

(4.) Any licensing authority may, with the consent of any other licensing authority in the same heavy-traffic district (as defined in Regulation No. 13 hereof) issue licenses and collect fees and do all matters incidental thereto in accordance with these regulations, in respect of motor-lorries the garage of which is situated in the district of the second licensing authority, and may in respect of all licenses so issued make the deductions provided for by clause (2) of Regulation No. 13 hereof, but no such arrangement shall otherwise affect any apportionment of license fees to be made under Regulation No. 13 hereof.

(5.) Applications for a license shall be made in writing by the owner in accordance with Form A in the Schedule hereto.

(6.) Upon receipt of such application and upon payment of the license fee the licensing authority shall issue to the applicant a heavy-traffic license in accordance with Form B in the Schedule hereto: Provided that the licensing authority may, at its discretion, allow credit for a term not exceeding nine months for payment of any portion or portions of any license fee.

(7.) Any heavy-traffic license issued under these regulations by any local authority shall operate within and throughout New Zealand with the exception of Government roads in respect of which heavy-traffic by-laws may have been made or may hereafter be made under section 139 of the Public Works Act, 1908.

(8.) Every license shall be an annual license and shall expire on the 31st day of March in each year, but in the case of any motor-lorry in respect of which the owner thereof does not become liable to pay a license fee until a date subsequent to the 30th day of April in any license year the local authority shall issue a license for the remaining part of the license year, but in such case the annual license fee shall be reduced by one-twelfth part for every complete month by which that period is less than one year.

(9.) The owner of any motor-lorry or any person shall not use or permit to be used any motor-lorry upon any road or street unless and until a heavy-traffic license has been obtained in accordance with these regulations.

(10.) On application by or on behalf of any owner and on proof to the satisfaction of the licensing authority by statement in writing, statutory declaration, or other evidence, that any license or copy of a license has been lost or mutilated, or become illegible, and on payment of a fee of 2s. 6d. the licensing authority shall at any time during the currency of the license issue to the owner a copy thereof, certified as being a true copy.

(11.) Every licensing authority shall keep a true and faithful record of all applications for licenses, of all licenses, copies of licenses, and indication-discs issued, of all fees paid, and of all particulars supplied under Regulation No. 16, together with such particulars as will enable a copy of any license to be issued if required.

(12.) No heavy-traffic license fee other than that fixed by these regulations shall be made, levied, charged, or collected by any local authority having control of roads or streets in respect of any motor-lorry, but in any case in which any such local authority has already issued a heavy-traffic license in respect of any motor-lorry, or in any case in which the owner of a motor-lorry or any other person is, prior to the coming into force of these regulations, liable to obtain a heavy-traffic license from any such local authority in respect of any motor-lorry, a license under these regulations shall not be issued until the expiration of the license issued by such local authority or the expiration of the license which any motor-lorry owner was liable to obtain on the date on which these regulations came into force. Nothing herein shall affect the liability of the owner of any motor-lorry to obtain and pay for a heavy-traffic license under these regulations after the 31st day of December, 1925.

(13.) No change in the ownership of a motor-lorry shall affect the continuing validity of any license issued in respect thereof.

(14.) Upon any change in the ownership of a motor-lorry notice in writing of the particulars of such change, verified by the signatures of every person ceasing to have any interest as owner and every person acquiring any interest as owner, shall be given to the licensing authority; and until such notice is so given any person so ceasing to have an interest shall be deemed to remain an owner of such motor-lorry, and shall be liable under the provisions of these regulations accordingly.

(15.) No person shall operate a motor-lorry for the carriage of goods unless such motor-lorry shall be licensed for the carriage of goods or for the carriage of goods and passengers.

(16.) No person shall operate a motor-lorry for the carriage of passengers, unless such motor-lorry shall be licensed for the carriage of passengers or for the carriage of goods and passengers.

(17.) No person shall operate a motor-lorry licensed for the carriage of passengers and carrying a greater number of passengers than such motor-lorry is licensed to carry.

(18.) In all proceedings against any person for an offence under these regulations the motor-lorry, the subject of the proceedings, shall be deemed to be unlicensed or to have an insufficient license, as the case may be, unless at the hearing of the case such person produces a license or sufficient license, as the case may be.

(19.) In all proceedings under these regulations an application for a license shall be *prima facie* evidence of the statements, matters, and things therein contained as against the owner (including any person notified as having acquired an interest as owner under clause (14) of this regulation).

II. LICENSE FEES.

(1.) The annual license fee payable for motor-lorries engaged only in the carriage of goods shall be as under:—

	£
1. For each motor-lorry of Class A	6
2. For each motor-lorry of Class B	9
3. For each motor-lorry of Class C	12
4. For each motor-lorry of Class D	16
5. For each motor-lorry of Class E	20
6. For each motor-lorry of Class F	24
7. For each motor-lorry of Class G	28
8. For each motor-lorry of Class H	32
9. For each motor-lorry of Class I	36
10. For each motor-lorry of Class J	40
11. For each motor-lorry of Class K	45
12. For each motor-lorry of Class L	50
13. For each motor-lorry of Class M	55
14. For each motor-lorry of Class N	60
15. For each motor-lorry of Class O	65
16. For each motor-lorry of Class P	75

(2.) The annual license fee payable for motor-lorries engaged only in the carriage of passengers shall be as under:—

1. For each motor-lorry licensed to carry not more than twenty passengers, £1 10s. per passenger.	
2. For each motor-lorry licensed to carry more than twenty but not more than thirty passengers, £2 per passenger.	
3. For each motor-lorry licensed to carry more than thirty passengers, £2 10s. per passenger, to a maximum of £75.	

In counting the number of passengers for the purposes of this clause the driver shall be included as a passenger.

(3.) The annual license fee payable for motor-lorries engaged in the carriage of goods and passengers shall be the fee payable under clause (1) or clause (2) hereof according to the class of the motor-lorry and the number of passengers it is licensed to carry, whichever fee be the greater.

(4.) Any motor-lorry in respect of which a license has been granted for the purpose mentioned in clause (1) or clause (2) hereof, and in respect of which a further license is sought in consequence of a change in the purpose of the motor-lorry to carriage of passengers, carriage of goods, or carriage of goods and passengers, as the case may be, shall be entitled to receive such further license on the making of a fresh application and on payment of the difference between the fee payable in respect of the further license and the fee already paid, should the latter fee be the lower, and the provisions for the abatement of fees set out in Regulation No. 12 hereof shall apply to all sums paid under this clause.

(5.) The license fee for any class of motor-lorry fitted with pneumatic tires on all wheels shall be 15 per centum less than the fees hereinbefore set out.

(6.) The license fee for any class of motor-lorry fitted with metal tires on all or any of its wheels shall be 25 per centum more than the fees hereinbefore set out, to a maximum of £75.

(7.) The license fee for any class of motor-lorry the motive-power of which is obtained from electric storage-batteries shall be 25 per centum less than the fees hereinbefore set out.

(8.) Where by virtue of any special Act of Parliament now or hereafter in force any sum (other than license or registration fees) is payable in respect of a motor-lorry, either as such or as one of a more extended class of vehicles, by way of an annual fee, tax, or assessment, then the license fee imposed by these regulations in respect of such motor-lorry shall be reduced by the sum so paid during the then current license year in respect of the said motor-lorry: Provided that evidence shall be produced to the licensing authority at the time of payment of the license fee of the fact that such sum has been so paid.

(9.) Where by virtue of any agreement for composition made in pursuance of section 150 of the Public Works Act, 1908, any sum is payable in respect of any particular motor-lorry, then the license fee imposed by these regulations in respect of such motor-lorry shall be reduced by the sum so paid during the then current license year in respect of the said motor-lorry: Provided that evidence shall be produced to the licensing authority at the time of payment of the license fee of the fact that such sum has been so paid.