**POLICE COMMUNIQUE**

**ORAL & PRACTICAL DRIVING TESTS**

The public is hereby informed that **oral and practical driving tests for all types of vehicles**, which were scheduled to be conducted, **both during and after** the COVID-19 Sanitary Curfew period, will be rescheduled, in phases, as from Thursday 04 June 2020. In a spirit of fairness, priority will be given to candidates in the same sequence of appointments dates already given previously.

2. In the **first phase**, oral and practical driving tests initially scheduled from **19 March 2020** to **18 April 2020** **will be automatically** postponed to dates as mentioned in the Table below. With a view to preventing gatherings and maintaining social distancing, appointments initially scheduled on a given day will be rescheduled, as far as practicable on **two consecutive days**.

3. The tests of candidates whose surnames begin with letter **A to K** will be rescheduled on the **first day** and those whose surnames begin with letter **L to Z** will undergo their tests on the **second day** as shown in the table below:-

**TABLE**

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| **DATE OF INITIAL APPOINTMENT** | **APPLICANTS SURNAMES BEGINNING WITH LETTER** | **RESCHEDULED DATE OF APPOINTMENT** |  | **DATE OF INITIAL APPOINTMENT** | **APPLICANTS SURNAMES BEGINNING WITH LETTER** | **RESCHEDULED DATE OF APPOINTMENT** |
| THURSDAY 19.03.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 04.06.2020 |  | FRIDAY 03.04.2020 | **L to Z** | MONDAY 06.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | FRIDAY 05.06.2020 |  | SATURDAY 04.04.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 07.07.2020 |
| FRIDAY 20.03.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 06.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 08.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | MONDAY 08.06.2020 |  | MONDAY 06.04.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 09.07.2020 |
| SATURDAY 21.03.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 09.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | FRIDAY 10.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 10.06.2020 |  | TUESDAY 07.04.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 11.07.2020 |
| MONDAY 23.03.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 11.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | MONDAY 13.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | FRIDAY 12.06.2020 |  | WEDNESDAY 08.04.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 14.07.2020 |
| TUESDAY 24.03.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 13.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 15.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | MONDAY 15.06.2020 |  | THURSDAY 09.04.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 16.07.2020 |
| WEDNESDAY 25.03.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 16.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | FRIDAY 17.07.2020 |
|  | **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 17.06.2020 |  | FRIDAY 10.04.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 18.07.2020 |
| THURSDAY 26.03.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 18.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | MONDAY 20.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | FRIDAY 19.06.2020 |  | SATURDAY 11.04.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 21.07.2020 |
| FRIDAY 27.03.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 20.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 22.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | MONDAY 22.06.2020 |  | MONDAY 13.04.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 23.07.2020 |
| SATURDAY 28.03.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 23.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | FRIDAY 24.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 24.06.2020 |  | TUESDAY 14.04.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 25.07.2020 |
| MONDAY 30.03.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 25.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | MONDAY 27.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | FRIDAY 26.06.2020 |  | WEDNESDAY 15.04.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 28.07.2020 |
| TUESDAY 31.03.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 27.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 29.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | MONDAY 29.06.2020 |  | THURSDAY 16.04.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 30.07.2020 |
| WEDNESDAY 01.04.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 30.06.2020 |  | **L to Z** | FRIDAY 31.07.2020 |
| **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 01.07.2020 |  | FRIDAY 17.04.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 01.08.2020 |
| THURSDAY 02.04.2020 | **A to K** | THURSDAY 02.07.2020 |  | **L to Z** | MONDAY 03.08.2020 |
| **L to Z** | FRIDAY 03.07.2020 |  | SATURDAY 18.04.2020 | **A to K** | TUESDAY 04.08.2020 |
| FRIDAY 03.04.2020 | **A to K** | SATURDAY 04.07.2020 |  | **L to Z** | WEDNESDAY 05.08.2020 |

4. Candidates are to call for their test at the **same Driving Test Centre,** and **at the same time** mentioned in their driving test receipts, on the day of their rescheduled appointment.

5. Being given that the Traffic Branch will strictly abide by the provisions of the present communiqué, candidates **should not** call at any of the Driving Test Centres to reschedule their tests. In case of query, they may call, during office hours, on telephone numbers as hereunder:

(i) Line Barracks Driving Test Centre, Port-Louis - Tel No. 203 1422

(ii) Les Casernes Driving Test Centre, Curepipe - Tel No. 670 5878

(iii) Argy Driving Test Centre, Flacq - Tel No. 420 0996

6. It is also brought to the attention of candidates that driving test fee receipts for driving tests which had already been scheduled are still valid and they are not required to make any additional payment for their rescheduled tests.

7. Candidates calling for oral test are to bring along their learner’s licence, National Identity Card and driving test receipt. Those calling for practical driving test are to bring along the aforesaid documents and arrange for their vehicles which should be in good running condition, covered by an insurance especially for that purpose.

8. For their own safety, the safety of other candidates and the staff of the Traffic Branch, candidates will be required:

(i) to bring along and wear face masks failing which they will not be allowed to take the test; and

(ii) to maintain social distancing of minimum of one metre.

Candidates may be subjected to a temperature test by way of a frontal thermometer prior to taking a test.

9. To avoid crowding at Driving Test Centres:

(i) only approved driving instructors and candidates who have a rescheduled appointment will be allowed access in the Driving Test Centres;

(ii) **unauthorized persons will not be allowed access** at the Driving Test Centres; and

(iii) candidates will have to strictly observe their time of appointment as they will not be given access earlier or later.

10. No **new** applications for test, both oral or practical, will be entertained at the Driving Test Centres, until further orders. A fresh communiqué in this respect will be released in due course.

11. Applications for early appointments for test, oral or practical, will not be considered.

12. Information, as regards exact dates of rescheduled driving tests, is also available on the Police Facebook Page and the Police website [**http://police.govmu.org**.](http://police.govmu.org.)

13. For the **second phase**, a fresh communiqué will be released by the end of July 2020 as regards the rescheduling of tests, both oral and practical, for candidates who had previously been given an appointment **as from 20 April 2020 and onwards,** depending on the prevailing sanitary situation.

The understanding and cooperation of driving instructors and candidates will be much appreciated.

**30.05.2020** **Office of the Commissioner of Police**

**Police Headquarters**

**Line Barracks**

**Port Louis**