

THE CENTRAL MOTOR VEHICLES RULES, 1989

[GSR 590(E), dt. 2-6-1989]

[As amended by CMV (Second Amdt.) Rules, 2026 vide GSR 28(E), dt. 13-1-2026]

In exercise of powers conferred by sections 12, 27, 64, 88(14), 110, 137, 164 & 208 r/w section 211 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, the Central Govt. hereby makes the following rules, namely:—

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

1. Short title and commencement

(1) These rules may be called the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.

(2) Save as otherwise provided in sub-rule (3) and sub-rule (2) of rule 103, these rules shall come into force on the 1st day of July, 1989.

(3) The provisions of rule 9, sub-rule (3) of rule 16, sub-rule (4) of rule 96, ¹[xxx] sub-rule (3) of rule 105, rule 113, sub-rules (2), (3), (4) or (5) of rule 115, rules 118, 122, 124, 125, 126 and 127² shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

2. Definitions

In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) “Act” means the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (59 of 1988);

³(b) “agricultural tractor” means any mechanically propelled 4-wheel vehicle designed to work with suitable implements for various field operations and/or trailers to transport agricultural materials. Agricultural tractor is a non-transport vehicle;

(c) “agricultural trailer” means a trailer generally left uncovered with single/double axle construction which is coupled to an agricultural tractor by means of two hooks and predominantly used for transporting agricultural materials;]

⁴(ca) “Challan” means a document, in physical or electronic form issued by any police officer in uniform or any other officer authorised by the State Government in this behalf, to a person acting in violation of the provisions of the Act, in the form of a receipt comprising the details of the offence committed and the offender, the amount of penalty imposed and mode of collection of the same, if applicable, details of the officer issuing such document and other details as may be specified by the State Government;

Explanation : For the purposes of this clause, E-challan shall mean a challan issued in electronic form.

¹ Words and figures “sub-rule (3) of rule 103,” omitted vide GSR 221(E), dt. 28-3-2001, w.e.f. 28-3-2001.

² Rules 126 and 127 are enforced w.e.f. 1-4-1991 vide SO 941(E), dt. 11-12-1990.

³ Inserted vide GSR 338(E), dt. 26-3-1993, w.e.f. 26-3-1993.

⁴ Substituted vide GSR 584(E), dt. 25-9-2020, w.e.f. 1-10-2020.

- (cb) "Combine Harvester" means an agricultural equipment vehicle, self propelled or agricultural tractor powered type (either coupled to the trailer for header assemble or any other attachment of machine) designed to perform more than one of the following tasks, namely:—
- (i) Picking, harvesting, threshing, separating, cleaning, chopping, collecting and unloading crop or agricultural produce, such as a grain, sugarcane, cotton, fodder, straw or stalk, while moving through the standing crop or agricultural produce;
 - (ii) Agreement of bagging with a pick-up attachment to use it for handling crop that has been swathed.

Explanation: For the purpose of these clauses, a combine harvester shall be a non-transport motor vehicle, the driving on the road of which is incidental to the main intended use in the fields and for travelling from one field to another, for short durations, at a speed not exceeding thirty kilometer per hour;]

- ¹[(cab) "construction equipment vehicle" means a self-propelled machine with rubber tyred (including pneumatic tyred), rubber padded or rubber or steel drum wheel mounted compactor, wheeled hydraulic excavator, wheel loader, backhoe loader, skid-steer loader, dumper, motor grader, mobile crane, dozer and pavers with rubber track or rubber pads or wheeled pavers, fork lift truck, self-loading concrete mixer or self-propelled boom pumps, self-propelled or concrete pumps or any other construction equipment vehicle or combination thereof primarily designed to perform earth moving, excavation, loading, transportation, drilling, spreading, compacting or trenching of earth, rock, other materials, off-highway operations in mining, industrial undertaking, irrigation and general construction but modified and manufactured with "on or off" or "on and off" highway capabilities.

Explanation for the purpose of this clause: a construction equipment vehicle or earth moving vehicle shall be a non-transport vehicle the driving on the road of which is incidental to the main off-highway function and for a short duration at a speed not exceeding fifty kilometers per hour, but such vehicle does not include other purely off-highway construction equipment vehicle designed and adopted for use in any enclosed premises, factory or mine other than road network, not equipped to travel on public roads on their own power for example slip form pavers, concrete pavers, cold milling machines, cold recycler machines and any construction equipment vehicle or earth moving vehicle with crawlers or metal track, for example, tracked excavator or excavator with legs are not considered to be falling under the scope of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, as they are not permitted to run on public roads;]

- ²[(cb) "E-rickshaw" means a special purpose battery operated vehicle having three wheels and intended to provide last mile connectivity for transport of passengers for hire or reward, provided,—
- (i) such vehicle is constructed or adapted to carry not more than four passengers, excluding the driver, and not more than forty kilograms luggage in total;
 - (ii) the net power of its motor is not more than 2000 W;

¹ Substituted vide GSR 673(E), dt. 27-10-2020, w.e.f. 27-10-2020.

² Inserted vide GSR 709(E), dt. 8-10-2014, w.e.f. 8-10-2014.

- (iii) the maximum speed of the vehicle is not more than twenty-five kilometre per hour;
- (cc) "E-cart" means a special purpose battery operated vehicle having three wheels and intended to provide last mile connectivity for carrying goods for hire or reward, provided,—
 - (i) such vehicle is constructed or adapted for carrying goods by providing a separate load body or compartment with the maximum weight three hundred and ten kilograms in addition to driver;
 - (ii) the net power of its motor is not more than 2000 W;
 - (iii) the maximum speed of the vehicle is not more than twenty-five kilometre per hour;]
- ¹[(cd) "Facilitation Centre" means any physical facility recognised by the Central Government or a State Government or both, as the case may be, containing necessary resources and authorised persons to facilitate access to and use of Portals by any person, either for a charge or otherwise;]
- ²[(d) "financier" means a person or a title holder-cum-dealer who lets a motor vehicle on hire under an agreement of hire purchase or lease or hypothecation to the operator with the permission to get it registered in operator's name as registered owner;]
- (e) "Form" means a Form appended to these rules ¹[including a corresponding electronic form made available on Portal];
- (f) "section" means a section of the Act;
- (g) "trade certificate" means a certificate issued by the registering authority under rule 35;
- (h) "non-transport vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is not a transport vehicle;
- ³[(i) Category L1 means a motor cycle without gear or a light two wheeled powered vehicle with maximum speed 70 kilometer per hour and engine capacity not exceeding 50cc if fitted with a thermic engine or motor power not exceeding 4.0 kilowatts if fitted with electric motor;]
- ⁴[xxx]
- ⁵[(ib) Category L2 means a motorcycle or a light two wheeled powered vehicle with engine capacity exceeding 50cc if fitted with a thermic engine or motor power exceeding 4.0 kilowatts if fitted with electric motor;]
- ⁶[(ic) "Category L5" means a three wheeled motor vehicle with maximum speed of 25 km/h and engine capacity of 25cc, if fitted with a thermic engine, or motor power exceeding 0.25 kW, if fitted with electric motor and the vehicle shall normally be used for (a) carrying persons; or (b) carrying persons; or (b) carrying goods.

1 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

2 Substituted by CMV (First Amdt.) Rules, 2004, vide GSR 111(E), dt. 10-2-2004, w.e.f. 10-2-2004.

3 Substituted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

4 Clause (ia) omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to omission, it read as under:
 "(ia) "Category L1" means a motorcycle with maximum speed not exceeding 45 Km/h and engine capacity not exceeding 50cc if fitted with a thermic engine or motor power not exceeding 0.5 kilo watt if fitted with electric motor;"

5 Substituted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

6 Inserted vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

Semi-trailer may be attached, where,—

- (a) handle bar or steering wheel is fitted;
 - (b) gross vehicle weight is limited to 1,500 kg, subject to the conditions specified in clause (d);
 - (c) in the case of semi-trailers being attached to a three wheeled tractor, the gross combination weight be limited to 2,500 kg subject to the conditions specified in clause (d); and
 - (d) weight of traction batteries in the case of battery operated three wheelers shall not be taken into account for calculating the GVW or GCW and for the purpose of classification;
- (id) "Category L5-M" means a three wheeler passenger carrier (Auto-Rickshaw) on account of its technical features intended to carry passengers;
- ¹[(ie) "Category L2-5" means a three wheeled motor vehicle, with a 2 wheeler-3 wheeler combination module, constructed in such a way that a two-wheeled vehicle of category L2 is combined with a non-self-propelled rear module unit. It can be separated or combined, as and when required:
PROVIDED that at any point of time, either a two-wheeler of Category L2 or a three-wheeled vehicle of Category L5 can only be used;
- (if) "Category L2-5M" means a category L2-5 vehicle on account of technical features intended to carry passengers;
- (ig) "Category L2-5N" means a category L2-5 vehicle on account of technical features intended to carry goods:
PROVIDED that category L2-5 vehicle may fall under the category of L2-5M for passenger carrier or L2-5N for goods carriage, depending on the weight of persons including driver for whom seating arrangements are provided is more than or less than the weight of goods carried and this shall be as per conditions specified in IS 14272:2011, as amended from time to time for L5 category of vehicles;]
- (j) "Category L5-N" means a three wheeler goods carrier on account of its technical features intended to carry goods;
A three wheeler may fall under the category of 'L5-M-Passenger carrier (Auto rickshaw)' or 'L5-N-Goods Carriage' depending on the weight of persons including driver for whom seating arrangements are provided is more than or less than the weight of goods carried.
three wheeler may fall under the category of L5-N (Goods Carrier), if,—
- (a) a separate load body or compartment is provided for carrying the goods;
 - (b) the number of seating positions excluding the driver is not more than three; and
 - (c) the weight of goods carried by the vehicle is more than weight of persons carried, as calculated by following formula:

$$P-(A+B \times 68) > B \times 68$$

where
P = Technically permissible maximum laden weight (GVW) (kg)
A = Vehicle weight in the kerb weight condition (as defined in IS 9211:2003, as amended from time to time) + 68 kg. In the case of electric vehicles, the weight of traction batteries is to be subtracted from the kerb weight.
B = Number of seating positions excluding the driver;]

1 Inserted vide GSR 354(E), dt. 26-6-2024, w.e.f. 28-6-2024.

- (k) "Category M" means a motor vehicle with at least four wheels used for carrying passengers;
- (l) "Category M1" means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers, comprising not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat.
Note : Definitions of type of body work for motor vehicles of Category M1 shall be in accordance with ¹[Annex A of IS 14272:2011], as amended from ²[time to time. Certificates issued prior to the date of implementation of IS:14272:2011 in place of AIS:053:2005 shall continue to be valid];
- (m) "Category M2" means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers, comprising nine or more seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a maximum Gross Vehicle Weight not exceeding five tonnes;
- (n) "Category M3" means a motor vehicle used for carriage of passengers, comprising nine or more seats in addition to the driver's seat and having a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding five tonnes;
- (o) "Category N" means a motor vehicle with at least four wheels used for carrying goods which may also carry persons in addition to the goods subject to the conditions specified in para 3.2 of ³[IS 14272:2011], as amended from ⁴[time to time. Certificates issued prior to the date of implementation of IS:14272:2011 in place of AIS:053:2005 shall continue to be valid];
- (p) "Category N1" means a motor vehicle used for carriage of goods and having a Gross Vehicle Weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes;
- (q) "Category N2" means a motor vehicle used for carriage of goods and having a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 12 tonnes;
- (r) "Category N3" means a motor vehicle used for carriage of goods and having a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 12 tonnes;]
- ⁵(ra) "Category T" means a non-self propelled driven road vehicle, including a semi-trailer, having at least two wheels which, on account of its design and technical features, is used to transport persons or goods and is intended to be towed by a motor vehicle;
- (rb) "Category T1" means a category T vehicle having a maximum weight not exceeding 0.75 tonnes;
- (rc) "Category T2" means a category T vehicle having a maximum weight exceeding 0.75 tonnes but not exceeding 3.5 tonnes;
- (rd) "Category T3" means a category T vehicle having a maximum weight exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 10 tonnes;
- (re) "Category T4" means a category T vehicle having a maximum weight exceeding 10 tonnes;
- (rf) "Category T5" means a semi-trailer of category T vehicle intended to be drawn by a three-wheeled haulage tractor.]
Note : For the motor vehicles, additional details and definitions specified in ⁶[IS 14272:2011], as amended from ⁷[time to time. Certificates issued prior to the date of implementation of IS:14272:2011 in place of AIS:053:2005 shall continue to be valid] shall be applicable;]

1 Substituted for "Annexure-I of AIS 053: 2005" vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

2 Substituted for "time to time, till the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (63 of 1986)" vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

3 Substituted for "AIS 053-2005" vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

4 Substituted for "time to time, till the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (63 of 1986)" vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

5 Inserted vide GSR 409(E), dt. 18-6-2014, w.e.f. 18-6-2014.

6 Substituted for "AIS 053-2005" vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

7 Substituted for "time to time, till the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (63 of 1986)" vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

- ¹[(s) "Smart Card" means a device capable of storing data and executing commands, which is a microprocessor chip mounted on a plastic card and the dimensions of the card and chip are specified in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/International Electro Technical Commission (IEC) 7816 specifications, as may be amended from time to time, and shall be as per the specifications specified in Annexure-XI.

Explanation : For the purposes of this clause, microprocessor chip shall have non-volatile rewritable memory capacity of minimum ²[64 Kilo Byte] consisting of application data, file headers, security definitions, and a maximum of 350 bytes for Operating System Interfacing, as specified by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways from time to time for Driving Licence and Registration Certificate applications;]

- ³[(t) "International Driving Permit" means the licence issued by a licensing authority in India under Chapter II of the Act to an Indian National authorising the person specified therein to drive any categories of motor vehicles as specified in Form 6A in the areas or territories of countries other than India ⁴[that are parties to the Convention on Road Traffic signed at Geneva on 19-9-1949];]

- ⁵[(u) "Battery Operated Vehicle" means a vehicle adapted for use upon roads and powered exclusively by an electric motor whose traction energy is supplied exclusively by traction battery installed in the vehicle:

⁶[PROVIDED that a two wheeled battery operated vehicle shall not be deemed to be a motor vehicle if all the following conditions are verified and authorised by any testing agency specified in rule 126, namely:—

- (a) vehicle is equipped with an electric motor having thirty minute power less than 0.25 kW;
- (b) maximum speed of the vehicle is less than 25 km/hr;
- (c) vehicle is fitted with suitable brakes and retro-reflective devices, i.e. one white reflector in the front and one red reflector at the rear;
- (d) unladen weight (excluding battery weight) of the vehicle is not more than 60 kg;
- (e) in case of pedal assisted vehicle equipped with an auxiliary electric motor, in addition to above, the thirty minute power of the motor is less than 0.25 kW, whose output is progressively reduced and finally cut off as the vehicle reaches a speed of 25 km/hr, or sooner, if the cyclist stops pedalling.]

Explanation : The thirty minute power of the motor is defined in AIS:049:2003 and method of verification is prescribed in AIS:041:2003, till the corresponding BIS specifications are notified under the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986 (63 of 1986);

1 Substituted by CMV (IIIrd Amdt.) Rules, 2004 vide GSR 513(E), dt. 10-8-2004, w.e.f. 9-9-2004.

2 Substituted for "4 Kilo Byte" vide GSR 504(E), dt. 15-6-2010, w.e.f. 15-6-2010.

3 Inserted vide GSR 720(E), dt. 10-9-2003, w.e.f. 10-10-2003.

4 Substituted for "but excluding the countries with whom there are no diplomatic relations" vide GSR 276(E), dt. 10-4-2007, w.e.f. 10-4-2007.

5 Inserted vide GSR 589(E), dt. 16-9-2005, w.e.f. 16-9-2005.

6 Substituted vide GSR 291(E), dt. 24-4-2014, w.e.f. 24-4-2014. Prior to substitution, proviso read as under: "PROVIDED that if the following conditions are verified and authorized by any testing agency specified in rule 126, the battery operated vehicle shall not be deemed to be a motor vehicle:—
(i) the thirty minute power of the motor is less than 0.25 kW;
(ii) the maximum speed of the vehicle is less than 25 km/h;
(iii) bi-cycles with pedal assistance which are—(a) equipped with an auxiliary electric motor having a thirty minute power less than 0.25 kW, whose output is progressively reduced and finally cut off as the vehicle reaches a speed of 25km/h, or sooner, if the cyclist stops pedalling; and (b) fitted with suitable brakes and retro-reflective devices, i.e. one white reflector in the front and one red reflector at the rear."

- (v) "Power tiller" means an agricultural machinery used for soil preparation having a single axle in which the direction of travel and its control for field operation is performed by the operator walking behind it. This equipment may or may not have a riding attachment and when coupled to a trailer can be used for the transportation of goods. The maximum speed of the power tiller when coupled to a trailer, shall not exceed 22 km/h. The maximum haulage capacity of the power tiller coupled to a trailer shall not exceed 1.5 tonnes;]
- ¹[(w) "National Capital Region" shall have the meaning assigned to it in clause (f) of section 2 of the National Capital Region Planning Board Act, 1985 (2 of 1985);]
- ²[(x) "modular hydraulic trailer" means a trailer module intended for carrying indivisible heavy or over-dimensional cargo and having the following features, namely:—
- (i) swing axles with hydraulic suspension;
 - (ii) independently steerable axles;
 - (iii) two or more axle rows;
 - (iv) suitable arrangement for joining such modules longitudinally or laterally or both;
 - (v) suitable provision for joining such separate modules with spacer beam arrangement or by bolster arrangement or by girder bridge arrangement or by loading deck arrangement;
 - (vi) suitable drawbar arrangement for being pulled or pushed or self propelled.

Explanation : For the purpose of this clause, the expressions,—

- (I) "spacer beam arrangement" shall mean the arrangement of rigid steel frame used for joining two separate modular hydraulic trailer units to form a single rigid chassis for movement of long cargo;
 - (II) "bolster arrangement" shall mean the arrangement of two separate units of modular hydraulic trailer mounted with turn tables and the cargo rests on the turn tables, whereby cargo structure itself acts as long member of trailer chassis;
 - (III) "girder bridge arrangement" shall mean the arrangement of two separate units of modular hydraulic trailers mounted with turn tables, and cargo is placed on a steel girder, which is then mounted on modular hydraulic trailer, whereby the steel girder acts as the long member of the trailer chassis;
 - (IV) "loading deck arrangement" shall mean the arrangement of two separate units of modular hydraulic trailers mounted with turn tables, and cargo is placed on a loading deck, which is then mounted on both modular hydraulic trailers, whereby the loading deck acts as the long member of the modular hydraulic trailer chassis;
- (vii) fitted with suitable braking system;

1 Inserted vide GSR 37(E), dt. 20-1-2009, w.e.f. 20-1-2009.

2 Inserted vide GSR 212(E), dt. 20-3-2015, w.e.f. 1-4-2015.

- ¹[(xa) "Portal" means a web or electronic based system set up and maintained by the Central Government for—
- (i) facilitating licensing, registration, issuance of certificate of fitness and permits of motor vehicles;
 - (ii) recording of offences including compounding, impounding, making endorsements, suspension and revocation of licenses and registrations;
 - (iii) issuance of e-challan;
 - (iv) preserving, retaining and granting access to machine readable, printable, shareable, verifiable and secure electronic records.]
- (y) "puller tractor" means a multi-axle haulage tractor of Category N3 vehicle having—
- (i) suitable arrangement to pull or push modular hydraulic trailer or combination thereof under drawbar arrangement;
 - (ii) adequate ballast weight for providing traction;
 - (iii) minimum engine power of 260 hp; and
 - (iv) maximum speed not exceeding twenty-five kilometre per hour while pulling load;]
- ²[(z) "quadricycle" means a four wheeled vehicle and having the following features, namely:—
- (i) fully enclosed body structure with doors and having steering control through steering wheel with the top edge of the doors having at least 200 mm from adjacent seat base top surface;
 - (ii) with sides and top not made of flexible material such as resin, cloth, plastic etc.;
 - (iii) for goods vehicle, cargo body internal area not less than 30% of the vehicle's width multiplied by its length;
- ³[(iv) Maximum permissible kerb weight for the purpose of classification shall not exceed 475 kg in case of passenger vehicle and 550 kg in case of goods vehicle;]
- (v) maximum seating capacity of four (including driver) in case of passenger vehicle and two (including driver) in case of goods vehicle with independent seats provided for the driver and co-passenger in the front row in the case of both passenger vehicle and goods vehicle;
 - (vi) maximum permissible pay load of 550 kg. in case of goods vehicles;
 - (vii) maximum permissible propulsion power of 15 kW of the prime mover be 15 kW, when tested as per Chapter 1 of Part IV of MoSRTTH/TAP 115-116 as amended from time to time for Compression Ignition engines and battery operated vehicles and as per IS 14599-1999 for Spark Ignition engines;
 - (viii) maximum design speed of 70 km per hour; and
 - (ix) not having trailers or any provision of coupling a semi-trailer.
- Explanation* : For the purpose of clause (iv), ⁴[the weight shall not include,—
- (a) Mass of batteries in the case of electric or hybrid vehicles,
 - (b) Mass of gaseous fuel system including tanks for gaseous fuel storage in the case of mono-fuel, bi-fuel or multi-fuel vehicle.]

1 Inserted vide GSR 584(E), dt. 25-9-2020, w.e.f. 1-10-2020.

2 Inserted vide GSR 99(E), dt. 19-2-2014, w.e.f. 1-10-2014.

3 Substituted vide GSR 518(E), dt. 1-6-2018, w.e.f. 1-6-2018. Prior to substitution, sub-clause (iv) read as under: "(iv maximum permissible kerb weight of 450 kg in case of passenger vehicle and 550 kg in case of goods vehicle;"

4 Substituted for "kerb weight does not include mass of batteries in the case of electric/hybrid vehicles." vide GSR 518(E), dt. 1-6-2018, w.e.f. 1-6-2018.

- ¹[(za) "Motor Caravan" means a special purpose category M vehicle constructed to include living accommodation which contains at least the following equipment:—
- (i) seats and table;
 - (ii) sleeping accommodation which may be converted from the seats;
 - (iii) cooking facilities; and
 - (iv) storage facilities,
- which shall be rigidly fixed to the living compartment:
PROVIDED that the table may be designed to be easily removable;
- (zb) "Road Ambulance" means a specially equipped and ergonomically designed vehicle for transportation and/or emergent treatment of sick or injured people and capable of providing out of hospital medical care during transit or when stationary, commensurate with its designated level of care when appropriately staffed;
- (zc) "School Bus" means a vehicle with a seating capacity of thirteen passengers and above excluding driver designed and constructed specially for school going children;
- ²[(zd) "Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)" means a motor vehicle so constructed or altered to serve as a specific transportation requirement of goods or passenger ³[transport;]]]
- ⁴[(ze) "new model" of a motor vehicle means a vehicle model which obtains the Type Approval Certificate from any of the test agency notified under rule 126 or after the date of commencement of any new rule for which separate date is given for the new model and which shall conform to the requirements of that new rule;
- (zf) "existing model" of a motor vehicle means a vehicle model which has already been Type Approved prior to the earliest date of implementation of the new rule and those "existing models" shall be allowed to meet the requirements of the new rule on and from a different date, as notified in the new rule for existing models.]
- ⁵[(ze) "unpaid user fee" means the user fee payable by a motor vehicle for use of a section of a National Highway, where the Electronic Toll Collection Infrastructure has recorded the passage of such vehicle but has not received the applicable user fee levied under the provisions of section 7 of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) and rules made thereunder;]

CHAPTER II

LICENSING OF DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES

General

3. General

The provisions of sub-section (1) of section 3 shall not apply to a person while receiving instructions or gaining experience in driving with the object of presenting himself for a test of competence to drive, so long as—

- (a) such person is the holder of an effective learner's licence issued to him in Form 3 to drive the vehicle;

¹ Inserted vide GSR 868(E), dt. 8-9-2016, w.e.f. 8-9-2016.

² Substituted vide GSR 596(E), dt. 26-8-2021, w.e.f. 27-8-2021.

³ Substituted for "transport." vide GSR 28(E), dt. 13-1-2026, w.e.f. 14-1-2026.

⁴ Inserted vide GSR 834(E), dt. 11-11-2025, w.e.f. 12-11-2025.

⁵ Inserted vide GSR 28(E), dt. 13-1-2026, w.e.f. 14-1-2026.

Note : Clause (ze) and (zf) have already been inserted w.e.f. 12-11-2025.

- (b) such person is accompanied by an instructor holding an effective driving licence to drive the vehicle and such instructor is sitting in such a position as to control or stop the vehicle; and
- (c) there is painted, in the front and the rear of the vehicle or on a plate or card affixed to the front and the rear, the letter "L" in red on a white background as under:

L

Note : The painting on the vehicle or on the plate or card shall not be less than 18 centimetres square and the letter "L" shall not be less than 10 centimetres high, 2 centimetres thick and 9 centimetres wide at the bottom:

PROVIDED that a person, while receiving instructions or gaining experience in driving a motorcycle (with or without a side-car attached), shall not carry any other person on the motorcycle except for the purpose and in the manner referred to in clause (b).

¹**4. Evidence as to the correctness of address and age**

Every applicant for the issue of a licence under this Chapter shall produce as evidence of his address and age, any one or more of the following documents in original or relevant extracts thereof duly ²[self attested], namely:—

- ³[1. x x x]
- ⁴[1A. Aadhaar Card,
 - 2. Electoral roll,
 - 3. Life insurance policy,
- ⁵[3A. xxx]
 - 4. Passport,
 - [5. Omitted vide GSR 221(E), dt. 28-3-2001, w.e.f. 28-3-2001]
 - ⁶[6. Pay slip issued by any office of the Central Government or a State Government or a local body,]
 - [7. Omitted vide GSR 221(E), dt. 28-3-2001]
 - 8. School certificate,
 - 9. Birth certificate,
 - 10. Certificate granted by a registered medical practitioner not below the rank of a civil surgeon, as to the age of the applicant,
 - ⁷[11. Any other document or documents as may be prescribed by the State Government under clause (k) of section 28,]
 - ⁸[12. Proof of legal presence in India in addition to proof of residence in case of foreigners:]

¹ Substituted vide GSR 338(E) dt. 26-3-1993, w.e.f. 26-3-1993.

² Substituted for "attested by a gazetted officer of the Central Government or of a State Government or an officer of a local body who is equivalent in rank of a gazetted officer of the Government or Village Administration Officer or Municipal Corporation Councillor or Panchayat President" vide GSR 168(E), dt. 3-3-2015, w.e.f. 3-3-2015.

³ Words "Ration card" omitted vide GSR 589(E), dt. 16-9-2005, w.e.f. 16-9-2005.

⁴ Inserted vide GSR 243(E), dt. 20-3-2018, w.e.f. 1-4-2018.

⁵ Omitted vide GSR 76(E), dt. 31-1-2000.

⁶ Inserted vide GSR 1192(E), dt. 10-12-2018, w.e.f. 11-12-2018.

⁷ Inserted vide GSR 589(E), dt. 16-9-2005, w.e.f. 16-9-2005.

⁸ Inserted vide GSR 276(E), dt. 10-4-2007, w.e.f. 10-4-2007.

PROVIDED that where the applicant is not able to produce any of the abovementioned documents for sufficient reason, the licensing authority may accept any affidavit sworn by the applicant before an Executive Magistrate, or a First Class Judicial Magistrate or a Notary Public as evidence of age and address.]

5. Medical certificate

¹[(1) Every application for the issue of a learner's licence or a driving licence or for making addition of another class or description of a motor vehicle to a driving licence or for renewal of a driving licence to drive a vehicle other than a transport vehicle shall ²[include] a self declaration as to the physical fitness as ³[appended to Form 2] and every such application for a licence to drive a transport vehicle shall ²[include] a medical certificate in Form 1-A issued ⁴[electronically on the Portal] by a registered medical practitioner referred to in sub-section (3) of section 8:]

⁴[PROVIDED that every application for renewal of a driving license to drive a vehicle other than a transport vehicle shall be accompanied by a medical certificate in Form 1A issued electronically on the Portal by a registered medical practitioner referred to in sub-section (3) of section 8 of the Act, in case the applicant has attained the age of forty years.]

⁵[xxx]

(3) A medical certificate issued in Form 1A shall be valid for a period of ⁶[six months] from the date of its issue. It shall be accompanied by a passport size copy of the photograph of the applicant ¹[to be submitted electronically on the Portal].

⁴[(4) Every medical certificate issued by a registered medical practitioner referred to in sub-section (3) of section 8 of the Act in Form 1A, shall only be issued electronically on the Portal.]

6. Exemption from production of medical certificate

Any person who has, after the date of commencement of these rules, produced a medical certificate in connection with the obtaining of a learner's licence or a driving licence, whether for initial issuance or for renewal thereof, or for addition of another class of motor vehicles to his driving licence, shall not be required to produce a medical certificate, except where the application is made for the renewal of a driving licence.

7. Affixing of photograph to medical certificate

A photograph of the applicant shall be affixed at the appropriate place shown in Form 1A and the registered medical practitioner shall affix his signature and seal to the said photograph in such a manner that the signature and the seal appear partly on the photograph and partly on the form of the medical certificate.

⁷[xxx]

1 Substituted vide GSR 221(E), dt. 28-3-2001, w.e.f. 28-3-2001.

2 Substituted for "be accompanied by" vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

3 Substituted for "in Form 1" vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

4 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

5 Sub-rule (2) omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to omission, it read as under:

"(2) An application for a medical certificate shall contain a declaration in Form 1."

6 Substituted for "one year" vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

7 Omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to omission, rule 8 read as under:

"8. Minimum educational qualification for driving transport vehicles

The minimum educational qualification in respect of an applicant for obtaining a licence to drive a transport vehicle shall be a pass in the eighth standard:

PROVIDED that the minimum educational qualification specified in this rule shall not apply in the case of—

(i) renewal of a driving licence to drive a transport vehicle; or

(ii) addition of another class of transport vehicle to the driving licence, already held before the commencement of the Motor Vehicles (Amdt.) Rules, 2007."

¹[8A. Minimum training required for driving E-rickshaw or E-cart

Every applicant for obtaining a licence to drive E-rickshaw or E-cart shall undergo training for a period of at least ten days, the curriculum for which may be prescribed by the State Government and shall obtain a certificate of training from any institution authorised by the State Government.]

9. ²[Minimum training and language comprehension requirement] for drivers of goods carriages carrying dangerous or hazardous goods

³(1) One year from the date of commencement of Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 1993, any person driving a goods carriage carrying goods of dangerous or hazardous nature to human life shall, in addition to being the holder of a driving licence to drive a transport vehicle, also has the ability to read and write at least one Indian language out of those ⁴[specified in Schedule VIII of the Constitution] and English and also possesses a certificate of having successfully passed a course consisting of following syllabus and periodicity connected with the transport of such goods:

Period of training	3 days
Place of training	At any institute recognised by the State Government

Syllabus

A. Defensive driving

Questionnaire	Duration of training for
Cause of accidents	A and B—1st and 2nd day
Accidents statistics	
Driver's personal fitness	
Car condition	
Braking distance	
Highway driving	
Road/Pedestrian crossing	
Railway crossing	
Adapting to weather	
Head-on collision	
Rear-end collision	
Night driving	
Films and discussion	

B. Advanced driving skills and training

(i) Discussion

Before starting	—Check list
	—outside/below/near vehicle
	—product side
	—inside vehicle
During driving	—Correct speed/gear
	—signalling
	—lane control

1 Substituted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

2 Substituted for "Educational qualifications" vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

3 Substituted vide GSR 338(E) dt. 26-3-1993, w.e.f. 26-3-1993.

4 Substituted for "specified in Schedule VII of the Constitution" vide GSR 221(E), dt. 28-3-2001, w.e.f. 28-3-2001.

	—overtaking/giving side	
	—speed limit/safe distance	
	—driving on slopes	
Before stopping	—safe stopping place, signalling, road width, condition	
After stopping	—preventing vehicle movement	
	—wheel clocks	
	—vehicle attendance	
Night driving	—mandatory lighting requirements	
	—headlamp alignment	
	—use of dipped beam	
(ii) Field test training	—1 driver at a time	
C. Product safety	—UN classification	Duration
UN Panel	—Hazchem Code	of training
	—Toxicity,	for (C)
	flammability, other definitions	third day
Product information	—Tremcards	
	—CIS/MSDS	
	—Importance of temperature pressure, level	
	—Explosive limits	
	—Knowledge about equipment	
Emergency procedure	—Communication	
	—Spillage handling	
	—Use of PPE	
	—Fire-fighting	
	—First aid	
	—Toxic release control	
	—Protection of wells, rivers, lakes, etc.	
	—Use of protective equipment	
	—Knowledge about valves, etc.]	

(2) The holder of a driving licence possessing ¹[xxx] the certificate referred to in sub-rule (1), shall make an application in writing on a plain paper along with his driving licence and the relevant certificate to ²[any licensing authority in the State in which] he resides for making necessary entries in his driving licence and if the driving licence is in Form 7, the application shall be accompanied by the fee ³[as specified in the Table in rule 32].

(3) The licensing authority, on receipt of the application referred to in sub-rule (2), shall make an endorsement in the driving licence of the applicant to the effect that he is authorised to drive a goods carriage carrying goods of dangerous or hazardous nature to human life.

(4) A licensing authority other than the original licensing authority making any such endorsement shall communicate the fact to the original licensing authority.]

¹ Words “the minimum educational qualification or” omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

² Substituted for “the licensing authority in whose jurisdiction” vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

³ Substituted for “as is referred to in Sl. No. 8 of the Table to rule 32” vide GSR 1183(E), dt. 29-12-2016, w.e.f. 29-12-2016.

*Learner's Licence***10. Application for learner s licence**

An application for the grant ¹[x x x] of a learner's licence shall be made in Form 2 and shall be accompanied by ²[the following documents and fees, submitted electronically on a Portal, either accessed by the applicant himself or with the help of a Facilitation Centre]—

- ³(a) a medical certificate in Form 1A in case of an application for learner's licence to drive a transport vehicle;
- (b) ⁴[xxx] the applicant's recent passport size photograph;
- (c) appropriate fee as specified in rule 32;
- ⁵(d) in the case of an application for transport vehicle excluding E-rickshaw or E-cart, the driving licence held by the applicant;
- ⁶(e) proof of residence ²[and age];
- ⁷[xxx] ⁸(h) in case of an application for a learner's licence to drive an adapted vehicle, a medical certificate in Form 1A along with a certificate of disability, if any.]

⁹[11. Conditions to be satisfied for learner s licence

¹⁰[(1) Within seven days of submitting an application under rule 10, every applicant for a learner's licence shall complete a tutorial on safe driving, electronically on a Portal, either accessed by the applicant himself or with the help of a Facilitation Centre.]

(2) The tutorial on safe driving shall contain information on the following matters, namely:—

- (a) the traffic signs, traffic signals and the rules of the road regulations made under section 118 of the Act;
- (b) the duties of a driver when his vehicle is involved in an accident resulting in the death or bodily injury to a person or damage to property of a third party;
- (c) the precautions to be taken while passing an unmanned railway crossing;
- (d) the documents he should carry with him while driving a motor vehicle;
- ¹¹[(e) knowledge and understanding of fuel efficient driving technique.]

(3) After undertaking the tutorial on safe driving, every applicant shall undertake a test within seven days of submitting an application under rule 10, electronically on a Portal, subject to availability, either accessed by the applicant himself or with the help

1 Words "or renewal" omitted vide GSR 276(E), dt. 10-4-2007, w.e.f. 10-4-2007.

2 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

3 Substituted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to substitution, clause (a) read as under: "(a) save as otherwise provided in rule 6, a medical certificate in Form 1A;"

4 Words "three copies of" omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

5 Substituted vide GSR 27(E), dt. 13-1-2015, w.e.f. 13-1-2015.

6 Inserted vide GSR 276(E), dt. 10-4-2007, w.e.f. 10-4-2007.

7 Clauses (f) & (g) omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to omission, clauses (f) & (g) read as under:

"(f) proof of age;

(g) proof of citizenship."

8 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

9 Substituted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

10 Substituted vide GSR 714(E), dt. 20-9-2022, w.e.f. 20-9-2022. Prior to substitution, sub-rule (1) read as under: "(1) Within seven days of submitting an application under rule 10, every applicant for a learner's licence shall complete a tutorial on safe driving, electronically on a Portal, either accessed by the applicant himself or with the help of a Facilitation Centre."

11 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

of a Facilitation Centre consisting of questions of objective type as specified in Annexure VI, to test the applicant's knowledge and understanding of the matters specified in sub-rule (2).

(4) Applicant shall be deemed to have successfully passed the test specified under sub-rule (3), if the applicant correctly answers at least 60 per cent. of the questions put to him.

(5) Nothing contained in sub-rules (1) and (3) shall apply to the following class of applicants, namely:—

- (a) the holder of an effective driving licence;
- (b) the holder of a driving licence which has expired;
- (c) the holder of a learner's licence issued or reissued prior to the commencement of these rules;
- (d) the holder of a certificate to the effect of the possession of adequate knowledge and understanding of the matters referred to in rule 24, issued by any driving school or establishment referred to in section 12 of the Act.]

12. Consent of parent or guardian in the case of application by minor

In the case of an application for a learner's licence to drive a ¹[motorcycle without gear] by an applicant under the proviso to sub-section (1) of section 4, the application shall be signed by the parent or guardian of the applicant.

²**13. Form of learner's licence**

(1) Subject to sub-section (4) of section 8 of the Act, every learner's licence shall be issued electronically by the licensing authority in printable Form 3, immediately upon the successful satisfaction of the conditions specified under rule 11.

(2) Pursuant to sub-section (6) of section 8 of the Act, learner's license may be issued in electronic form by the licensing authority after verifying the identity of the applicant through e-signature as specified under the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000) or verified by any other mode of signature or verification as notified by the Central Government.]

Driving Licence

14. Application for a driving licence

³(1) An application for a driving license shall be made in Form 4 and shall be accompanied by—

- (a) an effective learner's license to drive the vehicle of the type to which the application relates;

1 Substituted for "motor cycle with engine capacity not exceeding 50 cc" vide GSR 76(E), dt. 31-1-2000, w.e.f. 31-1-2000.

2 Substituted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

3 Substituted vide GSR 714(E), dt. 20-9-2022, w.e.f. 20-9-2022. Prior to substitution, sub-rule (1) read as under:
 "(1) An application for a driving licence shall be made in Form 2 and shall be accompanied by—
 (a) an effective learner's licence to drive the vehicle of the type to which the application relates;
 (b) appropriate fee as specified in rule 32, for the test, or the subsequent test, as the case may be, of competence to drive for each class and for issue of licence;
 (c) the applicant's recent passport size photograph;
 (d) save as otherwise provided in rule 6, a medical certificate in Form 1A in case of an application for license to drive a transport vehicle;
 (e) in case of an application for driving license to drive a transport vehicle, a driving certificate in Form 5 issued by the school or establishment from where the applicant received instruction, if any;
 (f) proof of residence and age;
 (g) proof of age;
 (h) proof of citizenship."

- (b) appropriate fee as specified in rule 32, for the test, or the subsequent test, as the case may be, of competence to drive for each class and for issue of licence;
- (c) the applicant's recent passport size photograph;
- (d) save as otherwise provided in rule 6, a medical certificate in Form 1A in case of an application for license to drive a transport vehicle;
- (e) in the case of an application for driving license to drive a transport vehicle, a driving certificate in Form 5 issued by the school or establishment from where the applicant received instruction, if any;
- (f) proof of residence and age;
- (g) certificate from Accredited Driver Training Centre in Form 5B as per rule 31E, if any.]

¹[(2) An application for an International Driving permit shall be made online through the portal *www.parivahan.gov.in* in Form 4A ²[electronically, either accessed by the applicant himself or with the help of a Facilitation Centre, or otherwise] and shall be accompanied by:—

- (a) valid driving licence issued by the licensing authority under these rules;
- (b) appropriate fee as specified in rule 32;
- (c) ³[xxx] the applicant's recent passport photograph;
- (d) valid proof of Indian Nationals;
- (e) valid proof of passport;]

⁴[(f) Certificate from accredited driver training Center in Form 5B as per rule 31E, if any.]

15. Driving test

(1) No person shall appear for the test of competence to drive unless he has held a learner's licence for a period of at least thirty days ²[, except in case of a test of competence required for renewal of driving license].

²[(1A) No person shall appear for the test of competence to drive an adapted vehicle unless he brings a duly registered adapted vehicle for the driving test.]

(2) The test of competence to drive referred to in sub-section (3) of section 9 shall be conducted by the licensing authority or such other person as may be authorised in this behalf by the State Government in a vehicle of the type to which the application relates:

⁵[PROVIDED that the holder of certificate in Form 5B shall be exempted from requirement of driving test.]

- (3) The applicant shall satisfy the person conducting the test that he is able to—
- (a) adjust the ⁶[rear-view mirror or device for indirect vision];
 - (b) take suitable precautions before starting the engine;
 - (c) move away safely and smoothly straight ahead at an angle, while at the same time engaging all gears until the top gear is reached;
 - (d) to change to the lower gears quickly from the top gear when the traffic conditions warrant such change;

1 Substituted vide GSR 15(E), dt. 7-1-2021, w.e.f. 15-2-2021.

2 Inserted vide GSR 276(E), dt. 10-4-2007, w.e.f. 10-4-2007.

3 Words "three copies of" omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

4 Inserted vide GSR 394(E), dt. 7-6-2021, w.e.f. 1-7-2021.

5 Inserted vide GSR 394(E), dt. 7-6-2021, w.e.f. 1-7-2021.

6 Substituted for "rear-view mirror" vide GSR 38(E), dt. 15-1-2024, w.e.f. 15-1-2024.

- (e) change quickly to lower gears when driving downhill;
- (f) stop and re-start the vehicle on a steep upward incline making proper use of the hand-brake or of the throttle and the foot-brake without any rolling back, turn right and left corners correctly and make proper use of the ¹[rear-view mirror or device for indirect vision] before signalling;
- (g) overtake, allow to be overtaken, meet or cover the path of other vehicles safely and take an appropriate course of the road with proper caution giving appropriate signals;
- (h) give appropriate traffic signals at the appropriate time, in clear and unmistakable manner by hand or by electrical indicators fitted to the vehicle;
- (i) change the lanes with proper signals and with due care;
- (j) stop the vehicle in an emergency or otherwise, and in the latter case, bring it to rest at an appropriate course on the road safely, giving appropriate signals;
- (k) in the case of vehicle having a reverse gear, driving the vehicle backwards, reverse it into a limited opening either to the right or left under control and with reasonable accuracy;
- (l) cause the vehicle to face in the opposite direction by means of forward and reverse gears;
- (m) take correct and prompt action on the signals given by traffic signs, traffic lights, traffic controllers, policemen and take appropriate action on signs given by other road users;
- (n) act correctly at pedestrian crossings, which are not regulated by traffic lights or traffic police, by giving preference to persons crossing the roads;
- (o) keep well to the left in normal driving;
- (p) regulate speed to suit varying road and traffic conditions;
- (q) demonstrate general control of the vehicle by confident steering and smooth gear changing and braking as and when necessary;
- (r) make proper use of the ¹[[rear-view mirror or device for indirect vision] before signalling, beginning manoeuvring, moving away, altering the course to overtake, turning right or stopping;
- (s) use the proper side when driving straight, turning right, turning left and at junction of the road;
- (t) make proper use of accelerator, clutch, gears, brakes (hand and foot) steering and horn;
- (u) anticipate the actions of pedestrians, drivers of other vehicles and cyclists;
- (v) take precautions at cross roads and on road junctions with regard to—
 - (i) adjustment of speed on approach,
 - (ii) proper use of ¹[rear-view mirror or device for indirect vision],
 - (iii) correct positioning of the vehicle before and after turning to the right or left,
 - (iv) avoidance of cutting right hand corners,
 - (v) looking right, left and right again before crossing or emerging;
- (w) concentrate in driving without his attention being distracted and to demonstrate the presence of mind;
- (x) show courtesy and consideration for the safety and convenience of other road users, such as pedestrians, drivers of other motor vehicles or cyclists.

1 Substituted for "rear-view mirror" vide GSR 38(E), dt. 15-1-2024, w.e.f. 15-1-2024.

16. Form of driving licence

(1) Every driving licence issued or renewed by a licensing authority shall be ¹[in form of a laminated card type without a chip or Smart Card type in Form 7 conforming to the specifications stipulated in Annexure XI].

(2) Where the licensing authority has the necessary apparatus, ²[for the issue of a ³[laminated card type or Smart Card type driving licence, such] card type or Smart Card type driving licence, as may be specified in the Notification issued by the concerned State Government or Union Territory Administration,] shall be in Form 7.

⁴[(3) On and from the date of commencement of this sub-rule, every driving licence issued or renewed by the licensing authority shall be in Form 7.]

⁵[(4) Every International Driving Permit issued by a licensing authority shall be ⁶[issued either electronically or otherwise] in Form 6A and shall be valid for a period of not more than one year from the date of issue, as the case may be, or till the validity of the driving licence, whichever is earlier.

(5) The automobile associations authorised by the State Government/Union Territory Administration shall be allowed to issue International Driving Permit to their own members as also others subject to counter signature by competent authority.]

⁷[(6) Every driving licence issued or renewed by a licensing authority to drive an E-rickshaw or E-cart shall be valid for a period of not more than three years from the date of issue, as the case may be, or till the validity of the driving licence, whichever is earlier.]

17. Addition to driving licence

(1) An application for addition of another class or description of motor vehicle to the driving licence shall be made in ⁸[Form 2] to the licensing authority and shall be accompanied by—

- (a) an effective learner's licence and driving licence held by the applicant;
- ⁹[(b) the driving certificate in Form 5, in the case of an application for addition of a transport vehicle excluding E-rickshaw or E-cart:]
 - ¹⁰[PROVIDED that on and after the 1st day of July, 2018, an application for addition of heavy goods vehicle or heavy passenger motor vehicle, as the case may be, shall be accompanied by driving certificate in Form 5A;]
- (c) [Omitted by GSR 933(E) dt. 28-10-1989]
- (d) appropriate fee as specified in rule 32.
- ¹¹[(e) save as otherwise provided in rule 6, a medical certificate in Form 1A in case of an application for addition to license to drive a transport vehicle.]

1 Substituted for "Form 6" vide GSR 174(E), dt. 1-3-2019, w.e.f. 1-10-2019.

2 Substituted for "for the issue of a laminated card type driving licence, such card type driving licence" vide GSR 400(E), dt. 31-5-2002, w.e.f. 31-5-2002.

3 Words "laminated card type or Smart Card type driving licence, such" shall be substituted vide GSR 174(E), dt. 1-3-2019, w.e.f. 1-10-2019 by the following:
"Smart Card type driving licence, such"

4 Sub-rule (3) shall be omitted vide GSR 174(E), dt. 1-3-2019, w.e.f. 1-10-2019.

5 Inserted vide GSR 720(E), dt. 10-9-2003, w.e.f. 10-10-2003.

6 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

7 Inserted vide GSR 709(E), dt. 8-10-2014, w.e.f. 8-10-2014.

8 Substituted for "Form 8" vide GSR 243(E), dt. 20-3-2018, w.e.f. 1-4-2018.

9 Substituted vide GSR 27(E), dt. 13-1-2015, w.e.f. 13-1-2015.

10 Inserted vide GSR 454(E), dt. 15-5-2018, w.e.f. 15-5-2018.

11 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

(2) The provisions of sub-section (1), sub-section (3) and sub-section (4) of section 9 shall, insofar as may be, apply in relation to an application under sub-section (1) as they apply in relation to an application for the grant of a driving licence.

¹[(3) Pursuant to sub-section (2) of section 11 of the Act, the license with additions may be issued by the licensing authority after verifying the identity of the applicant through e-signature as specified under the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000 (21 of 2000) or verified by any other mode of signature or verification as notified by the Central Government.]

¹[17A. Permanently surrendering a class or classes of vehicles from the driving licence

(1) Any person holding a driving license to drive one or more classes of motor vehicles, whether effective or expired, may apply, to any licensing authority in the State in which he resides or carries on business, for permanently surrendering a class or classes of vehicles from the driving license, in Form 8 along with the driving licence held by the applicant and appropriate fee as specified in rule 32.

(2) Within seven days from the receipt of the application under sub-rule (1), the licensing authority shall delete the class or classes of motor vehicle from the applicant's driving license, for which the application has been made.

(3) For the purposes of surrendering a class or classes of motor vehicles for which the license has expired, its renewal shall not be required.]

18. Renewal of driving licence

(1) An application for the renewal of a driving licence shall be made in ²[Form 2] to ³[any licensing authority in the State] in which the applicant ordinarily resides or carries on business and shall be accompanied by—

(a) appropriate fee as specified in rule 32;

⁴[(b) applicant's recent passport size photograph;]

(c) the driving licence;

⁵[(d) in the case of an application for renewal of license to drive a transport vehicle the medical certificate in Form 1A or in the case of an application for renewal of license to drive a non-transport vehicle if the applicant has attained the age of forty years;]

⁶[(e) a certificate in Form 5A if renewal is for a licence to drive a heavy goods vehicle and a heavy passenger motor vehicle.]

(2) Where the driving licence authorises the holder of such licence to drive a transport vehicle as well as any other vehicle, then the licensing authority shall, subject to the production of medical certificate, renew such licence for the appropriate period as specified in sub-section (2) of section 14.

⁷[(3) Where the licensing authority renewing the driving licence is not the licensing authority who issued the driving licence the fact of the renewal shall be intimated to the licensing authority who issued the driving licence:

1 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

2 Substituted for "Form 9" vide GSR 243(E), dt. 20-3-2018, w.e.f. 1-4-2018.

3 Substituted for "the licensing authority having jurisdiction over the area" vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

4 Substituted vide GSR 174(E), dt. 1-3-2019, w.e.f. 1-10-2019.

5 Substituted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to substitution, clause (d) read as under: "(d) the medical certificate in Form 1A;"

6 Inserted vide GSR 440(E), dt. 21-6-2019, w.e.f. 21-6-2019.

7 Inserted vide GSR 276(E), dt. 10-4-2007, w.e.f. 10-4-2007.

¹[PROVIDED that recording of the renewal of driving license on the Portal for driving license or the Portal for National Register of Driving License shall be deemed to be sufficient intimation to the licensing authority who issued the driving license for the purpose of sub-rule (3).]

²[(4) If the application for renewal of a driving license is made after the date of its expiry, the licensing authority shall not require an effective learner's license to drive the vehicle of the type to which the application relates.]

³**[18A. Issuance of duplicate driving licence**

In case of an application for issuance of a duplicate driving licence which has been lost, torn or mutilated such that the identification or authenticity of the document cannot be reasonably established, the licensing authority receiving such application shall, in case the driving license details are available on the Portal, issue the duplicate driving licence:

PROVIDED that if the driving license details are not available on the Portal, the licensing authority receiving the application for issuance of a duplicate driving license shall issue the driving license on confirmation from the original licensing authority, electronically through the Portal.]

19. Refund of fee

Where the licensing authority rejects an application for the renewal of a driving licence under sub-section (5) of section 15, it shall refund half of the fee paid for such renewal to the applicant, on an application made by him in that behalf not later than thirty days from the date of receipt of the order rejecting the application.

20. Driving licence to drive motor vehicle belonging to the Defence Department

The authorities for the purpose of sub-section (1) of section 18 shall be—

- (i) all the officers-commanding of Units of Army of and above the rank of Major;
- (ii) all the officers-commanding of Units of Navy of and above the rank of Lieutenant Commander;
- (iii) all the officers-commanding of Units of Air Force of and above the rank of Squadron Leaders.

Disqualification

³**[21. Powers of licensing authority to disqualify**

(1) For the purpose of clause (f) of sub-section (1) of section 19 of the Act, the commission of the following acts by a holder of a driving licence shall constitute nuisance or danger to the public, namely:—

- (1) Theft of motor vehicle.
- (2) Assault on passengers.
- (3) Theft of personal effects of passengers.
- (4) Theft of goods carried in goods carriages.
- (5) Transport of goods prohibited under any law.
- (6) Driver while driving a transport vehicle, engages himself in activity which is likely to disturb his concentration.
- (7) Abduction of passengers.

1 Substituted for existing first and second provisos vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

2 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.

3 Substituted vide GSR 584(E), dt. 25-9-2020, w.e.f. 1-10-2020.

- (8) Carrying overload in goods carriages.
- ¹_[xxx] (10) Carrying persons in goods carriage, either inside the driver's cabin in excess of its capacity or on the vehicle, whether for hire or not.
- (11) Failing to comply with the provisions of section 134.
- (12) Failure to stop when signalled to do so by any person authorised to do so.
- (13) Misbehaviour with and showing discourtesy to passengers, intending passengers or consignors and consignees of goods.
- (14) Smoking while driving public service vehicles.
- (15) Abandoning vehicle in a public place causing inconvenience to other road users or to passengers in the vehicle.
- ²_[xxx] (17) Interfering with any person mounting or preparing to mount upon any other vehicle.
- (18) Allowing any person to sit or placing things in such a way as to impede the driver from having a clear vision of the road or proper control of the vehicle.
- (19) Not stopping a stage carriage at approved stopping places for a sufficient period of time in a safe and convenient position upon demand or signal of the conductor or any passenger desiring to alight from the vehicle and unless there is no room in the vehicle, upon demand or signal of any person desiring to become a passenger.
- (20) Loitering or unduly delaying any journey and not proceeding to the destination as near as may be in accordance with the time table pertaining to the vehicle, or, where there is no such time table, with all reasonable despatch.
- (21) Not driving a contract carriage, in the absence of a reasonable cause, to the destination named by the hirer by the shortest route.
- (22) The driver of a motor cab not accepting the first offer of hire which may be made to him irrespective of the length of the journey for which such offer is made.
- (23) The driver of a motor cab demanding or extracting any fare in excess to that to which he is legally entitled or refusing to ply motor cab.
- (24) Abandoning a transport vehicle as a mark of protest or agitation of any kind or strike in a public place or in any other place in a manner causing obstructions and inconvenience to the public or passengers or other users of such places.

(2) Details of driving licences disqualified or revoked by the licensing authority shall be recorded chronologically in the portal and such record shall be reflected on a regular basis on the portal.]

³[21A. **Placing names in public domain**

(1) Subject to sub-sections (2) and (3) of section 19, upon revocation of a driving licence by an order passed by the licensing authority under sub-section (1A) of section 19 of the Act,—

1 Omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to omission, clause (9) read as under:
“(9) Driving at speed exceeding the specified limit.”

2 Omitted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021. Prior to omission, clause (16) read as under:
“(16) Driving vehicle while under the influence of drink or drugs.”

3 Inserted vide GSR 240(E), dt. 31-3-2021, w.e.f. 1-4-2021.