

## Police Communiqué

### Driving Licences for Passenger Vehicles

The public is hereby informed that in virtue of powers conferred upon the Licensing Officer under Section 41 (5) (b) of the Road Traffic Act 1962 and in compliance with Regulation 51 (8) of the Road Traffic Regulations 1954 and Regulation 2 of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010, the Licensing Office is presently issuing driving licences in respect of vehicles constructed and designed to carry more than 7 passengers, as hereunder:

#### Comparison Table:

Category of vehicle	Driving test performed in motorvehicle constructed and designed to carry:-	Category of driving licence presently issued
1	More than 8 but not more than 16 persons including driver	Heavy Motor Car not exceeding 15 passengers
2	More than 16 but not more than 32 persons including driver	Heavy Motor Car not exceeding 31 passengers
3	More than 32 but not more than 44 persons including driver	Heavy Motor Car not exceeding 43 passengers
4	More than 44 persons including driver	Heavy Motor Car more than 43 passengers

2. Prior to the coming into effect of the Road Traffic (Construction and Use of Vehicles) Regulations 2010, which subdivides the type of vehicle referred to as "bus", i.e before 2 February 2010, the Licensing Office was issuing driving licences for such vehicles in accordance to their seating capacity. A person who was examined and passed a driving test in a motor vehicle with 8 or more but less than 44 seats, was restricted to drive a

Heavy Motor Car equivalent to the seating capacity of the vehicle used during the driving test.

Those who were examined in a motor vehicle with 44 seats or more, upon successfully passing such driving test, were issued with a driving licence for **Bus** irrespective of its seating capacity.

3. With a view to harmonise the previous driving licence with the new one and being given that no greater skill is required to drive a motor vehicle fitted with a few additional seats, the Licensing Officer hereby informs the general public that:

- (i) a person who is the holder of a driving licence for “Heavy Motor Car not exceeding 14 (or lesser) seats” is authorised to drive a “Heavy Motor Car not exceeding 15 passengers” as listed in the third column for vehicle of category 1 in the above table;
- (ii) a person who holds a driving licence found in column 2 of category 2 of the above table is authorised to drive a Heavy Motor Car not exceeding 31 passengers;
- (iii) a person who holds a driving licence found in column 2 of category 3 of the above table is authorised to drive a Heavy Motor Car not exceeding 43 passengers; and
- (iv) a person who holds a driving licence found in column 2 of category 4 of the above table is authorised to drive a Heavy Motor Car exceeding 43 seats.

4. By virtue of this communiqué, holders of driving licences issued prior to 2 February 2010, need **not** call at the Traffic Branch for relevant amendments to their driving licences.

#### **5. Provisional (Learner's) Licence**

In respect of provisional driving licence for the above mentioned categories of motor vehicles, only one provisional licence for bus is being issued and remains valid until the holder thereof successfully passes a driving test for Heavy motorcar for category 4 above unless the driving licence is cancelled, suspended or revoked.

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