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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, DRIVING LICENCES)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2012**

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 48 and 140 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Home Affairs hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) (Amendment) Rules 2012 and shall come into operation on 27th February 2012.

Amendment of rule 8

2. Rule 8 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Driving Licences) Rules (R 27) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a), “mental disorder” includes idiocy and any mental disorder for which an order has been made under section 10 or 13 of the Mental Health (Care and Treatment) Act 2008 (Act 21 of 2008) for the detention in a psychiatric institution of the person suffering from that mental disorder for treatment.”.

Amendment of rule 9

3. Rule 9 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) For the purpose of paragraph (1)(c)(i), a person shall not be eligible to take the Motor Cycle Riding Theory Test referred to in the First Schedule unless he has already passed the Basic Driving Theory Test referred to in the Third Schedule.”.

Amendment of rule 22

4. Rule 22(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (iii) of sub-paragraph (a) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(iii) he has passed the Basic Driving Theory Test referred to in the Third Schedule;”.

Deletion and substitution of First Schedule

5. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is deleted and the following Schedule substituted therefor:

“FIRST SCHEDULE

Rule 9(1)(c)(i) and
(d) and (1A)

MOTOR CYCLE RIDING THEORY TEST

The Motor Cycle Riding Theory Test shall be a test on the subjects stated in the following table:

SUBJECT	SUBJECT DETAIL
1. Human senses and judgment	<p>(a) Factors of riding: perception, judgment and reaction, reaction time, eyesight and field of vision, judgment of speed and distance as well as the discrepancies caused by fatigue, alcohol and drugs.</p> <p>(b) Blind spots.</p> <p>(c) Natural forces and vehicles: the relationship between natural forces (such as centre of gravity, inertia, centrifugal force and friction) and vehicle operations.</p>
2. Basic structure of motor cycle and vehicle maintenance	<p>(a) Basic structure of motor cycle: engine, mechanism of transmitting driving force, braking mechanism and wheels.</p> <p>(b) Vehicle maintenance: routine checks on fuel, oil, tyres, brakes, clutch, chain and lights.</p> <p>(c) Illegal modifications.</p>
3. Pre-riding checks	<p>(a) Carrying of driving licence and checking of brakes, signal lights, tyres and mirrors.</p>

 FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

SUBJECT	SUBJECT DETAIL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (b) Riding wear: helmet, shirts, gloves, pants and shoes. (c) Riding posture and getting on and off motor cycle. (d) Loading method and planning of route.
4. Proper handling of riding controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The proper control of — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) throttle grip; (ii) front brake lever and rear brake pedal; (iii) clutch lever; (iv) gear shift pedal; (v) switches. (b) Reading of various meters and indicators.
5. Riding skill	<p>Important safety and technical aspects of riding in various situations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Moving off, stopping and parking: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Precautions before moving off and stopping. (ii) Measures to prevent danger and theft when leaving vehicle. (b) Safe riding and gear changing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Speed regulation and gear selection: speed limit, safe following distance, the 2-second rule and braking distance. (ii) Braking technique: when and how to apply handbrake lever, brake pedal and engine brake for slowing down and emergency braking. (iii) Care to be taken when braking.

FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

SUBJECT	SUBJECT DETAIL
	<p>(c) Changing lane:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Ways of making a left turn, right turn and U-turn: confirmation of safety, signalling, manoeuvring and changing of gear.(ii) When and how to change lane.
	<p>(d) Overtaking and being overtaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) How to overtake safely.(ii) When and where not to overtake.(iii) Care required when being overtaken.
	<p>(e) At intersection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) The Give-Way Rules at intersection.(ii) Ways of passing through traffic junctions with and without traffic light or policeman control.(iii) The meaning of yellow box.(iv) How to negotiate at roundabout.
	<p>(f) Interaction with other road users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Rider and pedestrians: when travelling close to pedestrians, protection of crossing pedestrians and protection of children, elderly persons and handicapped persons.(ii) Rider and other vehicles: consideration for cyclists, habits of other road users and how to cope with them.(iii) Keeping left and keeping in lane.

 FIRST SCHEDULE — *continued*

SUBJECT	SUBJECT DETAIL
6. Riding under various road and weather conditions	(a) Riding down and up a slope: technique and precautions. (b) Riding at night and in rainy weather: technique and precautions. (c) Cornering: the effect of speed in cornering and procedure for cornering. (d) Riding on expressways: (i) Acceleration and deceleration lanes. (ii) Restrictions on expressways. (iii) Proper usage of expressways.
7. Defensive riding	(a) Definition of defensive riding. (b) Interaction with other road users. (c) 6 positions of 2-vehicle crash. (d) Defensive riding rules. (e) 6 adverse riding conditions.
8. General knowledge	(a) The limitations of various types of driving licences. (b) Insurance and compensation. (c) Demerit point system and penalty. (d) The use of headlights. (e) Actions to be taken in the event of accidents, emergencies, breakdown and floods. (f) Minor vehicle malfunctions: identification of trouble spots and remedial action.”.

Amendment of Second Schedule

6. The Second Schedule to the principal Rules is amended —
- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “in an emergency” in sub-paragraph (xi) of Part I, the words “on a wet surface”; and