter L in red, 1½" in width, on a white background 8" x 6".

(iv) that while under instruction the learner driver shall not operate his/her vehicle other than on the roads and between the times stated on the reverse of this Permit.

This Permit expires on.....

Office stamp

Date …….. .....

Transport Officer

Fee:…… .....

Usual Signature of Holder

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(Reg. 44)

SCHEDULE M

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for a Temporary Belize Driving Licence

Full name of applicant .....

Country of usual residence .....

Nationality .....

Present age and date of birth .....

Address in Belize .....

State types of vehicle it is intended to drive (motor cycle, public service vehicle, goods vehicle or private motor car)

.....

Have you ever held a driving permit?

.....

If so, state country and date and of issue

.....

Are you, at the time of this application, suspended from driving or disqualified for obtaining a Belize Driving Licence?

.....

Have you ever passed a driving test?

.....

If so, state date and place of test

.....

I am a visitor to Belize and I apply for a temporary permit to drive motor vehicles in Belize for a period not exceeding three months.

Date..... ….....

Signature of Applicant

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SCHEDULE N

(Reg. 148)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Certificate of Defects

I hereby certify that I have examined the motor vehicle registered under the identification mark ..... and in the name of ..... and that it is not in a fit condition for use on account of the following defects.

DEFECTS	WHETHER DEFECTS CAN BE REMEDIED

DATE…… ……..

INSPECTOR

SCHEDULE O

(Reg. 148)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Certificate of Defects Remedied

I hereby certify that I have examined the motor vehicle registered under the identification mark..... and in the name of..... of.....that the defects noted in the Certificate No. .....issued on ..... and that the motor vehicle is now in a fit condition for use.

Date..... …….....

Inspector

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SCHEDULE P

(Reg. 154)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Notification of Transfer of Ownership of a Motor Vehicle

I (full name) .....

of (address) .....
the registered owner of the motor vehicle bearing the identification mark …….....

on .....

disposed of that vehicle to .....

of .....
in whose name the vehicle may now be registered.
I attach herewith the Certificate of Registration, No……..……..

…….....
Date..... *Signature of Registered Owner*

I, …….....

of, …….....
acknowledge that I have become the owner of the motor vehicle bearing the identification mark .....
and I hereby apply for the transfer of the Certificate of Registration to my name.

Date..... …….....
Signature of New Owner

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SCHEDULE Q[1]

Reg. 17(4)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Certificate of Inspection of Motor Vehicle

Registered Number of Vehicle……..
Name of Owner……...……...
Address of Owner……..

Maximum Gross Weight……..	Make……..
Tare…….....	Type……...
Number of Seats……...	Engine Number…...……...
Body……..	Colour…….……...
Length…….....	Horn……...
Width……	Class…….……..
Height…….....	Jack…….……
Tyres…….....	Springs…….……...
Screenwiper……..	Silencer…….……..
Fire Extinguisher……..	Markings……..……...
Mirror…….....	
Lights……	Steering……..
Anti-dazzle…….....	Brakes……

I certify that I have examined the vehicle herein described and that it complies with the Act and the Regulations.

……
Inspector,
Or Motor Mechanic

Date:…….. 20…….

(1) Omnibuses (excluding freight passenger vehicles) only

(2) Not motor cycles

(3) Goods vehicles, freight passenger vehicles and omnibuses only.

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY
District……...
No. of Registration Certificate *(New vehicles only)*
Particulars of Licence Number…….....
Date…….....
Expiring on……..……...….
Fee $.....

[1] This Schedule was inserted by S.I. No. 153 of 1992.

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SCHEDULE R

Regs. 113 and 171(7)

(FORM 1)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

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Maximum fares payable by passengers carried in freight passenger vehicles:

For each passenger for any journey……$0.02 per mile.

Children under the age of twelve years……. half fare to the nearest cent.

SCHEDULE R

Regs 171(7) and 173

(FORM 2)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Maximum fares payable by passengers carried in taxis:

Belize City

(1)	For not more than one passenger carried between any two points within Belize City.	$2.25
(2)	For two or more passengers carried between any two points within Belize City.	$1.25 per person
(3)	For two or more passengers carried from one point and left off at different points within Belize City.	$2.00 per person

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	(a) For any journey wholly within the town irrespective of the number of passengers carried, $9.00 for the first hour or any part thereof and a proportionate part of $9.00 for any part of each succeeding hour;	
	(b) For any journey not wholly within the town irrespective of the number of passengers carried.	$0.80 per mile
(4)	For any journey between Belize City and Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport (in either direction) irrespective of the number of passengers carried.	$18.00 per charter.
(5)	For any journey from Belize City to Philip S. W. Goldson International Airport and return to Belize City, including waiting time up to one hour, irrespective of the number of passengers carried.	$24.00
(6)	When passengers are carried at the separate fares, no one person shall be charged for a particular length of journey a sum in excess of the hire of the vehicle for such journey divided by the number of persons carried upon such journey.	
(7)	Children under the age of twelve years shall be charged half the rate to the nearest cent, providing that there are other passengers. There shall be no charge for children under two years.	
(8)	Each passenger shall be entitled to have one suitcase carried free and may be charged a sum of 50 cents for each additional suitcase of extra luggage.	

District Towns

(1)	For not more than one passenger carried within any two points.	$2.25
(2)	For two or more passengers carried between any two points within any town.	$1.25 per person
(3)	For any journey wholly within any town irrespective of the number of passengers carried $9.00 for the first hour or any part thereof and a proportionate part of $9.00 for any part of each succeeding hour.	

(Regs. 171(7) and 180)

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SCHEDULE R [1,2,3]

(FORM 3)

GOVERNMENT T OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

The Fares payable by passengers carried on omnibuses are as follows,

(a) For passengers travelling to any destination located between the Belize District and the Corozal District,

Departure	***Arrival***	***Regular Fare***	***Express Service Fare***
Belize City Bus Terminal	**to Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal**		

[1] This Schedule was amended by S.I. 120 of 1992.
[2] This Schedule was repealed and replaced by S.I. 72 of 2016.
[3] This Schedule was repealed and replaced by S.I. 40 of 2017.

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Belize City Bus Terminal	Palotti Junction	$2.00	
	Haulover Bridge	$2.00	
	Ladyville Village	$2.00	
	Lord's Bank Junction	$2.00	
	Los Lagos	$2.00	
	Boom Junction	$2.00	
	Maxboro Junction	$2.50	
	Sand Hill Village	$2.50	
	Gardenia Village	$2.75	
	Biscayne Village	$3.25	
	Crooked Tree Junction	$3.75	
	Rahburn Ridge Community	$4.25	
	Carmelita Village	$5.50	
	Toll Bridge	$5.75	
	Guinea Grass Village	$6.00	
	Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal	$6.50	$7.50

Departure	***Arrival***	***Regular Fare***	***Express Service Fare***
Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal to Belize City Bus Terminal			

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Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal	Guinea Grass Village	$2.00	
	Toll Bridge	$2.00	
	Carmelita Village	$2.00	
	Rahburn Ridge Community	$2.50	
	Crooked Tree Junction	$2.75	
	Biscayne Village	$3.00	
	Gardenia Village	$3.50	
	Sand Hill Village	$4.25	
	Maxboro Junction	$4.50	
	Boom Junction	$4.75	
	Los Lagos	$5.00	
	Lords Bank Village	$5.00	
	Ladyville Village	$5.50	
	Haulover Bridge	$6.00	
	Palotti Junction	$6.50	
	Belize City Bus Terminal	$6.50	$7.50

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal to Belize Northern Border			
Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal	Trial Farm Village	$2.00	
	San Jose San Pablo Village	$2.00	
	Douglas Junction	$2.00	
	Buena Vista Village	$2.00	
	Santa Clara Village	$2.00	
	San Narciso Village	$2.00	
	Luiseville Village	$2.00	
	San Pedro Junction	$2.50	
	Concepcion Village	$2.50	
	Libertad Junction	$2.50	
	San Joaquin Village	$3.00	
	Calcutta Village	$3.00	
	Carolina Village	$3.00	
	Ranchito Village	$3.25	
	Corozal Bus Terminal	$3.50	$4.50
	Paraiso Junction	$3.75	
	Chan Chen Junction	$4.25	
	Belize Northern Border	$4.50	$5.50

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Belize Northern Border to Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal			
Santa Elena Border Point	Chan Chen Juction	$2.00	
	Paraiso Junction	$2.00	
	Corozal Bus Terminal	$2.00	
	Ranchito Village	$2.00	
	Carolina Village	$2.00	
	Calcutta Village	$2.00	
	San Joaquin	$2.00	
	Libertad Junction	$2.50	
	Concepcion Village	$2.50	
	San Pedro Village	$2.50	
	Luiseville Village	$3.00	
	San Narciso Village	$3.00	
	Santa Clara Village	$3.00	
	Buena Vista Village	$3.50	
	Douglas Junction	$3.75	
	San Jose/San Pablo Village	$4.00	
	Trial Farm Village	$4.50	
	Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal	$4.50	
Corozal Bus Terminal	Orange Walk Town Bus Terminal	$3.50	$4.50
Santa Elena Border	Belize City Bus Terminal	$11.00	$12.00

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(b) For passenger travelling to any destination located between the Belize District and the Cayo District,

Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Belize City Bus Terminal to Benque Viejo Town			
Belize City Bus Terminal	Up to 12 Miles	$2.00	
	Hattieville Village	$2.50	
	Up to Mile 25	$3.00	
	Belize Zoo	$4.00	
	La Democracia Village	$4.00	
	Mahogany Heights Junction	$4.00	
	Cheers	$4.00	
	Frank's Eddy Junction	$5.00	
	St. Matthew's Village	$5.00	
	Cotton Tree Village	$5.00	
	Belmopan Bus Terminal	$6.00	$7.00
	Roaring Creek Village	$6.00	
	Camalote Village	$7.00	
	Teakettle Village	$7.00	
	Ontario Village	$8.00	
	Blackman Eddy Village	$8.00	
	Unitedville Village	$8.00	
	Georgeville Village	$8.00	
	Central Farm	$9.00	
	Esperanza Village	$9.00	
	San Ignacio Town	$9.00	$10.00
	Benque Viejo Town	$10.00	$11.00

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Benque Viejo Town to Belize City Bus Terminal			
Benque Viejo Town	San Ignacio Town	$2.00	
	Esperanaza Village	$2.00	
	Central Farm	$2.00	
	Georgeville Village	$2.00	
	Unitedville Village	$2.50	
	Blackman Eddy Village	$2.50	
	Ontario Village	$2.50	
	Teakettle Village	$3.00	
	Camalote Village	$3.00	
	Roaring Creek Village	$4.00	
	Belmopan Bus Terminal	$4.00	$5.00
	Cotton Tree Village	$6.00	
	St. Matthew's Village	$6.00	
	Frank's Eddy Junction	$6.00	
	Cheers	$6.50	
	Mahogany Heights Junction	$6.50	
	La Democracia Village	$6.50	
	Belize Zoo	$6.50	
	Mile 25	$7.00	
	Hattieville Village	$8.00	
	Mile 8	$9.00	
	Old Belize/Belize City Bus Terminal	$10.00	$11.00

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Belmopan Bus Terminal to Benque Viejo Town			
Belmopan Bus Terminal	Roaring Creek Village	$2.00	
	Camalote Village	$2.00	
	Teakettle Village	$2.00	
	Ontario Village	$2.00	
	Blackman Eddy Village	$2.00	
	Unitedville Village	$2.00	
	Georgeville Village	$2.50	
	Central Farm	$2.50	
	Esperanza Village	$3.00	
	San Ignacio Town	$3.00	$4.00
	Benque Viejo Town	$4.00	$5.00
Benque Viejo Town to Belmopan Bus Terminal			
Benque Viejo Town	San Ignacio Town	$2.00	
	Esperanza Village	$2.00	
	Central Farm	$2.00	
	Georgeville Village	$2.00	
	Unitedville Village	$2.50	

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
	Blackman Eddy Village	$2.50	
	Ontario Village	$2.50	
	Teakettle Village	$3.00	
	Camalote Village	$3.00	
	Roaring Creek Village	$4.00	
	Belmopan Bus Terminal	$4.00	$5.00
Belmopan Bus Terminal to Belize City Bus Terminal			
Belmopan Bus Terminal	Cotton Tree Village	$2.00	
	St. Matthew's Village	$2.00	
	Frank's Eddy Junction	$2.50	
	Cheers	$3.00	
	Mahogany Heights Junction	$3.00	
	La Democracia Village	$3.00	
	Belize Zoo	$3.00	
	Mile 25	$3.00	
	Hatieville Village	$4.00	
	Mile 8	$5.00	
	Old Belize/Belize Bus Terminal	$6.00	$7.00

(c) For Passenger travelling to any destination located between the Cayo District and Toledo District,

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Belmopan Bus Terminal to Dangriga Bus Terminal			
Belmopan Bus Terminal	Armenia Village	$2.00	
	Blue Hole	$2.00	
	Hershey Community	$2.50	
	Sibun Community	$2.50	
	St. Margaret's Village	$3.00	
	Humming Bird Community	$3.50	
	Middlesex Village	$4.00	
	Valley Community	$4.50	
	Steadfast Village	$4.50	
	Alta Vista Village	$5.00	
	Pomona Village	$5.50	
	Hope Creek Village	$5.50	
	6 Miles Junction	$6.00	
	Sarawee Village	$6.00	
	Dangriga Bus Terminal	$7.00	$8.00
Dangriga Bus Terminal to Belmopan Bus Terminal			
Dangriga Bus Terminal	Sarawee Village	$2.00	
	6 Miles	$2.00	
	Hope Creek Village	$2.00	

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
	Pomona Village	$2.00	
	Alta Vista Village	$2.00	
	Steadfast Village	$2.50	
	Valley Community	$2.50	
	Middlesex Village	$3.00	
	Humming Bird Community	$3.50	
	St. Margaret's Village	$4.00	
	Sibun	$4.50	
	Hershey Community	$5.00	
	Blue Hole	$6.00	
	Armenia Village	$6.00	
	Belmopan Bus Terminal	$7.00	$8.00
Dangriga Bus Terminal to George Murray Bus Terminal			
Dangriga Bus Terminal	Sarawee Village	$2.00	
	6 Miles Junction	$2.00	
	Silk Grass Village	$2.00	
	Hopkins Junction	$2.50	
	Sittee River Junction	$3.00	
	Kendall	$3.00	
	Maya Centre Village	$3.50	
	Mayan King	$4.00	

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
	Santa Cruz Village	$4.50	
	Santa Rosa Village	$5.00	
	San Roman Village	$5.00	
	Georgetown Junction	$6.00	
	Red Bank Village	$6.50	
	San Juan Village	$7.00	
	George Murray Bus Terminal	$8.00	$9.00
George Murray Bus Terminal to Dangriga Bus Terminal			
George Murray Bus Terminal	San Juan Village	$2.00	
	Red Bank Village	$2.00	
	Georgetown Junction	$2.50	
	San Roman Village	$2.50	
	Santa Rosa Village	$2.50	
	Santa Cruz Village	$3.50	
	Mayan King	$3.50	
	Maya Centre Village	$4.50	
	Kendall	$4.50	
	Sittee River Junction	$5.00	
	Hopkins Village	$5.50	
	Silk Grass Village	$6.00	
	6 Miles Junction	$7.00	
	Sarawee Village	$7.00	
	Dangriga Bus Terminal	$8.00	$9.00

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Dangriga Bus Terminal to Placencia			
Dangriga Bus Terminal	6 Miles Junction	$2.00	
	Kendall	$3.00	
	Maya Centre Village	$3.50	
	Santa Cruz Village	$4.50	
	Riversdale Village	$5.50	
	Seine Bight Junction	$7.50	
	Placencia	$8.00	$9.00
Placencia to Dangriga Bus Terminal			
Placencia	Seine Bight Village	$2.00	
	Riversdale Village	$2.00	
	Santa Cruz Village	$3.50	
	Maya Centre Village	$4.00	
	Kendall	$4.50	
	6 Miles Junction	$7.50	
	Dangriga Bus Terminal	$8.00	$9.00
George Murray Bus Terminal to Punta Gorda Town			
George Murray Bus Terminal	San Isidro Village	$2.00	
	Bella Vista Village	$2.00	

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fee*
	Swasey	$2.00	
	Trio Junction	$2.50	
	Bladden Village	$3.00	
	Medina Bank Village	$4.50	
	Golden Stream Village	$5.50	
	Indian Creek Village	$6.00	
	Hicate	$6.50	
	Silver Creek Village	$7.00	
	Big Falls Village	$7.00	
	Dump	$7.50	
	Emerigrove	$8.50	
	Jacintoville Village	$8.50	
	Forest Home Village	$9.00	
	Punta Gorda Town	$9.00	$10.00
Punta Gorda Town to George Murray Bus Terminal			
Punta Gorda Town	Forest Home Village	$2.00	
	Jacintoville Village	$2.00	
	Emerigrove	$2.00	
	Dump	$2.50	
	Big Falls Village	$3.00	
	Silver Creek Village	$3.00	
	Hicate	$3.00	
	Indian Creek Village	$4.00	

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
	Golden Stream Village	$5.50	
	Medina Bank	$6.00	
	Bladden	$7.00	
	Trio Junction	$7.50	
	Swasey	$8.00	
	Bella Vista Village	$8.00	
	San Isidro Village	$8.00	
	George Murray Bus Terminal	$9.00	$10.00
Punta Gorda Town to Belize City Bus Terminal			
Punta Gorda Town	Dangriga Bus Terminal	$14.00	$15.00
	Belmopan Bus Terminal	$20.00	$22.00
	Belize City Bus Terminal	$26.00	$28.00
George Murray Bus Terminal to Belize City Bus Terminal			
George Murray Bus Terminal	Belmopan Bus Terminal	$13.00	$17.00
	Belize City Bus Terminal	$19.00	$22.00

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Departure	*Arrival*	*Regular Fare*	*Express Service Fare*
Dangriga Bus Terminal to Belize City Bus Terminal			
Dangriga Bus Terminal	Belmopan Bus Terminal	$7.00	$8.00
	Belize City Bus Terminal	$12.00	$14.00

(d) half fare for all students travelling to any destination on any day, if the student is in uniform or is in possession of a valid student Identification Card from any recognized educational institution in Belize.

(e) A far of $2.00 for a journey not exceeding 12 miles, for a destination not otherwise stated in this Schedule.

(f) Half fare for children twelve years or under who are accompanied by an adult.

(g) No charge for passengers two years and under.

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SCHEDULE S

(Reg. 205)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for a Road Service Permit

I (Name) .....

of (address) .....
apply for a permit to operate a service of Motor Omnibuses as described hereunder:
State whether or not application is for an exclusive concession, if so for how long.....
DESCRIPTION OF ROUTE TO BE USED:

Terminal points .....

Names of streets and roads .....

included in routes, and names .....

of villages and towns through .....

which route will pass .....
State number of vehicles it is proposed to use on the service
.....
State registration number and seating capacity of each of these vehicles
.....

State the days of the week upon which of the hours during which it is proposed to operate the service ……...

Date…….. …….
Signature of Applicant

Note: This application must be accompanied by copies of the fare table and time table of the proposed service.

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SCHEDULE T

(Reg. 211)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Road Service Permit

(Name) .....

of (address) .....

is authorised to operate an Omnibus Service upon the Route hereunder described, and is licensed to use (insert number of vehicles) .....ominubuses

in the operation of the Service Route along which and Termini between which the service shall be operated:

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This permit expires on .....

Office stamp

Date…….. ….....
Department of Transport

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SCHEDULE T2 [1,2,3] (Reg. 211)

Fare: $125.00 per day Serial No…...

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

Road Service Permit for International Service Provider

TYPE: ……..……
NAME: ……...……
DATE OF ENTRY:…….……...……
DATE OF DEPARTURE:……...……...
VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE NO.: ……..
PARTICULARS OF TRAVEL (DESTINATIONS): ……
…….……..…..……

_____ _____
Signature of Holder Issuing Authority

NOTES:

Indirect In Transit:	***(a)***	except for an emergency, the international service provider shall stop only at designated bus terminals;
	(b)	an international service provider, upon entering Belize, may drop off a passenger at a designated bus terminal, but shall not pick up any passenger;
	(c)	an international service provider, during departure from Belize, may pick up a passenger at a designated bus terminal, but shall not drop off any passenger; and
	(d)	an international service provider engaging in indirect in transit shall have a complete manifest of international passengers which state the

[1] This Schedule was inserted by S.I. No. 63 of 2009.
[2] This Schedule was repealed and replaced by S.I. No. 59 of 2019.
[3] This Schedule was repealed and replaced by S.I. No. 76 of 2019.

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	designated bus terminal that each passenger will be dropped off and which shall be presented to the following persons at the point of entry and departure–
	(i) Immigration Officer; *(ii)* Customs Officer; and *(iii)* Traffic Warden.
Direct In Transit	***(a)*** shall have a complete manifest of international passengers which shall be presented to the following persons at the point of entry and departure–
	(i) Immigration Officer; *(ii)* Customs Officer; and *(iii)* Traffic Warden.
	(b) shall traverse through Belize using the "Burrell Boom Road"; and
	(c) shall not pick-up nor drop-off any passengers on its direct in transit passage.
Hotel Charter Transit:	***(a)*** shall have a complete manifest of international passengers upon entering and departing from Belize, which–
	(i)…states the designated hotel for arrival of ……passengers in Belize; and
	(ii)...shall be presented to an immigration ….officer, customs officer; and traffic ….warden at points of entry and departure;
	(b) shall stop only at the hotel designated in the manifest of international passengers; and
	(c) shall park and remain at the hotel designated in the manifest of international passengers until departure from Belize.

Driving a motor omnibus registered and licensed in a foreign country in contravention of a road service permit is an offence punishable by a fine of $500.00.

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SCHEDULE U

(Reg. 215)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for an International Certificate for a Motor Vehicle

Owner's surname .....
Owner's other names .....
Permanent address .....
Class of vehicle .....
Name of maker of chassis .....
Type of chassis .....
Serial number of type or maker's number of chassis
.....
ENGINE:
Number of cylinders .....
Engine number .....
Stroke (in mm.) .....
Bore (in mm.) .....
Horse power .....
BODY:
Shape .....
Colour .....
Number of seats .....
Weights of vehicle unladen in kilograms
.....
Weight of vehicle laden, in kilograms, if exceeding 3,500 kg.
.....
Kilograms .....
Identification mark .....
Countries for which the Certificate is required
.....
Date…….. ……..
Signature of Owner

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SCHEDULE V

(Reg. 216)

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE

(THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS)

Application for an International Driving Permit

Surname .....

Other names .....

Place of birth .....

Date of birth .....

Permanent address .....

Number of driving permit now held

.....

and office and date issue .....

Category for which the permit is required–

(a) Motor vehicles of which the laden weight does not exceed 3,500 kg.

(b) Motor vehicles of which the laden weight exceed 3,500 kg.

(c) Motor cycle with or without sidecar.

Countries for which Permit is required

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Date…….. ……..

Signature of Applicant

Note: This application must be accompanied by two copies of recent photograph of the applicant.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF ORDER

1. Short title.

2. Motor vehicles exempted.

SCHEDULE

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER

CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990
23/1977.
62/1977.
65/1979.
73/1982.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.

(Section 9(2)(b))

1. This order may be cited as the Short title.

MOTOR VEHICLES (EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER.

2. Any motor vehicles mentioned in the Schedule hereto are hereby exempted from the need for registration. Motor Vehicles exempted.

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SCHEDULE

1. Any motor vehicle the property of or used by a member of the Cabinet of Belize for his official or personal duties.

2. Any motor vehicle the property of or used by a member of the National Assembly for his official or personal duties.

3. Any motor vehicle intended to be property of or used by the Belize Defence Force whenever used for official duties. 62/1977.

4. Any motor vehicle which is the property of the Peace Corps in Belize and wholly used for the purpose of the Peace Corps. 65/1979.

5. Any motor vehicle which is the property of the British Forces in Belize. 73/1982.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Interpretation.

3. Circulation permit.

4. Period of permit.

5. Application.

6. Surrender of permits.

7. Identification plates.

SCHEDULE I

SCHEDULE II

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) REGULATIONS

Ch. 62.
R.L. 1958.
CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.

(Section 112)

1. These regulations may be cited as the Short title.

MOTOR VEHICLES (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) REGULATIONS.

2.–In these Regulations– Interpretation.

"nationality sign" means a sign complying with the provisions of any international convention and bearing the distinctive letters specified in or under the convention for the country, under the law of which the vehicle is registered.

3.–(1) A person bringing a motor vehicle into Belize may, subject to and in accordance with these Regulations, be granted an international circulation permit, and a vehicle, as respects which an international circulation permit is in force, shall be exempt from any licence fees in respect of such vehicle. Circulation permit.

(2) An international circulation permit shall be granted to a person brining a motor vehicle into Belize if he–

(a) furnishes the Department of Transport with such particulars as are specified in Schedule I to these Regulations, and Schedule I.

(b) satisfies the Department that he is resident outside of Belize and that the motor vehicle is only temporarily in Belize.

(3) An international circulation permit shall not be granted for a tractor.

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(4) An international circulation permit shall be in the form in, and contain the particulars required by, the Schedule II to these Regulations.

Period of permit.

4. An international circulation permit shall not be granted for a period any part of which falls after the ninetieth day from the date on which the vehicle was last brought into Belize, and the periods for which international circulation permits may be granted to any person in one calendar year shall not exceed ninety days in all:

Provided that an international circulation permit issued on production of an international certificate may notwithstanding the foregoing limitations be granted for any period within the currency of that certificate so long as the period or periods for which international circulation permits are granted which fall with the currency of that international certificate do not exceed ninety days in all.

Application.

5. The provisions of regulations 20 and 21 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations (relating to the display of licences and the replacement of lost licences) and the provisions of section 95 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (relating to fraudulent imitation of documents) shall apply in relations to a circulation permit under these Regulations as they apply in relation to a licence.

Surrender of permits.

6.–(1) Where a vehicle in respect of which an international circulation permit is in force–

(a) is sold or transferred;

(b) is removed to a country outside Belize; or

(c) is destroyed,

the holder of the international circulation permit shall surrender it to the Department of Transport informing the Department, in the case where the vehicle has been sold or

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transferred, of the name of the new owner and of his address, if any, in Belize.

(2) The holder of the international circulation permit which has expired shall surrender it to the Department.

(3) The holder of an international circulation permit may, before the expiration of the permit, surrender it to the Department and thereupon the permit shall cease to be valid.

Identification plates.

7.–(1) The Department of Transport shall assign to a motor vehicle or trailer in respect of which he issues an international circulation permit identification plates which shall be–

(a) in the case of a vehicle which has been registered outside Belize the identification of the vehicle, and

(b) in the case of any other motor vehicle an identification plate consisting of the letter "V" and a number.

(2) Identification plates assigned under subparagraph (a) of paragraph (1) of this regulation need not be exhibited at the front of the motor vehicle if that is not required by the law under which they were assigned to the motor vehicle.

(3) During the currency of an international circulation permit issued for a vehicle to which identification plates were assigned under the said subparagraph (a) a nationality sign indicating the country under the law of which the identification plates were issued shall be exhibited at the back of the vehicle so as to be clearly distinguishable.

(4) Regulations 13 and 14 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations (which require a trailer to carry special marks and the number of the vehicle towing it) shall not apply to trailers where identification plates were issued under the said subparagraph *(a)* of paragraph (1) of this regulation, and the

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trailer has been brought into Belize by a person resident outside Belize. Such trailers shall exhibit at the back of the trailer the identification place or registration number allotted to the trailer under the law of the country by which such identification plate or registration number was issued.

(5) When a vehicle which in pursuance of this regulation must carry a national sign is drawing one or more trailers, the nationality sign shall be carried in like manner at the back of the trailer or rearmost trailer

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SCHEDULE I

Particulars Needed to Obtain an International Circulation Permit

1. The full name and home address of the person to whom the international circulation permit is to be granted.

2. The date and place of entry into Belize of the vehicle in question.

3. The make and chassis number of the vehicle and such other particulars describing the vehicle as the Department of Transport may direct.

4. The letters and numbers on the registration plates (if any) of the vehicle and (if different) of any trailer drawn thereby, together with the country of registration.

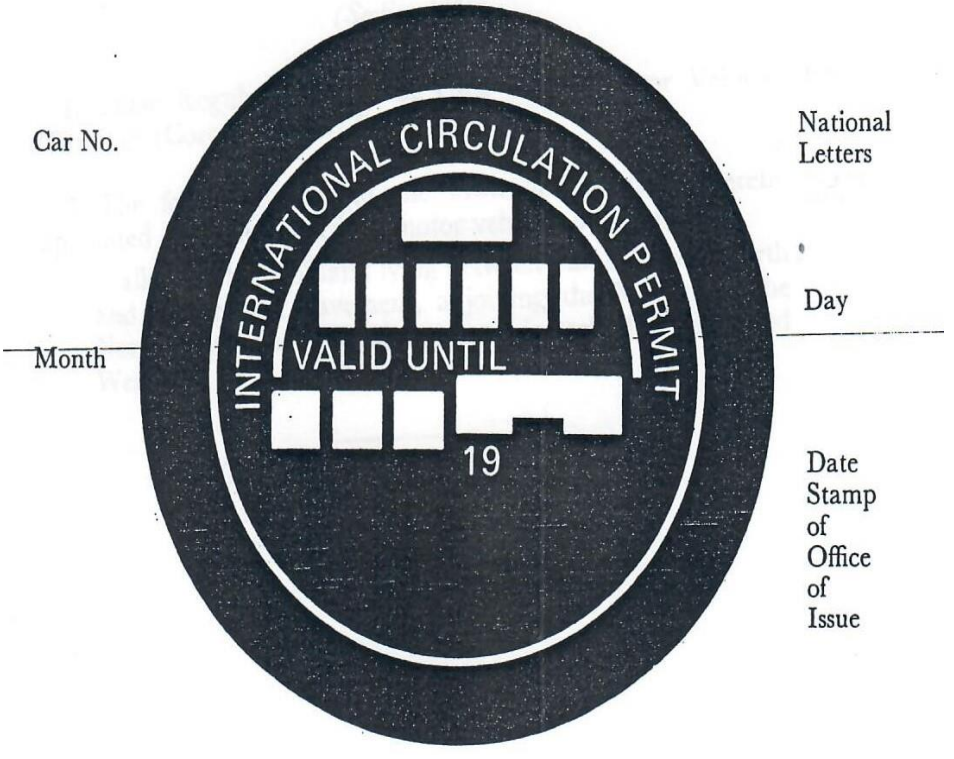
5. In a case where the vehicle is drawing a trailer, the name of the manufacturer of the trailer and its serial or other identification number.

6. The address in Belize of the person to whom the permit is to be granted, or if none, the name and address in Belize of some other person through whom he may be contacted while in Belize.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES (PARKING) (COROZAL TOWN) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Parking.

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CHAPTER 230

Ch. 62.
R.L. 1958.
CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.

MOTOR VEHICLES (PARKING) (COROZAL TOWN) REGULATIONS

(Section 112)

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES (PARKING) (COROZAL TOWN) REGULATIONS.

Parking place.

2. The following area in the town of Corozal is hereby appointed a parking place for motor vehicles of all kinds:

All that parcel of land lying between Parade Street North and the cement pavement, adjoining the Market to the North, the whole extending approximately 140' East and West.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES (PARKING) (PUNTA GORDA) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Restriction of Parking in Front Street.

3. Reservation of parking place.

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CHAPTER 230

Ch. 62.
R.L 1958.
CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
Cap. 230.
R.E. 2020.

MOTOR VEHICLES (PARKING) (PUNTA GORDA) REGULATIONS

(Section 112)

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES (PARKING) (PUNTA GORDA) REGULATIONS.

Restriction on parking in Front Street

2. No person shall cause or permit any freight-passenger vehicle or any vehicle of which the maximum tare weight exceeds 3,360 lb. to be parked on that portion of the Front Street at Punta Gorda which lies between King Street and Clement Street.

Reservation of parking place.

3. All that parcel of land known as the Children's Playground and bounded on the North by Queen Street, on the South by lands of Maria Martinez, on the East by Main Street and on the West by the Power House Compound is hereby appointed a parking place for freight-passenger vehicles and vehicles of which the maximum tare weight exceeds 360 lb.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES (SPEED LIMIT) (HAWKESWORTH BRIDGE) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.

2. Speed limit.

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CHAPTER 230

Ch. 62
R.L 1958
Cap. 192
R.E. 1980-1990.
Cap. 230
R.E. 2020

MOTOR VEHICLES (SPEED LIMIT) (HAWKESWORTH BRIDGE) ORDER

(Section 73(5))

Short title.

1. This Order may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES (SPEED LIMIT) (HAWKESWORTH BRIDGE) ORDER.

Speed limit.

2. Motor vehicles shall not be driven over the Hawkesworth Bridge at San Ignacio at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour.

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMBERGRIS CAYE) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Interpretation.

3. Establishment of Ambergris Caye Traffic Control Committee.

4. Inventory of existing vehicles and record of new vehicles.

5. Applications to Committee to bring, use, etc. vehicles on Caye.

6. Entry fee and annual fee.

7. Duty to display sticker.

8. Speed limits for the Caye.

9. Use of fines and Penalties.

10. Offence and Penalty.

11. *Repeal* of S.I. 57/93.

SCHEDULE

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMBERGRIS CAYE) REGULATIONS

CAP. 192.
R.E. 1980-1990.
67 of 1993.
125 of 1996.
CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020.
29 of 1997.
31 of 2001.

(Gazetted 14th September, 1996.)

Short title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMBERGRIS CAYE) REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2.–(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires–

"Caye" means Ambergris Caye;

"Committee" means Ambergris Caye Traffic Control Committee established under Regulation 3 of these Regulations;

"register" means the register required to be kept under Regulation 4 of these Regulations.

(2) The words and expressions used in these Regulations shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

CAP. 230.

Establishment of Ambergris Caye Traffic Control Committee.

3.–(1) There shall be established a Committee, to be called the Ambergris Caye Traffic Control Committee, for the purpose of these Regulations.

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(2) The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Minister and shall consist of not less than five persons including:

(a) the Mayor and one member of the San Pedro Town Council; and

(b) the Commissioner of Transport, or any other Transport Officer authorised by the Commissioner to represent him.

(3) The Minister shall appoint a member of the Committee to be Chairman of the Committee.

(4) The member of the San Pedro Town Council appointed by the Minister under subregulation (2)*(a)* above shall be the Secretary to the Committee, and shall provide all minutes of the Board meetings to the Department of Transport and to the Minister.

(5) The functions of the Committee shall include:

(a) receiving and considering applications for permits for bringing vehicles into the Caye and granting or refusing such permits;

(b) promoting and encouraging the use of small vehicles in the Caye with a view to controlling traffic and enhancing and improving the environment and the surrounding amenities;

(c) making recommendations to the Minister through the Commissioner of Transport, for amendments to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations relevant to the Caye, including the establishment of parking and non-parking zones, the placing of sleeping policemen on the streets, silent zones and establishment of speed limits;

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(d) ensuring that vehicles no longer in service are properly disposed of;

(e) any other functions or duties required to be carried out under these Regulations or as may be assigned by the Minster.

(6) Permits for bringing vehicles into the Caye may be granted subject to such conditions, where necessary, as the Committee may deem appropriate.

(7) The members of the Committee shall hold office for a period of two years, provided that such members shall be eligible for reappointment.

(8) The Minster may at any time for fit and proper cause remove any member of the Committee.

(9) The appointment, removal or resignation of a member shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(10) Subject to these Regulations, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

Inventory of existing vehicles and record of new vehicles.

4.–(1) At the Commencement of these Regulations, the Committee shall cause to be prepared and maintained, a register of all existing vehicles in the Caye.

(2) No vehicles shall be brought into, kept, used, driven, parked or otherwise dealt with, in the Caye except vehicles which are registered in the register.

Applications to Committee to bring, use, etc., vehicles on Caye.

5.–(1) Any person who is desirous of bringing into the Caye any vehicle which is not registered in the register, shall apply to the Committee for permission to bring the said vehicle and to have the same registered in the register.

(2) In determining whether or not to issue a permit, the Committee shall have regard to the following–

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(a) the number of vehicles already on the Caye of the same type and sizes as the one desired by the applicant;

(b) whether the vehicle desired to be used would have an adverse effect on the environment;

(c) whether the vehicle would be suitable having regard to the character of the roads on which it is likely to be used;

(d) the need for the vehicle;

(e) the traffic congestion in the Caye and its attendant problems;

(f) the availability of street parking for the said vehicle;

(g) any other matter that the Committee may consider relevant for protecting and improving the environment, such as the disposing of batteries and unwanted vehicles.

(3) Where a person who is the owner of a registered vehicle proves to the satisfaction of the Committee that he has disposed of the said vehicle from the Caye or that the vehicle is unserviceable and he has disposed of the same to the satisfaction of the Committee, the Committee may grant a permit to such person for a replacement vehicle of such size and description as the Committee may deem appropriate.

(4) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Committee may appeal to the Minister, whose decision thereon shall be final.

Entry fee and annual fee.

6.–(1) A person granted a permit and registration under regulation 5(1), shall pay to the Secretary of the Committee the relevant entry fee set out in the Schedule.

Schedule.

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(2) No entry fee shall be payable in relation to a vehicle imported under regulation 5(3).

(3) A person granted registration under regulation 5(1), shall pay the relevant annual fee set out in the Schedule.

Schedule.

(4) All Fees payable under this regulation shall be paid to the account of the San Pedro Town Council and shall be applied towards the construction and maintenance of roads and for other community services in the Caye.

Duty to display sticker.

7.–(1) All vehicles under these Regulations shall prominently display a sticker issued by the Department of Transport on the windscreen or some other conspicuous location.

(2) No person shall bring into, use, drive, park, or otherwise deal with on the Caye, and vehicle which does not carry a sticker as provided by subregulation (1) above.

Speed Limits for the Caye.
S.I. 32 of 1979

8–(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations, 1979, the driver of a vehicle on the Caye shall at all times observe the speed limits specified in subregulation (2) below.

(2) The Maximum speed limit for any vehicle on the Caye shall be–

(a) ten miles per hour in residential areas; and

(b) fifteen miles per hour in non-residential areas.

Use of fines and Penalties for traffic offence.

No. 12/1993.
115/1993.

9. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Violation Tickets) Regulations, 1993, as amended, all fines and penalties collected from the issue of traffic violation tickets for traffic offences committed in the Caye shall be paid to the account of the San Pedro Town Council which shall apply the same on the maintenance of roads and streets and for other community services in the Caye.

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Offence and Penalty

10. Any person who by any act or omission, contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, and in addition, every vehicle brought into, kept, used, driven, parked or otherwise dealt with on the Caye in contravention of these Regulations shall be forfeited.

Repeal of S.I. 57/93

11. The Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Ambergris Caye) Regulations, 1993 are hereby repealed.

MADE by the Minister of Energy and Communications the 4th day of September, 1996.

(JOSEPH CAYETANO)
Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Transportation

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"SCHEDULE"
(regulation 6)

31 of 2001.

Type and Size of Vehicle	Entry Fee	Annual Fee
A. Heavy Duty Equipment	$2,500.00	$500.00
B. Goods vehicles exceeding four (4) cylinders	$1,000.00	$350.00
C. Taxis exceeding four (4) cylinders	$1,000.00	$300.00
D. Private motor vehicles exceeding four (4) cylinders	$750.00	$250.00
E. Motor cycles exceeding 125 cc.	$500.00	$200.00
F. Goods vehicles not exceeding four (4) cylinders	$500.00	$200.00
G. Taxis not exceeding four (4) cylinders	$200.00	$100.00
H. Private motor vehicles not exceeding four (4) cylinders	$300.00	$150.00
I. Motor cycles not exceeding 125 cc.	$100.00	$50.00
J. Electric golf carts	$100.00	$50.00
K. Motor vehicles with engines not exceeding 500 cc.	$200.00	$100.00

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (CAYE CAULKER) REGULATIONS

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

1. Short title.

2. Interpretation.

3. Establishment of Caye Caulker Traffic Control Committee.

4. Inventory of existing vehicles and record of new vehicles.

5. Applications to Committee to bring, use, etc., vehicles on Caye.

6. Duty to display sticker.

7. Speed Limits.

8. Office and penalty.

9. Commencement.

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CHAPTER 230

CAP. 230.
R.E. 2020

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (CAYE CAULKER) REGULATIONS

(Gazetted 11th April, 1998.)

Short title.

1. Regulations may be cited as the

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (CAYE CAULKER) REGULATIONS.

Interpretation.

2.–(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires –

"Caye" means Caye Caulker;

"Committee" means Caye Caulker Traffic Control Committee established under Regulations 3 of these Regulations;

"register" means the register required to be kept under Regulation 4 of these Regulations.

(2) The words and expressions used in these Regulations shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

CAP. 230.

Establishment of Caye Caulker Traffic Control Committee.

3.–(1) There shall be established a Committee, to be called the Caye Caulker Traffic Control Committee, for the purpose of these Regulations.

(2) The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Minister and shall consist of not less than five persons including:

(a) the Village Chairman and one member of the Village Council; and

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(b) the Commissioner of Transport, or any other Transport Officer authorised by the Commissioner to represent him.

(3) The Minister shall appoint a member of the Committee to be the Chairman of the Committee.

(4) The member of the Caye Caulker Village Council appointed by the Minister under subregulation 2*(a)* above shall be the Secretary to the Committee, and shall provide all minutes of the Committee meetings to the Department of Transport and to the Minister.

(5) The functions of the Committee shall include:

(a) receiving and considering applications for permits for bringing vehicles into the Caye and granting or refusing such permits;

(b) promoting and encouraging the use of small vehicles in the Caye with a view to controlling traffic and enhancing and improving the environment and the surrounding amenities;

(c) making recommendations to the Minister, through the Commissioner of Transport, for amendments to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations relevant to the Caye, including the establishment of parking and non-parking zones, the placing of sleeping policemen on the streets, silent zones and the establishment of speed limits;

(d) ensuring that vehicles no longer in service are properly disposed of;

(e) any other functions or duties required to be carried out under these Regulations or as may be assigned by the Minister.

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(6) Permits for bringing vehicles into the Caye may be granted subject to such conditions, where necessary, as the Committee may deem appropriate.

(7) The members of the Committee shall hold office for a period of two years, provided that such members shall be eligible for reappointment.

(8) The Minister may at any time for fit and proper cause remove any member of the Committee.

(9) The appointment, removal or resignation of a member shall be published in the *Gazette*.

(10) Subject to these Regulations, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

Inventory of existing vehicles and record of new vehicles.

4.–(1) At the commencement of these Regulations, the Committee shall cause to be prepared and maintained, a register of all existing vehicles in the Caye.

(2) No vehicles shall be brought into, kept, used, driven, parked or otherwise dealt with, in the Caye except vehicles which are registered in the register.

Applications to Committee to bring, use, etc., vehicles on Caye.

5.–(1) Any person who is desirous of bringing into the Caye any vehicle which is not registered in the register, shall apply to the Committee for permission to bring the said vehicle and to have the same registered in the register.

(2) In determining whether or not to issue a permit, the Committee shall have regard to the following–

(a) the number of vehicles already on the Caye of the same type and size as the one desired by the applicant;

(b) whether the vehicle desired to be used would have an adverse effect on the environment;

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(c) whether the vehicle would be suitable having regard to the character of the roads on which it is likely to be used for;

(d) the need for the vehicle;

(e) the traffic congestion in the Caye and its attendant problems;

(f) the availability of street-parking for the said vehicle;

(g) any other matter that the Committee may consider relevant for protecting and improving the environment, such as the disposing of batteries and unwanted vehicles.

(3) Where a person who is the owner of a registered vehicle proves to the satisfaction of the Committee that he has disposed of the said vehicle from the Caye or that the vehicle is unserviceable and he has disposed of the same to the satisfaction of the Committee, the Committee may grant a permit to such a person for a replacement vehicle of such size and description as the Committee may deem appropriate.

(4) Any person aggrieved by the decision of the Committee may appeal to the Minister, whose decision thereon shall be final.

Duty to display sticker.

6.–(1) All vehicles registered under these Regulations shall prominently display a sticker issued by the Department of Trasport on the windscreen or some other conspicuous location.

(2) No person shall bring into, use, drive, park, or otherwise deal with on the Caye, any vehicle which does not carry a sticker as provided by subregulation (1) above.

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Speed limits.

7. The maximum speed limits allowable in the Caye shall be–

(a) 10 miles per hour in residential areas; and

(b) 15 miles per hour in nonresidential areas.

Office and penalty.

8. Any person who by any act or omission, contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, and in addition, every vehicle brought into, kept, used, driven, parked or otherwise dealt with on the Caye in contravention of these Regulations shall be forfeited.

Commencement.

9. These Regulations shall come into force on the 15th day of April, 1998.

MADE by the Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Transportation this 7th day of April, 1998.

(JOSEPH CAYETANO)
Minister of Energy, Science, Technology and Transportation

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CHAPTER 230

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ACT (COMMENCEMENT) ORDER

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

1. Short title.

2. Commencement.

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CHAPTER 230

CAP. 230
R.E. 2020.
88 of 2008.

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ACT (COMMENCEMENT) ORDER

(Gazetted 13th September, 2008)

Short title.

1. This order may be cited as the–

MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ACT (COMMENCEMENT) ORDER.

Commencement of Act No. 8 of 2008.

2. In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 14 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2008, and all other powers thereunto me enabling, I, MELVIN HULSE, Minister responsible for Transport, do hereby appoint the 1st September 2008, as the day on which the said Act shall come into force.

MADE this 1st day of September, 2008.

(MELVIN HULSE)
Minister of Public Utilities, Transport, Communications and National Emergency Management

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