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## TRAFFIC ACT (CAP.156)

*IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 40 of the Traffic Act (Cap.156), the Principal Licensing Authority with the consent of Cabinet, makes the following Regulations and as amended by the Legislative Assembly on the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 by virtue of section 9 of the Government Act (Cap.3)-*

16<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### 1 Citation

- (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 2009.
- (2) The Traffic Regulations, as amended, are in these Regulations referred to as the Principal Regulations.

### 2 Regulation 2 amended

Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting the following in the appropriate place:

“**company nominee**” means an employee of a company designated as responsible for company vehicles;

**3 Regulation 4 amended**

Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-regulation (1) and replacing it with the following:

“(1) All applications for the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer shall be made to the Principal Licensing Authority on Form 1A (if the owner is an individual) or Form 1B (if the owner is a company) of the First Schedule.”

**4 Regulation 4(2) amended**

Regulation 4(2) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “Form 1A” and replacing it with “Form 1C”.

**5 Regulation 9(1) repealed and replaced**

Regulation 9(1) of the Principal regulations is repealed and replaced with the following:

“(1) All applications for a motor driver’s licence or the renewal thereof shall be made on Form 5 of the First Schedule, and shall be accompanied by two passport-size photographs showing the full-face view of the applicant.

Provided that such photographs may be taken by the licensing officer at the place where the application is made.”

**6 Regulation 9(3) amended**

Regulation 9(3) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “and have a passport-size photograph affixed to the inside front cover”.

**7 Regulation 10(3) amended**

Regulation 10(3) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “Chief Police Officer” and replacing it with the words “Principal Licensing Authority”.

**8 Regulation 11(5)(d) amended**

Regulation 11(5)(d) of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after the words “Police Officer” the words “or any other person authorised by the Principal Licensing Authority”.

**9 Regulation 19(7)(b) amended**

Regulation 19(7)(b) of the Principal Regulations is amended in the English version only by deleting the word “the” before the words “Bus Depot” and replacing it with the word “a”.

**10 Regulation 19(7)(e) amended**

Regulation 19(7)(e) of the Principal Regulations is amended by:

- (i) inserting the words “or other bus stop” after the words “Bus Depot”; and
- (ii) inserting the words “or other” before the word “Regulations”.

**11 Regulation 20(2) amended**

Regulation 20(2) of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after the words “Police Officer” the words “or any other person authorised by the Principal Licensing Authority”.

**12 Regulation 20(4) amended**

Regulation 20(4) of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after the words “Police Officer” the words “, any person authorised by the Principal Licensing Authority”.

**13 Regulation 20(8)**

Regulation 20(8) of the Principal Regulations is amended by inserting after the words “Principal Licensing Authority” the words “or a Police Officer”.

**14 Regulation 37 amended**

Regulation 37 of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “Police Officer” and replacing it with the words “licensing officer”.

**15 Regulation 39(3) amended**

Regulation 39(3) of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting “\$100” and replacing it with “\$500”.

**14 Regulation 40 amended**

Regulation 40 is amended by deleting the provision and replacing it with the following:

“40. Notwithstanding any amendment made in these Regulations, the Principal Licensing Authority may authorise the continued use of such forms for such purposes as are being carried out immediately before the coming into effect of the Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 2009, until such time as the traffic computerisation process of the Ministry for Transport is completed for all districts. Any such use shall continue to be lawful as if the relevant provisions of the Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (except the amendment to this Regulation) were not made.”.

**15 First Schedule amended**

The First Schedule of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting FORM 1 and Form 1A and replacing it with the following new FORM 1A, FORM 1B and FORM 1C.



**“FORM 1A**

**Registered Individual**

<b>Entity Type</b>	Individual
<b>Name</b>	
Name	
Title	
First Name	
Surname	
<b>Physical Address</b>	
Address	
Village	
Island	
PO Box	
<b>Details</b>	
Gender	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth - Town	
Place of Birth - Country	
Proof of Age - Document	
Proof of Age - Country of Issue	
Resident	
Email Address	
Phone - Landline	
Phone - Mobile	

**FORM 1B**

**Registered Company**

<b>Type</b>	Company
<b>Name</b>	
Company Name	
Company Nominee	
<b>Company Address</b>	
Address	
Village	
Island	
<b>Postal Address</b>	
Address	
Village	
Island	
Post Box	
<b>Details</b>	
Email Address	
Phone - Landline	
Phone - Mobile	
Fax No.	

**FORM 1C****Vehicle Registration Certificate****CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE  
(Traffic Regulations – Regulation 4 (2))**

District .....

Motor Vehicle Registration No ..... the property of  
.....  
is hereby registered for use within the Kingdom of Tonga in accordance  
with the provisions of the Traffic Act and Regulations.

Date .....

**Details**

1. Type of Vehicle
2. Colour
3. Make and Year of Manufacture
4. Engine No.
5. Chassis No.
6. No. of cylinders
7. Cubic Capacity
8. L.H/R.H Drive
9. Net Weight
10. Length in meters.
11. Breadth in meters.
12. 2/4 Door
13. Fuel
14. Purpose for which intended

**16 First Schedule amended**

The First Schedule of the Principal Regulations is amended by deleting FORM 3A and replacing it with the following:

**“FORM 3A****VEHICLE LICENSE (QUARTERLY TAX) STICKER LAYOUT**



The diagram illustrates the layout of a vehicle license sticker. It consists of a large outer rectangle containing three smaller rectangular boxes stacked vertically on the left side, and a circular logo on the right side. The top rectangular box contains the text "EXPIRY DATE". The middle rectangular box contains the text "THE MAKE, MODEL, AND DATE OF MANUFACTURE". The bottom rectangular box contains the text "REGISTRATION NUMBER OF VEHICLE". The circular logo on the right contains a smaller rectangular box with the text "TONGA MOT LOGO".

**17 First Schedule amended**



The First Schedule of the Principal Act is amended by deleting FORM 5A and replacing it with the following:

**“FORM 5A**

**Driver’s Licence**

	<b>DRIVING LICENCE KINGDOM OF TONGA</b>	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100px; height: 100px; margin: 0 auto;"></div> <p><b>PHOTO</b></p>	<p>NAME</p> <p>ADDRESS</p> <p>DOB:</p> <p>ISSUED:</p> <p>EXPIRE:</p>	
<p>Number    Issuing Authority – Ministry of Transport, Tonga</p>		

Reverse side:

<p>Licensed to drive the following categories</p>		
<b>A</b> MOTORCYCLE	<b>E</b> PASSENGER BUS/LORRY	
<b>B</b> MOTORISED TRICYCLE	<b>F</b> LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE	
<b>C</b> PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE		
<b>D</b> TAXI/RENTAL CAR		
<p>Signature</p>		

**18 Third Schedule repealed and replaced**

The Third Schedule of the Principal Regulations is repealed and replaced with the following:

**“THIRD SCHEDULE****BUS STOP**

- (i) The areas on the northern side of Vuna Road –
  - (a) opposite the intersection with Fatafehi Road; and
  - (b) opposite Fa’onelua Park,
 shall be reserved for the exclusive use of passenger buses for the purpose of embarking and disembarking passengers and shall be marked BUS DEPOT.
- (ii) Any other area designated and marked as a Bus Stop in accordance with the Traffic (Signs) Regulations.”

**21 Fourth Schedule repealed and replaced**

The Fourth Schedule of the Principal Act is repealed and replaced by the following:

**“FOURTH SCHEDULE****FEES**

<b>LAND TRANSPORT SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES</b>		<i>Rate</i>
<b>1.PRIVATE VEHICLES</b>		
(i)	All Motor Vehicles	
	a) weighing 1000 kg and less	\$25

b) weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg	\$40
c) weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$50
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$60
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$70
(ii) Motor Cycle	\$20
(iii) Motor Tricycle	\$30
(iv) Invalid Carriage	FREE

## 2. PUBLIC/COMPANY/TAXI & RENTAL

(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing 1000 kg and less	\$50
b) weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg	\$60
c) weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$70
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$90
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$110
(ii) Motor Cycle	\$40
(iii) Motor Tricycle	\$40

## 3. GENERAL REGISTRATION

Transfer of Registration/Ownership	\$70
Transfer to outer Island	\$30
Reissue of Registration & Examination	\$20

## B. ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE

### 1.PRIVATE VEHICLES

(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing 1000 kg and less	\$70
b) weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg	\$95
c) weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$120
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$160
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$185
(ii) Motor Cycle	\$20
(iii) Motor Tricycle	\$20

(iv) Invalid Carriage	FREE
<b>2.PUBLIC/COMPANY/TAXI &amp; RENTAL</b>	
Motor Cycle	\$30
Motor Tricycle	\$20
(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing 1000 kg and less	\$55
b) weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg	\$80
c) weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$120
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$145
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$210
Examination of any vehicle involved in an accident	\$60
Penalty Fee (LATE EXAMINATION)	\$60
<b>C. ANNUAL VEHICLE LICENCE</b>	
Motor Cycles (with or without sidecars)	\$30
Invalid Carriage	FREE
<b>Public Service Vehicle</b> - including taxis, rental vehicle, passenger buses	
(i) not more than 5 passengers	\$130
(ii) more than 5 passengers	\$160
<b>Goods Vehicle</b>	
(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing less than 1000 kg	\$100
b) weighing between 1000 and 2000 kg	\$120
c) weighing between 2000 and 3000 kg	\$140
d) weighing more than 3000 kg	\$160
e) weighing over 5000kg	\$180
<b>Private Motor Vehicle</b>	
(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing less than 1000 kg	\$90



b) weighing between 1000 and 1500 kg	\$100
c) weighing more than 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$120
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$150
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$350
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	
(i) Boat Trailers - non commercial	\$30
(ii) Agriculture Trailers	FREE
(iii) All other Trailers	\$70
(iv) Tractors used for agricultural purposes(not hire)	FREE
(v) Tractors used for any other purposes, heavy plant, specified	
a) Weighing less than 1000 kg	\$120
b) Weighing between 1000 and 2000 kg	\$150
c) Weighing between 2000 and 3000 kg	\$200
d) Weighing more than 3000 kg	\$250
Reissue of Registration & Examination Certificate	\$30
Transfer of Licence	\$30
Dealers General Licence	\$1,000
Penalty Fee (LATE ANNUAL EXAMINATION & LICENSE)	\$60
<b>D.DRIVING LICENSE</b>	
Application for a learner drivers permit	FREE
Issue of a learner drivers permit	
(i) Theoretical Test	\$20
(ii) Practical Test	\$20
Issue of visitors' driving Licence	\$40
Application for a new Driver's License	FREE
Licence for ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES	\$60

Licence to drive a public service vehicle per annum	\$100
Licence to drive a motor cycle per annum	\$30
Licence to drive an invalid carriage per annum	FREE
Issue of a duplicate licence- all classes	\$40
Duplicate/Renewal of Licence	\$60
<b>E. BUS ROUTE PERMITS</b>	
Special Bus route permits (valid 24 hours)	\$20
Specified bus route permit per annum	\$100
Any other transport route per annum	\$100
<b>F. REGISTRATION NUMBER PLATES</b>	
Registration Number Plates	
(i) for Motor Cycles and Trailers- Initial issue or replacement	\$60
(ii) for all other vehicles- Initial Issue or Replacement	\$100
Special Registration Number Plates - Initial Issue or Replacement	\$500

Made at Nuku'alofa this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012

**Principal Licensing Authority**