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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES)
(VOCATIONAL LICENCES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS,
CONDUCTORS, TRISHAW RIDERS AND PASSENGERS)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 20 June 2017.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “assessment report”, the following definitions:

“ “affiliated driver”, for a private hire car booking service operator, means a chauffeured private hire car driver who has an affiliated driver agreement with the private hire car booking service operator; and it is immaterial whether the driver is an employee or agent of the private hire car booking service operator;

“affiliated driver agreement” means an agreement between a chauffeured private hire car driver and a private hire car booking service operator —

- (a) for the private hire car booking service operator to provide a booking service for the driver; and
 - (b) for the driver to provide a ride-sourcing service booked through the private hire car booking service operator, and using a stated chauffeured private hire car;”;
- (b) by deleting the definition of “authorised person” and substituting the following definition:

“ “authorised person” means —

- (a) the holder of a public service vehicle licence issued under section 102 of the Act;
 - (b) an employee of the owner of a public service vehicle; or
 - (c) a person acting as a driver or conductor of a public service vehicle while it is being used for the carriage of passengers for the purpose of gain;”;
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “certificate of fitness”, the following definitions:

“ “certified private hire car licensee” means a holder of a public service vehicle licence who is certified under rule 8 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14) as a certified private hire car licensee;

“chauffeured private hire car” means a motor car that is the subject of a chauffeured private hire car licence granted under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules;

“chauffeured private hire car driver” means a person who is authorised by a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car for reward (whether or not as an employee);”;

(d) by deleting the definition of “licence” and substituting the following definition:

““licence” means a vocational licence granted under section 110 of the Act authorising the holder —

(a) to drive one or more classes of vehicles (excluding trishaws);

(b) to act as the conductor of one or more classes of vehicles (excluding trishaws); or

(c) to ride a trishaw;”;

(e) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “occupational therapist”, the following definitions:

““private hire car” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules;

“private hire car booking service operator” means a person who, in the course of business, engages in the following conduct (including conduct outside Singapore, or partly inside or partly outside Singapore):

(a) accepts, or makes provision for the invitation or acceptance of, bookings from people for a ride-sourcing service; and

- (b) communicates the bookings to chauffeured private hire car drivers to carry out that ride-sourcing service using a stated chauffeured private hire car,

but excludes —

- (i) a taxi service operator within the meaning of Part VA of the Act and is licensed as such under that Part; and
- (ii) a provider of a third-party taxi booking service within the meaning of the Third-Party Taxi Booking Service Providers Act 2015 (Act 17 of 2015) and who is registered as such under that Act;”;

- (f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “public stand”, the following definition:

“ “ride-sourcing service” means a service where —

- (a) a passenger books transport for a journey within, or partly within, Singapore through a private hire car booking service operator;
- (b) the private hire car booking service operator communicates the passenger’s booking to a chauffeured private hire car driver; and
- (c) that driver carries out the transport booked using a chauffeured private hire car,

but does not include a taxi service within the meaning of the Public Transport Council Act (Cap. 259B);”;

- (g) by deleting the definition of “vocational licence”.

Deletion of rule 3

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is deleted.

Amendment of rule 4

4. Rule 4 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(1) A person who desires —

- (a) to drive one or more classes of vehicles (excluding trishaws);
- (b) to act as a conductor of one or more classes of vehicles (excluding trishaws); or
- (c) to ride a trishaw,

must apply to the Registrar in accordance with this rule for a licence authorising the person to do so.

(1A) An application under paragraph (1) for a licence to drive a taxi includes an application for a licence to drive a chauffeured private hire car.”;

- (b) by deleting sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph (2) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(c) accompanied by —

- (i) a non-refundable fee of \$40, regardless of the number of licences applied for; and
- (ii) a non-refundable additional fee of \$25 if the applicant was, more than 6 months but less than 3 years before the application, the holder of a licence authorising the applicant to drive, or act as a conductor, of the same class of vehicle in the application; and”;

- (c) by deleting the word “or” at the end of paragraph (2)(d)(ia);