

**To the Ministries of Interior, Road and Urban Development, Foreign Affairs, Health and Medical Education and the Islamic Republic of Iran's Disciplinary Police**

The Iranian Council of Ministers approved the National Driver's License Issuance Bylaw on 29 January, 2012, proposed by the Ministry of Interior and by virtue of Article 138 of the Islamic Republic of Iran's Constitution as follows:

**Driver's License Issuance Bylaw**

Article 1- Driving a Ground Motor Vehicle requires a valid Driver's License appropriate with the motor vehicle.

Note. The Iranian Traffic Police is responsible for issuing Driver's Licenses for Motor and Non-Motorized Ground Vehicles.

Article 2- Observing the following conditions, the Iranian Traffic Police issues different classes of Driver's Licenses:

A- The general conditions required to participate in the Motorcycle License Test and for the License issuance (for 200cc motorcycles) are:

1-To be 18 years of age or older;

2-To obtain a Physical and Mental Health Certificate from the competent medical authorities;

3-To obtain a Certificate of Theoretical and Practical Driving Training Course from the competent driver's license training schools;

4-To pass the Learner Driver Theory Test and Practical Driving Skills Test with a 200cc motorcycle.

B- The general conditions required to participate in the Class C Driver's License Test and for the license issue (motor vehicles with the maximum carrying capacity of 3.5 tons of goods or passenger vehicles containing up to *nine* seats, including the *driver's seat*) are:

1-To be 18 years of age or older;

2-To obtain a Physical and Mental Health Certificate from the competent medical authorities;

3-To obtain a Certificate of Practical Driving Training Course from the competent driver's license training schools;

4-To pass the Learner Driver Theory Test and Practical Driving Skills Test.

Note. In the case of Special Driver's Licenses, the type of the permitted motor vehicle shall be mentioned.

C- The general conditions required to participate in the Class B Driver's License Test and for the license issue (motor vehicles with the maximum carrying capacity of 6 tons of goods or

passenger vehicles containing up to 26 seats, including the *driver's seat*) are:

- 1-To be 23 years of age or older;
- 2-To have held Class C Driver's License for at least 2 years;
- 3-To obtain a Certificate of Practical Driving Training Course from the competent driver's license training schools;
- 4-To obtain a Physical and Mental Health Certificate from the competent medical authorities;
- 5-To pass the relevant Specialized Learner Driver Theory Test and Practical Driving Skills Test.

D- The general conditions required to participate in the Class A Driver's License Test and for the license issue (motor vehicles with the carrying capacity of +6 tons of goods or passenger vehicles containing +26 seats) are:

- 1-To be 25 years of age or older;
- 2-To have held Class B Driver's License for at least 2 years;
- 3-To obtain a Physical and Mental Health Certificate from the competent medical authorities;
- 4-To obtain a Certificate of Practical Driving Training Course from the competent driver's license training schools;
- 5-To pass the relevant Specialized Learner Driver Theory Test and Practical Driving Skills Test.

E- The general conditions required to participate in the Special Driver's License Test and for the license issue (heavy-duty, agricultural, industrial and construction-site vehicles) are:

1-To be 20 years of age or older;

2-To obtain a Physical and Mental Health Certificate from the competent medical authorities;

3-To obtain a Certificate of Practical Driving Training Course from the competent driver's license training schools;

4-To pass the relevant Specialized Learner Driver Theory Test and Practical Driving Skills Test.

Note. In the case of Special Driver's Licenses, the type of the permitted motor vehicle shall be mentioned.

Article 3- All Driver's Licenses shall be valid for ten years from the date of issue and would be re-extended for another ten years by approving the physical and mental health of the applicants. Those Driver's License holders who are 70 years of age or older shall refer to the Iranian Traffic Police every five years for their physical and mental health to be re-approved and to change the type and class of their Driver's Licenses if needed.

Article 4- Motorcycle and Class C License holders must abide by the restrictions and special circumstances imposed for the first year after the issuance of Driver's License. If they observe the restrictions and

the contents of the current Driving Code, their licenses will be valid for the maximum period mentioned in Article (3) of the present Code.

Note. Restrictions and limits imposed for holders of Motorcycle and Class C Driver's Licenses in the first year of issuance will be determined by the instruction drawn up by the Disciplinary Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran within three months after the introduction of the current Code and should be approved by the Minister of Interior.

Article 5- The Traffic Police, prior to issuance of Driver's Licenses, if needed, can call the applicants to re-participate and re-pass the Learner Driver Theory Test and Practical Driving Skills Test.

Article 6- Medical examination authorities as well as physical and mental health authentication regulations will be adopted and amended by the proposal of the Ministry of Health and Medical Education in a workgroup composed of representatives from the Ministry of Interior, Road and Urban Development, Health and Medical Education and Traffic Police.

Article 7- The Learner Driver Theory Test and Practical Driving Skills Test will be given in a computer-based or paper-and-pencil format. In specific circumstances, the traffic Police can give the Learner Driver Theory Test in an audio-format exam.

Article 8- Place of the examination and type of the motorcycle to verify applicants' practical driving skills will be decided by the Traffic Police in accordance with the type of applied Driver's License.

Article 9- Valid Driver's Licenses required for some specific motor vehicles shall be in accordance with the body and chassis of the motor vehicle and the type of the related Driver's License presented in the table of different types of Driver's Licenses subject to Article 13 of the present Code.

Article 10- Motorcycle Driver's License holders can drive +200cc motorcycles three years after the issuance of their Driver's License and when reaching 23 years of age.

Article 11- Holders of all types of Driver's Licenses, except for Motorcycle and Specific Driver's License holders, can drive all types of cars appropriate for the previous class. Driving the public transportation motor vehicles requires a Class A or B Driver's License, as the case may be.

Article 12- To drive crane-mounted motor vehicles, it is required to hold a Driver's License appropriate with the type and application of the motor vehicle, outlined in the table of different kinds of Driver's Licenses, subject to Article 13 of the present Code.

Article 13- Those Driver's Licenses issued according to the previous Code will be adjusted to the current Code as outlined in the following table:

- a. First Class (types "C" and "D") equals to Class A
- b. Second Class (and type B-2) equals Class B
- c. Type B-1 equals Class C
- d. Respecting Article 10 of the present Code, Motorcycle Driver's Licenses are the same

**The Table Showing Different Types of Driver's Licenses**

No.	Driver's License Type and Class	Permitted Vehicles	Prerequisite Driver's License	Age Requirement
1	Motorcycle	Different Types of Motorcycles	-	18 Years of Age or Older
2	Class C	Motor vehicles with the maximum carrying capacity of 3.5 tons of goods or <i>passenger</i> vehicles containing up to <i>nine</i> seats, including the <i>driver's</i> seat	-	18 Years of Age or Older
3	Class B	Motor vehicles with the maximum carrying capacity of 6 tons of goods or <i>passenger</i> vehicles containing up to 26 seats, including the <i>driver's</i> seat	Class C	25 Years of Age or Older
4	Class A	Motor vehicles with the carrying capacity of +6 tons of goods or <i>passenger</i> vehicles containing +26 seats	Class B	23 Years of Age or Older
5	Special	Different Types of heavy-duty, industrial, agricultural and construction-site vehicles	-	20 Years of Age or Older

Article 14- The Traffic Police officers will make a comparison between the applicants' physical condition and their Physical and Mental Health Certificate issued by authorized medical centers to find out any possible physical disabilities. In the event of any differences, the case shall be referred to the Police Medical Commission.

Article 15- Applicants for any type of Driver's Licenses are required to submit the documents required by the Traffic Police.

Article 16- The information mentioned in the Driver's Licenses, including the type of the license, class of the license, holder's ID number, validity, name, signature and seal of the issuing unit, number and date of issue, applicant's photograph and other information regarding the type of the license will be decided by the Traffic Police.

Article 17- Having passed the required examinations and submitted the necessary documents, the applicants will receive their Driver's Licenses. Driver's License holders are obliged to apply for the License renewal, re-extension or replacement within month before the date of expiration. The Traffic Police, while asking the applicants for a Physical and Mental Health Certificate, can give the required exams. The Traffic Police officers are obliged to confiscate the expired

Driver's Licenses and give a receipt in return to holders and after enforcing the law send them to the Traffic Police Department for renewal or re-extension. Driver's License holders are obliged to refer to the Traffic Police within one month for the license renewal or re-extension.

Note 1- Regarding the failed applicants, the Traffic Police is responsible for preparing the instructions on the methods of timing and determining the required criteria to give re-examinations.

Note 2- To receive any kind of Driver's License services, the applicants are obliged to defray their driving fines.

Article 18- If a Driver's License holder applies for another type of Driver's License, she/he is required to take the relevant examinations. Having passed the examinations, the applicant will be obliged to submit the previous License, if needed, and a new License will be issued for them.

Article 19- Obtaining the required licenses from the Municipality or Ministry of Road and Urban Development, in addition to the appropriate Driver's Licenses is required for driving any kind of urban and inter-urban taxis and public transportation vehicles.

Article 20- In the case of losing or destroying the Driver's License, holders can replace it. Having verified the claim, the Traffic Police will replace the license within two months of the date of request.

Article 21- In the case of losing the Driver's Licenses due to fire, flood or earthquake, a temporary Driver's License will be issued for the waiting period by the Traffic Police after receiving a certificate of approval issued by the authorized authorities.

Article 22- Holders of valid foreign Driver's Licenses (whether Iranian or foreign nationals) can drive for six months in Iran using their own Driver's Licenses. Exceeding the mentioned time, they have to apply for a national Driver's License in Iran.

Article 23- Holders of the Driver's Licenses from those countries where the Iranian national Driver's Licenses are valid can apply for a national Iranian Driver's License by offering the original Driver's License, an accredited translation of the Driver's License and other related documents. The applicants' physical and mental health shall be verified. In other cases, converting the Driver's Licenses will be done by the approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Interior.

Article 24- Staff members of diplomatic missions, consular posts and International Organizations resident in the Islamic Republic of Iran can send the documents mentioned in Article 23 through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs or Ministry of Interior to the Traffic Police Department and apply for international driving permits (IDP).

Article 25- It is impossible to reissue Driver's License for those whose license has been seized by police. If issued, such Driver's Licenses are null and void and will be seized and cancelled by the Traffic Police.

Article 26- The Traffic Police is obliged to collect and replace the Driver's License if there had been any mistake or flaw in them.

Article 27- If a Driver's License holder does not meet the conditions subject to Article 6 of the present Code, they are obliged to refer to the Traffic Police within one month and will be referred to medical centers for necessary tests and examinations. If they fail to meet the required criteria, their Driver's Licenses will be seized and they will be disqualified of driving. A Driver's License, appropriate with the holder's status, would be issued, if requested.

Note- If drivers with a physical disability are observed by the Traffic Police, their Driver's Licenses will be confiscated and they will not be permitted to drive unless medical analysis done and Driver's Licenses reissuance approved.

Article 28- If a driver acts in a dangerous and life-threatening manner for several times, they will be punished according to the Driving Offences Code, adopted in 2010.

Article 29- Methods, conditions and issuing units of Driver's License for the drivers of the subway cars will be established by the

instruction approved by the Iranian National Traffic Coordination Supreme Council.

Article 30- The Traffic Police of the Islamic Republic of Iran, up to the end of the Fifth Five Year Developmental Plan of the Islamic Republic of Iran, adopted in 2010, is obliged to provide electronic Driver's License issuance services.

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