

REGULATIONS.

1. PRELIMINARY.

(1) THESE regulations may be cited as the Motor-drivers Regulations, 1931.

(2) In these regulations, if not inconsistent with the context,—

“Garage” means a building or other structure or place in which a motor-vehicle is kept when not in use, and if the same motor-vehicle has more than one garage then its garage for the purposes of these regulations shall be that which is nearest to the place of permanent residence of the owner of the motor-vehicle.

“License” includes extension of license:

“Local authority” has the meaning assigned to it by the said Act, that is to say, a Borough Council, a County Council, the Town Board of a town district not forming part of a county, or the Road Board of a road district in a county wherein the Counties Act, 1920, is suspended or is not in force:

“Motor-car” means a motor-vehicle (other than a motor-cycle as hereby defined) designed solely or principally for the carriage of persons not exceeding nine in number:

“Motor-coach” has the meaning assigned to it by the said Act, that is to say, a motor-vehicle not specially designed for the carriage of persons, but utilized for that purpose:

“Motor-omnibus” has the meaning assigned to it by the said Act, that is to say, a motor-vehicle designed solely or principally for the carriage of persons exceeding nine in number:

“Motor-cycle” means a motor-vehicle having less than three wheels and not having attached thereto any attachment in the nature of a side-car:

“Motor-cycle and side-car” means a motor-vehicle having less than three wheels, and having attached thereto any attachment in the nature of a side-car:

“Private motor-car” means a motor-car other than a public motor-car (as hereby defined):

“Public motor-car” means a motor-car standing or plying for hire as a hackney carriage, or held out to be a hackney carriage, and whether or not licensed by any competent authority to ply for hire, and includes any taximeter-cab:

“Road machine” includes a tractor or any other vehicle or machine commonly used for tractive purposes and not for the carriage of passengers or goods:

“Trade motor” means a motor-vehicle designed solely or principally for the carriage of goods, and not being a motor-cycle.

2. CLASSES OF LICENSES.

(1) Motor-drivers' licenses shall be of the following classes:—

- (i) A license to drive a private motor-car:
- (ii) A license to drive a trade motor:
- (iii) A license to drive a public motor-car:
- (iv) A license to drive a motor-coach:
- (v) A license to drive a motor-omnibus:
- (vi) A license to drive a motor-cycle:
- (vii) A license to drive a motor-cycle and side-car.
- (viii) A license to drive a road machine.

(2) Subject to clause (6) of Regulation 4—

- (a) The holder of a license to drive a private motor-car shall by virtue thereof be authorized to drive a private motor-car as hereby defined.
- (b) The holder of a license to drive a trade motor shall by virtue thereof be authorized to drive a trade motor or private motor-car.
- (c) The holder of a license to drive a public motor-car shall by virtue thereof be authorized to drive a public motor-car, trade motor, or private motor-car.
- (d) The holder of a license to drive a motor-coach shall by virtue thereof be authorized to drive a motor-coach, trade motor, or private motor-car.
- (e) The holder of a license to drive a motor-omnibus shall by virtue thereof be authorized to drive any motor-vehicle other than a motor-cycle or motor-cycle and side-car.
- (f) The holder of a license to drive a motor-cycle shall not by virtue thereof be authorized to drive a motor-cycle and side-car or any motor-vehicle other than a motor-cycle as hereby defined.
- (g) The holder of a license to drive a motor-cycle and side-car shall by virtue thereof be authorized to drive a motor-cycle or a motor-cycle and side-car.
- (h) The holder of a license to drive a road machine shall by virtue thereof be authorized to drive any road machine.

(3) Motor-drivers' licenses of more classes than one may be comprised in the same document and the holder shall be deemed to be the holder of a license of each of the classes comprised therein.

(4) A motor-driver's license may by extension endorsed thereon authorize the holder to drive a motor-vehicle of any kind specified in such extension in addition to motor-vehicles of the kind or kinds first named in the license and shall from the date of such extension take effect as if all such kinds of motor-vehicles were specified in the license.

(5) Except as provided in this regulation no motor-driver's license shall authorize the holder thereof to drive any motor-vehicle other than a motor-vehicle of the kind specified in the license or any extension thereof.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSES.

(1) Every application for a motor-driver's license shall be in writing, signed by the applicant in the form numbered 1 in the Schedule hereto: Provided that if in his option the applicant deletes the clause numbered (a) in the said form numbered 1 he shall furnish to the local authority in lieu thereof from a registered medical practitioner a certificate in or to the effect of the form numbered 3 in the Schedule hereto, signed and dated not more than fourteen days prior to the time when the application is made: Provided also that an applicant for a license to drive a public motor-car or motor-omnibus shall in all cases furnish to the local authority from a registered medical practitioner approved for the purpose by the local authority a certificate in the form numbered 5 in the Schedule hereto, signed and dated not more than fourteen days prior to the time when the application is made, and in such case no certificate in the said form numbered 3 shall be required, nor need the applicant complete the clause numbered (a) in the said form numbered 1. If the applicant has previously held a motor-driver's license, the most recent license to be so held shall (save in circumstances deemed by the local authority to provide sufficient excuse) be presented by the applicant with his application for a new license.

(2) Except as provided by clause (4) hereof, every application for a motor-driver's license of any class made by the owner of a motor-vehicle of a class which he would be authorized to drive by virtue of such license shall be delivered by the applicant in person to the local authority in whose district the garage of the said motor-vehicle is situated.

(3) Except as provided by clause (4) hereof, every application for a motor-driver's license of any class made by a person, not being the owner of a motor-vehicle of a class which he would be authorized to drive by virtue of such license, shall be delivered by the applicant in person to the local authority ascertained as follows:—

(a) If the applicant is the owner of a motor-vehicle, then the application shall be made as in the last preceding clause:

(b) If the applicant is not the owner of a motor-vehicle, then the application shall be made to the local authority in whose district the applicant is permanently resident when the application is made.

(4) The local authority concerned may, when the applicant resides at an inconvenient distance from its office, dispense with the personal delivery required by the two last preceding clauses hereof if—

(a) The applicant has previously held a motor-driver's license issued by that local authority; and

(b) The form of application bears a certificate signed by a Justice of the Peace, constable, or postmaster, in or to the effect of the following words:—

“The applicant is to the best of my belief a fit person to hold the motor-driver's license hereby applied for.”

(5) (a) If owing to absence from home or any other cause considered to be adequate by the local authority to which application for a license is made it is not possible or reasonable to require the applicant to apply in terms of the preceding clauses (2) and (3) to the local authority therein indicated (hereinafter referred to as the “appropriate local authority”) then the application may be delivered by the applicant in person to any other local authority, and such local authority may issue the license but shall endorse the license with the name of the appropriate local authority as follows:—

“Issued on behalf of the..... Council,
Board.”

(b) In such a case the issuing local authority shall, within one month of the date of issue of the license, send the amount of the license-fee and a copy of the license to the appropriate local authority. The fee received for the license shall be deemed a debt due by the issuing local authority to the appropriate local authority, and shall be recoverable by the latter accordingly.

(c) This clause shall not apply to any application for a license to drive a public motor-car or motor-omnibus.