

CHAPTER III REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Trade certificate

33. Condition for exemption from registration.—For the purpose of the proviso to section 39, a motor vehicle in the possession of a ⁶⁵[dealer or manufacturer of automobile or automobiles ancillaries or a test agency specified in rule 126] shall be exempted from the necessity of registration subject to the condition that he obtains a trade certificate from the registering authority having jurisdiction in the area in which the ⁶⁵[dealer or manufacturer of automobiles or automobile ancillaries or a test agency specified in rule 126] has his place of business in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.

34. Trade certificate.—(1) An application for the grant or renewal of a trade certificate shall be made in Form 16 and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

(2) Separate application shall be made for each of the following classes of vehicles, namely:—

- (a) motor cycle;
- (b) invalid carriage;
- (c) light motor vehicle;
- (d) medium passenger motor vehicle;
- (e) medium goods vehicle;
- (f) heavy passenger motor vehicle;
- (g) heavy goods vehicle;
- (h) ^{65a}[E-rickshaw;
- (i) E-cart;
- (j) any other motor vehicle of a specified description.]

35. Grant or renewal of trade certificate.—(1) On receipt of an application for the grant or renewal of a trade certificate in respect of a vehicle, the registering authority may, if satisfied that the applicant is a *bona fide* ^{65b} [dealer or manufacturer of automobile or automobiles ancillaries or a test agency specified in rule 126] and requires the certificates specified in the application, issue to the applicant one or more certificates, as the case may be, in Form 17 ^{65c}[within thirty days from the date of receipt of such an application] and shall assign in respect of each certificate a trade registration mark consisting of the registration mark referred to in the notification made under sub-section (6) of section 41 and followed by two letters and a number containing not more than three digits for each vehicle, for example:-

AB—Represent State Code.

12—Registration District Code.

TCI—Trade certificate number for the vehicle.

65. Substituted by G.S.R. 290 (E), dated 24-4-2014 (w.e.f. 24-4-2014).

65a. Substituted by G.S.R. 27 (E), dated 13-1-2015 (w.e.f. 13-1-2015).

65b. Substituted by G.S.R. 291 (E), dated 24-4-2014 (w.e.f. 24-4-2014).

65c. Inserted by G.S.R. 589 (E), dated 16-9-2005 (w.e.f. 16-10-2005).

(2) No application for trade certificate shall be refused by the registering authority unless the applicant is given an opportunity of being heard and reasons for such refusal are given in writing

36. Refund.—Where the registering authority refuses to issue or renew a trade certificate, it shall refund to the applicant fifty per cent of the fee paid along with the application.

37. Period of validity.—A trade certificate granted or renewed under rule 35 shall be in force for a period of twelve months from the date of issue or renewal thereof and shall be effective throughout India.

38. Issue of duplicate certificate.—(1) If at any time the trade certificate is lost or destroyed, its holder shall report to the police station in the jurisdiction of which the loss or destruction has occurred and intimate the fact in writing to the registering authority by whom the certificate was issued and apply in Form 18 to the said authority for a duplicate certificate accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

(2) On receipt of an application alongwith the fee, the registering authority may issue a duplicate "Trade Certificate" clearly "marked "Duplicate".

(3) If after the issue of a duplicate certificate the original is traced, the same shall be surrendered forthwith to the registering authority by which it was issued.

39. Use of trade registration mark and number.—(1) A trade registration mark and number shall not be used upon more than one vehicle at a time or upon any vehicle other than a vehicle *bona fide* in the possession of the ^{65d}[dealer or manufacturer of automobiles or automobile ancillaries or a test agency specified in rules 126.] in the course of his business or on any type of vehicle other than the one for which the trade certificate is issued.

(2) The trade certificate shall be carried on a motor vehicle in a weatherproof circular folder and the trade registration mark shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place in the vehicle.

40. Restrictions on use of trade certificate or trade registration mark and number.—A trade certificate shall be used only by the person to whom it is issued and such person shall not allow or offer or cause the certificate or the number assigned in connection therewith to be used by any other person:

Provided that the provision of this rule shall not apply where the person to whom the certificate is granted, or a person *bona fide* in his employment and acting under his authority, or any other person *bona fide* acting on behalf of the holder of a trade certificate is present in the vehicle, or if such vehicle is designed for use by only one person and is being used by a prospective purchaser of that vehicle for the purpose of reasonable test or trial.

41. Purposes for which motor vehicle with trade certificate may be used.— The holder of a trade certificate shall not use any vehicle in a public place under that certificate for any purpose other than the following:—

65d. Substituted by G.S.R. 291 (E), dated 24-4-2014 (w.e.f. 24-4-2014).

- (a) for test, by or on behalf of the holder of a trade certificate during the course of, or after completion of, construction or repair; or
- (b) for proceeding to or returning from a weigh bridge for or after weighing, or to and from any place for its registration; or
- (c) for a reasonable trial or demonstration by or for the benefit of a prospective purchaser and for proceeding to or returning from the place where such person intends to keep it; or
- (d) for proceeding to or returning from the premises of the dealer or of the purchaser or of any other dealer for the purpose of delivery; or
- (e) for proceeding to or returning from a workshop with the objective of fitting a body to the vehicle or painting or for repairs; or
- if*) for proceeding to and returning from airport, railway station, wharf for or after being transported; or
- (g) for proceeding to or returning from an exhibition of motor vehicles or any place at which the vehicle is to be or has been offered for sale; or
- (h) for removing the vehicle after it has been taken possession of by or on behalf of the financier due to any default on the part of the other party under the provisions of an agreement of hire-purchase, lease or hypothecation.

42. Delivery of vehicle subject to registration.—No holder of a trade certificate shall deliver a motor vehicle to a purchaser without registration, whether temporary or permanent.

43. Register of trade certificate.—(1) Every holder of a trade certificate shall maintain a register in Form 19 in duplicate which shall be in a bound book, with pages numbered serially.

(2) The particulars referred to in Form 19 except the time of return under column 7, shall be entered in the register before the commencement of each trip by the holder of the trade certificate or his representative and a duplicate copy of Form 19 made prior to the commencement of each trip shall be carried during the trip by the driver of the vehicle and shall be produced on demand by any officer empowered to demand production of documents by or under the Act.

(3) The holder of a trade certificate shall, at the end of a trip, fill in column 7 of Form 19 (both original and duplicate), and the register and the duplicate shall be open for inspection by the registering authority.

44. Suspension or cancellation of trade certificate.—If the registering authority has reason to believe that the holder of any trade certificate has not complied with the provisions of rules 39 to 43, it may, after giving the holder an opportunity of being heard, suspend or cancel the trade certificate held by him.

45. Appeal.—Any person aggrieved by an order of the registering authority under rule 35 or rule 44 may, within thirty days of the receipt of any such order, appeal to the head of the Motor Vehicles Department established under section 213.

46. Procedure for appeal.—(1) The appeal referred to in rule 45 shall be preferred in duplicate in the form of a memorandum, setting forth the grounds of objections to the order of the registering authority and shall be accompanied by appropriate fee as specified in rule 81 and a certified copy of the order appealed against.

(2) The appellate authority, after giving an opportunity to the parties to be heard and after such enquiry, if any, as it deems necessary, pass appropriate orders ⁶⁶[within the period of thirty days from the date of receipt of such an appeal].

Registration

47. Application for registration of motor vehicles.—(1) An application for registration of a motor vehicle shall be made in Form 20 to the registering authority within a period of ⁶⁷[seven days] from the date of taking delivery of such vehicle, excluding the period of journey and shall be accompanied by—

- (a) sale certificate in Form 21;
- (b) valid insurance certificate;

⁶⁸ [(c) copy of the proceedings of the State Transport Authority or Transport Commissioner or such other authorities as may be prescribed by the State Government for the purpose of approval of the design ^{68a}[in the case of a trailer other than a vehicle of category T;]

(d) original sale certificate from the concerned authorities in Form 21 in the case of ex-army vehicles;

(e) proof of address by way of any one of the documents referred to in rule 4;

(f) temporary registration, if any;

(g) road-worthiness certificate in Form 22 from the manufacturers, ⁶⁹ [Form 22-A from the body builders];

⁷⁰ [(h) custom's clearance certificate in the case of imported vehicles along with the licence and bond, if any;

Provided that in the case of imported vehicles other than those imported under the Baggage Rules, 1998, the procedure followed by the registering authority shall be same as those procedure followed for registering of vehicles manufactured in India, and]

(i) appropriate fee as specified in rule 81;

^{70a} [(j) proof of citizenship;

(k) proof of legal presence in India in addition to proof of residence in case of foreigners;]

^{70b} (l) technical specifications and any other document as may be required by the registration authority in respect of the modular hydraulic trailer;]

⁶⁶. *Inserted by G.S.R. 589 (E), Dated 16-9-2005 (w.e.f. 16-10-2005).*

⁶⁷. *Substituted by G.S.R 933 (E), dated 28-10-1989, for "two days" (w.e.f. 28-10-1989).*

⁶⁸ *CI. (c) Substituted by G.S.R. 338 (E), dated 26-3-1993 (w.e.f. 26-3-1993)*

^{68a}. *Substituted by G.S.R. 409 (E), dated 18-6-2014 (w.e.f. 18-6-2014).*

⁶⁹. *Added by G.S.R 338 (E), dated 26-3-1993, for "two days" (w.e.f. 26-3-1993).*

⁷⁰. *CI. (h) Substituted by G.S.R. 83 (E), dated 5-2-2003 (w.e.f. 5-2-2003).*

^{70a}. *Inserted by G.S.R. 276 (E), dated 10-4-2007 (w.e.f. 10-4-2007).*

^{70b}. *Substituted by G.S.R. 212 (E), dated 20-3-2005 (w.e.f. 20-3-2005).*

^{70c} [Provided that upto 31st December 2016, on and from the date of publication of the Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2015, published on 15th January 2015, in respect of the models of the E-rickshaw and E-carts exiting prior to publication of the Central Motor Vehicles (Sixteen Amendment) Rules, 2014 and the notification published *vide* S.O. 2590 (E), dated the 8th October, 2014, the application for registration under this sub-rule shall be made in Form 20 to the registering authority within a period of seven days from the date of issue of Form 21 and Form 22 and shall be accompanied by –

(i) road worthiness certificate in Form 22 to be issued by the manufacturer or dealer or registered E-rickshaw or E-cart Association or any agency authorised by State Government; and

(ii) sale certificate in Form 21 to be issued by manufacturer or dealer or registered E-rickshaw or E-cart Association or any agency authorised by State Government for presentation along with the application for registration.]

(2) In respect of vehicles temporarily registered, application under sub-rule (1) shall be made before the temporary registration expires.

^{70d} [(3) On and from the 1st January, 2015, every vehicle manufacturer shall, in accordance with Form 20, Form 22 and Form 22-A, upload the vehicle details in the portal <https://www.vahan.nic.in/makermode/>.]

^{70d} [(4) The modular hydraulic trailers registered under these rules shall ply in public place in laden condition subject to such other condition as may be determined by the Central Government from time to time.]

48. Issue of certificate of registration.—On receipt of an application under rule 47 and after verification of the documents furnished therewith, the registering authority shall, subject to the provisions of section 44, issue to the owner of the motor vehicle a ⁷¹[certificate of registration in Form 23 or Form 23-A, as may be specified in the Notification issued by the concerned State Government or Union Territory Administration] ⁷²[within the period of thirty days from the receipt of such an application]:

^{72a}[Provided that where the certificate of registration pertains to a transport vehicle it shall be handed over to the registered owner only after recording the certificate of fitness in Form 38 ⁷²[within the period of thirty days from the date of receipt of such an application].

^{70c}. Substituted by G.S.R. 903 (E), dated 23-9-2016 (w.e.f. 213-9-2016).

^{70d}. Inserted by G.S.R. 810(E), dated 17-11-2014 (w.e.f. 17-11-2014).

⁷¹. Substituted by G.S.R. 400(E), dated 31-5-2002, for "certificate of registration in Form 23" (w.e.f. 31-5-2002).

⁷². Added by GSR. 589(E), dated 16-9-2005 (w.e.f. 16-9-2005).

^{72a}. Added by G.S.R. 338(E), dated 26-3-1993 (w.e.f. 26-3-1993).

49. Registration records to be kept by the registering authority.—^{72b}[(1) Every registering authority shall keep in Form 24 a permanent register of motor vehicles registered by it under section 41 and of motor vehicles of other States for which new registration marks are assigned by it under sub-section (2) of section 47 and shall also enter in such record under the respective registration numbers, all changes made with reference to the provisions of sub-section (10) or sub-section (14) of section 41, sub-section (5) of section 49, sub-section (6) of section 50, sub-sections (1), (2), (3) and (5) of section 51, sub-section (4) of section 52, orders of suspension under section 53 and order of cancellation under sections 54 and 55.

^{72b}[(2) Every registering authority shall after registration of a vehicle, including agricultural tractor, power tiller and construction equipment vehicles, upload the registration details of the vehicle on the portal <https://www.vahan.nic.in/makermode/>:

Provided that such data entry processing through the portal for registration of motor vehicles shall be effective from the 1st February, 2015:

Provided further that the State Government may continue the practice of existing registration procedure till the 1st October, 2015.]

⁷³[**50. Form and manner of display of registration marks on the motor vehicles.**—⁷⁴[(1) On or after commencement of this rule, the registration mark referred to in sub-section (6) of section 41 shall be displayed both at the front and at the rear of all motor vehicles clearly and legibly in the form of security license plate of the following specifications, namely:—

(i) the plate shall be a solid unit made of 1.0 mm aluminium conforming to DIN 1745/DIN 1783 or ISO 7591. Border edges and corners of the plate shall be rounded to avoid injuries to the extent of approx. 10 mm and the plates must have an embossed border. The plate shall be suitable for hot stamping and reflective sheet has to be guaranteed for imperishable nature for minimum five years. The fast colouring of legend and border to be done by hot stamping;

(ii) the plate should bear the letters "IND" in blue colour on the extreme left centre of the plate. The letter should be one-fourth of the size of letters mentioned in rule 51 and should be buried into the foil or applied by hot stamping and should be integral part of the plate;

(iii) each plate shall be protected against counterfeiting by applying chromium-based hologram, applied by hot stamping. Stickers and adhesive labels are not permitted. The plate shall bear a permanent consecutive identification number of minimum seven digits, to be laser branded into the reflective sheeting and hot stamping film shall bear a verification inscription;

~~—(iv) apart from the registration marks on the front and rear, the third registration mark in the form of self-destructive type, chromium based hologram sticker shall be affixed on the left-hand top side of the windshield of the vehicle. The registration details such as registration number, registering authority, etc., shall be printed on the sticker. The third registration mark shall be issued by the registering authorities/approved dealers of the licence~~

^{72b}. R. 49 renumbered as sub-R. (1) thereof and sub-R. (2) inserted by G.S.R. 810(E), dated 17-11-2014 (w.e.f. 17-11-2014).

⁷³. Substituted by G.S.R. 338(E), dated 26-3-1993 (w.e.f. 26-3-1993).

⁷⁴. Sub-R. (1) substituted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001 as amended by S.O. 938(E), dated 24-9-2001, S.O. 499(E), dated 9-5-2002 and S.O. 59(E), dated 21-1-2003 (w.e.f. 1-1-2004).

plates manufacturer alongwith the regular registration marks, and thereafter if such sticker is destroyed, it shall be issued by the licence plate manufacturer or his dealer:

(v) the plate shall be fastened with non-removable/non-reusable snap lock fitting system on rear of the vehicle at the premises of the registering authority;

The license plates with all the above specifications and the specified registrations for a vehicle shall be issued by the registering authority or approved the license plates manufacturers or their dealers. The Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi or any of the agency authorized by the Central Government shall approve the license plates manufacturers to the above specification;

(vi) the size of the plate for different categories of vehicles shall be as follows:—

74a [For 74b [two and three-wheelers, quadricycles, E-rickshaws and E-carts]	200 x 100 mm
For Light Motor Vehicles/Passenger cars	340x200mm/500x 120 mm
For medium commercial vehicles, heavy commercial vehicles and Trailer/combination	340 x200 mm:

Provided that this sub-rule shall apply to already registered vehicles two years from the date of commencement:]

⁷⁵[Provided further that the size of the registration plates for agricultural tractors shall be as follows:—

Front	- 285x45 mm
Rear	- 200x100 mm]:

^{75a}[Provided also that the size of registration plate for combine harvester shall be 340 mm x 200 mm and exhibited at the front and at the rear of combine harvester and at the rear of trailer for header assembly used during transport:]

⁷⁶[Provided also that the size of registration plate for power tiller shall be 285x45 mm and shall be exhibited at the front. Further, in case of trailer coupled to power tiller, the size of registration plate shall be 200x100 mm and shall be exhibited on its rear:]

⁷⁷[Provided also that in case of a motor cycle, the size of 285x45 mm for front registration plate shall also be permitted.]

74a. Substituted by G.S.R. 99(E), dated 19-2-2014 (w.e.f. 1-10-2014)

74b. Substituted by G.S.R. 709(E), dated 8-10-2014 (w.e.f. 8-10-2014).

75. Inserted by G.S.R. 720(E), dated 10-9-2003 (w.e.f. 10-10-2003).

75a. Inserted by G.S.R. 212(E), dated 20-3-2015 (w.e.f. 20-3-2015).

76. Inserted by G.S.R. 589(E), dated 16-9-2005 (w.e.f. 16-9-2006).

77. Inserted by G.S.R. 589(E), dated 16-9-2005 (w.e.f. 16-9-2005).

(2) In the case of motor cycles the registration mark in the front shall be displayed parallel to the handle bar or on any part of the vehicle including mudguard facing the front instead of, on a plate in line with the axis of the vehicle:]

Provided that—

(a) the registration mark exhibited at the rear of a transport vehicle shall be affixed to the vehicle on the right hand side at a distance not exceeding one metre from the ground as may be reasonably possible having regard to the type of the body of the vehicle;

(b) the registration mark shall also be painted on the right and left side on the body of the vehicle in the case of a transport vehicle;

(c) the registration mark shall also be painted and exhibited on the partition provided between the driver and the passengers, facing the passengers' seats or, where there is no such partition, on the front interior of the vehicle near the roof to the left side of the driver's seat facing the passengers' seats in the case of a stage carriage or a contract carriage and in the case of a motor cab or a taxi cab it shall be sufficient if the registration mark is painted on the dash-board;

⁷⁸[(d) the letters of the registration mark shall be in English and the figures shall be in Arabic numerals and shall be shown:—

(A) in the case of transport vehicles in black colour on yellow background; and

(B) in other cases, in black colour on white background,

the registration mark on the trailer shall be exhibited on the left hand side in black colour on yellow background. In addition, the registration mark on the drawing vehicle shall be exhibited on the trailer also and this shall be done on the right hand side at the rear of the trailer or the last trailer as the case may be, in black colour on retro-reflective type yellow background:

Provided that where provisions of this clause have not been complied with in respect of motor vehicle, on or before the commencement of the Central Motor Vehicles (8th Amendment) Rules, 2001, then the provisions shall be complied with,—

(i) in respect of transport vehicle, on or before 1st February, 2002; and

(ii) in other cases, on or before 1st July, 2002.]

⁷⁹[(3) The registration mark shall be exhibited in two lines, the State code and registering authority code forming the first line and the rest forming the second line, one below the other:

^{79a}[Provided that the registration mark in the front may be exhibited in one line in case, in 200mm x 100mm size plate, there is no sufficient space to exhibit the registration mark in one line, the alpha numeric of the registration mark shall be displayed as under:

(i) Where the total number of alpha numeric characters in the registration mark is even, then, equal number of alpha numeric character in each line; and

(ii) Where the total number of alpha numeric characters in the registration mark is odd, then any extra alpha numeric character shall be exhibited on the second line, and all dimensions shall be maintained as per rule 51 without disturbing security features in the plate:]

78. CI. (d) substituted by G.S.R. 901(E), dated 13-12-2001 (w.e.f. 13-12-2001). Earlier CI. d) was substituted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001 (w.e.f. 28-3-2001).

79. Added by G.S.R. 338(E), dated 26-3-1993 (w.e.f. 26-3-1993).

79a. Substituted by G.S.R. 324(E), dated 7-5-2014 (w.e.f. 7-5-2014).

Provided further that in models of vehicles having no sufficient provision at the rear to exhibit the registration mark in two lines, it shall be sufficient if in such vehicles registration mark is exhibited in a single line:

Provided further that registration mark on a light motor vehicle may be in the centre with illumination.

(4) Every motor vehicle, except motor cab and motor car, manufactured on and from the date of commencement of the Central Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 1993, shall be provided with sufficient space in the rear for display of registration mark in two lines.

(5) In case of agricultural tractors, the registration mark need not be inclined to the ⁸⁰[vertical plane by more than 45 degrees.]

(6) The registration mark of the drawing agricultural tractor may not be exhibited on the agricultural trailer or trailers.]

80a [(7) The registration mark of the modular hydraulic trailer may not be exhibited on the puller tractor.]

⁸¹[**51. Size of letters and numerals of the registration mark.**—The dimension of letters and figures of the registration mark and the space between different letters and numerals and letters and edge of the plain surface shall be as follows:—

Sr. No.	Class of vehicle		Dimensions not less than		
			Height	Thickness	Space between
1	2		3	4	5
1	All motor cycles and three-wheeled invalid carriages	Rear-letters	35	7	5
2	All motor cycles and three-wheeled invalid carriages	Rear-numeral	40	7	5
3	Motorcycles with engine capacity less than 70 cc	Front-letters & numerals	15	2.5	2.5
4	Other motor cycles	Front-letters & numerals	30	5	5
5	⁸² Three wheelers of engine capacity not exceeding 500 cc ^{82a} [E-rickshaw and E-cart]	Rear and front numerals and letters	35	7	5

80. Substituted by G.S.R. 111(E), dated 10-2-2004, for "vertical by more than 30 degrees" (w.e.f. 10-8-2004).

80a. Inserted by G.S.R. 212(E), dated 20-3-2015 (w.e.f. 1-4-2015).

81. Substituted by G.S.R. 338(E), dated 26-3-1993 (w.e.f. 26-3-1993).

82. Substituted by G.S.R. 214(E), dated 18-3-1999 (w.e.f. 18-3-1999).

82a. Inserted by G.S.R. 709(E), dated 8-10-2014 (w.e.f. 8-10-2014).

6	Three-wheelers of engine capacity exceeding 500 cc	Rear and front numerals and letters	40	7	5
7	All other motor vehicles	Rear and front numerals and letters	65	10	10
8	⁸³ Power tillers	Front-letters & numerals	15	2.5	2.5
9	Trailers coupled to power trillers	Rear letters and numerals	30	5	5
10	^{83a} Combine harvester	Front and rear letters and numerals	65	10	10
11	Trailer for header assembly of combine harvester	Rear letters and numerals	65	10	10

52. Renewal of certificate of registration.—(1) An application by or on behalf of the owner of a motor vehicle, other than a transport vehicle, for the renewal of a certificate of registration, shall be made to the registering authority in whose jurisdiction the vehicle is, in Form 25 not more than sixty days before the date of its expiry, accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

(2) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1), the registering authority shall refer the vehicle to the authority referred to in sub-section (1) of section 56 and after obtaining a certificate of fitness from that authority, renew the certificate of registration:

Provided that in a case where the certificate of fitness is granted on a date after the expiry of a certificate of registration, the renewal shall be made from the date of grant of the certificate of fitness for a period of five years.

(3) A motor vehicle other than a transport vehicle shall not be deemed to be validly registered for the purposes of section 39, after the expiry of the period of validity entered in the certificate of registration and no such vehicle shall be used in any public place until its certificate of registration is renewed under sub-rule (2).

53. Issue of duplicate certificate of registration.—(1) if at any time, the certificate of registration is lost or destroyed the owner shall report to the police station in the jurisdiction of which the loss or destruction has occurred and intimate that fact in writing to the registering authority by whom the certificate of registration was issued.

(2) An application for the issue of a duplicate certificate of registration shall be made to the ⁸⁴[last registering authority] in Form 26 and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

54. Assignment of new registration mark.—(1) An application for the assignment of a new registration mark under sub-section (1) of section 47 shall be made in Form 27 and shall be accompanied by a no objection certificate in Form 28 along with the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81, within a period of thirty days from the date of expiry of the period specified in the said section:

⁸³. Inserted by G.S.R. 589(E), dated 16-9-2005 (w.e.f. 16-9-2005).

^{83a}. Inserted by G.S.R. 212(E), dated 20-3-2015 (w.e.f. 20-3-2015).

⁸⁴. Substituted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001, for "original registering authority" (w.e.f. 28-3-2001).

Provided that where a motor vehicle is intended to be kept in a State for a period exceeding twelve months and the owner of such vehicle makes a declaration to that effect, the application may be made at any time within the said period of twelve months.

(2) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1), the registering authority shall, subject to the provision of section 44, assign to the vehicle the registration mark.

54. Transfer of ownership.—(1) Where the ownership of a motor vehicle is transferred, the transferor shall report the fact of transfer in Form 29 to the registering authorities concerned in whose jurisdiction the transferor and the transferee reside or have their places of business.

(2) An application for the transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle under sub-clause (i) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 50 shall be made by the transferee in Form 30, and shall be accompanied by—

- i. the certificate of registration;
- ii. the certificate of insurance; and
- iii. the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

(3) An application for transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle under sub-clause (ii) of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of section 50 shall be made by the transferee in Form 30 and shall, in addition to the documents and fee referred to in sub-rule (2), be accompanied by one of the following documents, namely:—

- (a) a no objection certificate granted by the registering authority under sub-section (3) of section 48; or
- (b) an order of the registering authority refusing to grant the no objection certificate under sub-section (3) of section 48; or
- (c) where the no objection certificate or the order, as the case may be, has not been received, a declaration by the transferor that he has not received any such communication together with—
 - (i) the receipt obtained from the registering authority under subsection (2) of section 48; or
 - (ii) the postal acknowledgement received from the registering authority where the application for no objection certificate has been sent by post.

56. Transfer of ownership on death of owner of the vehicle.—(1) Where the owner of a motor vehicle dies, the person succeeding to the possession of the vehicle may for a period of three months, use the vehicle as if it has been transferred to him where such person has, within thirty days of the death of the owner informs the registering authority of the occurrence of the death of the owner and of his own intention to use the vehicle.

(2) The person referred to in sub-rule (1) shall apply in Form 31 within the period of three months to the said registering authority for the transfer of ownership of the vehicle in his name, accompanied by—

- (a) the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81;
- (b) the death certificate in relation to the registered owner;

(c) the certificate of registration; ^{84a} [*]

(d) the certificate of ^{84b} [Insurance; and].

^{84c} [(e) driving license and permit in case of E-rickshaw and E-cart.]

57. Transfer of ownership of vehicle purchased in public auction.—

(1) The person who has acquired or purchased a motor vehicle at a public auction conducted by or on behalf of the Central Government or a State Government shall make an application in Form 32 within thirty days of taking possession of the vehicle to the registering authority accompanied by—

(a) the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81;

(b) the certificates of registration and insurance;

(c) the certificate or order confirming the sale of the vehicle in his favour duly signed by the person authorised to conduct the auction; ^{84a} [*]

(d) the certified copy of the order of the Central Government or State Government authorising the auction of the ^{84b} [vehicle; and]

^{84c} [(e) driving licence and permit in case of transfer of ownership of E-rickshaw and E-cart.]

(2) Where the vehicle auctioned is a vehicle without any registration mark, or with a registration mark which on verification is found to be false, the registering authority shall, subject to the provisions of section 44, assign a new registration mark to the vehicle in the name of the Department of the Central Government or State Government auctioning the vehicle and thereafter record the entries of transfer of ownership of the vehicle giving the name and address of the person to whom the vehicle is sold:

⁸⁵[Provided that motor vehicle in the name of the Central Government or State Government shall not be transferred by the concerned registering authority without verifying the proceeding of the auction or disposal of the concerned vehicle.]

58. No objection certificate.—(1) An application for the issue of no objection certificate under section 48 in respect of a motor vehicle shall be made in Form 28 to the registering authority by which the vehicle was previously registered, accompanied by—

(a) the certified copy of the certificate of registration;

(b) the certified copy of the certificate of insurance;

(c) evidence of payment of motor vehicle tax up-to-date;

(d) where no tax is payable for a certain period a certificate from the tax collecting authority that no tax is due from the vehicle for the said period.

84a. Omitted by G.S.R. 709(E), dated 8-10-2014 (w.e.f 8-10-2014).

84b. Substituted by G.S.R. 709(E), dated 8-10-2014 (w.e.f 8-10-2014).

84c. Inserted by G.S.R. 709(E), dated 8-10-2014 (w.e.f 8-10-2014).

85. Inserted by G.S.R. 111(E), dated 10-2-2004 (w.e.f 10-2-2004).

(2) In the case of a transport vehicle, in addition to the documents referred to in sub-rule (1), documentary evidence in respect of the following matters shall also be furnished, namely:—

- (a) that the vehicle is not covered by any permit issued by any transport authority;
- (b) that the sum of money agreed upon to be paid by the holder of the permit under sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 86, if any, is not pending recovery;
- (c) evidence of payment of tax on passengers and goods under any law for the time being in force upto the date of application for no objection certificate.

(3) On receipt of an application under sub-rule (1), the registering authority shall fill Part III of Form 28 and return that part to the applicant duly-signed.

(4) Where the registering authority grants or refuses to grant the no objection certificate, it shall return the duplicate copy of the said Form to the applicant and the triplicate copy to the other registering authority after duly filling and signing Part II thereof.

59. Change in residence.—An application for recording a change in the residence in the certificate of registration of a motor vehicle shall be made by the owner of the vehicle in Form 33 accompanied by the certificate of registration and proof of address in the manner specified in rule 4 and the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

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60. Endorsement of hire-purchase agreements, etc.—An application for making an entry of hire-purchase, lease or hypothecation agreement in the certificate of registration of a motor vehicle required under sub-section (2) of section 51 shall be made in Form 34 duly signed by the registered owner of the vehicle and the financier and shall be accompanied by the certificate of registration and the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

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61. Termination of hire-purchase agreements, etc.—(1) An application for making an entry of termination of agreement of hire purchase, lease or hypothecation referred to in sub-section (3) of section 51 shall be made in Form 35 duly signed by the registered owner of the vehicle and the financier, and shall be accompanied by the certificate of registration and the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81.

(2) The application for the issue of a fresh certificate of registration under sub-section (5) of section 51 shall be made in Form 36 and shall be accompanied by a fee as specified in rule 81.

(3) Where the registered owner has refused to deliver the certificate of registration to the financier or has absconded then the registering authority shall issue a notice to the registered owner of the vehicle in Form 37.

Certificate of fitness

62. Validity of certificate of fitness.—(1) A certificate of fitness in respect of a transport vehicle granted under section 56 shall be in Form 38 and such certificate when granted or renewed shall be valid for the period as indicated below:—

(a) new transport vehicle	Two years
(b) renewal of certificate of fitness in respect of vehicles mentioned in {a) above 86[***]	One year
86a[(ba) renewal of certificate of fitness in respect of E-rickshaw and E-cart	Three years
87[(c) renewal of certificate of fitness in respect of vehicles covered under rule 82 of these rules	One year
d) fresh registration of important vehicles	same period as in the case of vehicles manufactured in India having regard to the date of manufacture:

88[Provided that the renewal of a fitness certificate shall be made only after the
89[Inspecting Officer or authorised testing stations as referred to in sub-section (1) of section 56 of the Act] has carried the tests specified in the Table given below, namely:—

86. Inserted by G.S.R. 933(E), dated 28-10-1989 (w.e.f. 28-10-1989).

86a. Inserted by G.S.R. 709(E), dated 8-10-2014 (w.e.f. 8-10-2014).

87. Substituted by G.S.R. 589(E), dated 16-9-2005 (w.e.f. 16-9-2006)

88. Proviso added by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001 (w.e.f. 28-3-2001). Earlier the Proviso was omitted by G.S.R. 76(E), dated 31-1-2000 (w.e.f. 31-1-2000). Before that the Proviso was added by G.S.R. 684(E), dated 5-10-1999 (w.e.f. 22-10-1999).

89. Substituted by G.S.R. 845(E), dated 27-12-2002, for "Inspecting Officer" (w.e.f. 27-12-2002).

89a[**TABLE**

Sl. No.	Item	Check Fitment	Check make/type/ rating, etc. as per original	Check Condition	Check Functioning	Test	Remarks
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
(1)	Sparkplug/ Suppressor cap/High	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	
(2)	Head Lamp	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Check	Beam focus as per Annexure VII; (b) in case of authorized testing station using headlight tester, testing procedure and requirement shall be as per AIS-128:2014.
(3)	Other Lights	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Also ensure that unauthorized lights are not fitted
(4)	Reflectors	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Ensure colour of reflectors and reflective tapes are as per rule 104
(5)	Bulbs	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Ensure that head light bulbs wallage, especially halogen is not higher than those indicated in IS 1606 — 1993 and also ensure that halogen bulbs with P45t caps are not used in all vehicles
(6)	Rear View Mirror	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	—
(7)	Safety Glass	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Laminated windscreen glass is used for vehicles manufactured from April, 1996 onwards
(8)	Horn	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	—
(9)	Silencer	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Ensure no leakage
(10)	Dash board equipment	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	—
(11)	Wind shield wiper	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	—
(12)	Exhaust emission	No	No	No	No	Yes	Pollution under Control Certificate

89a. Substituted by G.S.R. 345(E), dated 19-5-2014, for (w.e.f. 19-5-2014).

(13)	Braking system	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	As per rule 96(8); (b) in case of authorized testing station using roller brake tester, testing procedure, and requirements shall be as per AIS-128:2014
(14)	Speedometer	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	As per rule 117
(15)	Steering gear	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Check free play	Check free play as per rule 98 for-vehicles with steering wheel.]
⁹⁰ [(16)	Rear Under run Protecting Device For N2, N3, T3 and T4	yes	No	yes	No	No	As per rule 124(1A)
(17)	Lateral Side Protection Device for N2, N3, T3 and T4	yes	No	yes	No	No	As per rule 124 (1A)]

⁹⁰[Provided further that in case of E-rickshaw and E-cart, the renewal of fitness certificate shall be made only after carrying out test specified in the Table given below:-

Table

Item	Check Fitme nt	Check make/type/ rating, etc. as per original equipment recommendatio ns	Check conditio ns	Check funct- ioning	Test	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Maximu m Speed	No	No	No	No	Yes	The vehicle shall be driven in unladen condition (with full charge and at full accelerator position) on straight or flat road and when the vehicle attains full speed, the maximum speed shall be calculated by measuring time taken to travel fixed distance (say 50 metres).]

90. Substituted by G.S.R. 709(E), dated 8-10-2014 (w.e.f. 8-10-2014).

91. Substituted by G.S.R. 338(E), dated 26-3-1993, for "rupees ten thousand" (w.e.f. 26-3- 1993).

Explanation.—"Inspecting Officer" means an Officer appointed by the State Government under section 213 of the Act.]

(2) The fee for the grant or renewal of a certificate of fitness shall be as specified in rule 81.

63. Regulation and control of authorised testing stations.—(1) No operator of an authorised testing station shall issue or renew a certificate of fitness to a transport vehicle under section 56 without a letter of authority in Form 39 granted by the registering authority.

(2) An application for grant or renewal of a letter of authority under sub-rule (1) shall be made in Form 40 to the registering authority having jurisdiction in the area in which the service station or garage is situated and shall be accompanied by,—

(a) the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81;

(b) a security deposit of ⁹¹[rupees one lakh] in such manner as may be specified by the State Government.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this rule and rules 64 to 72, the registering authority means an officer not below the rank of the regional transport officer of the Motor Vehicles Department established under section 213.

(3) A registering authority shall, when considering an application for the grant or renewal of a letter of authority, have regard to the following matters, namely:—

(a) the applicant or at least one of the members of the staff employed by him for the inspection of transport vehicles for the purpose of issue or renewal of certificate of fitness possesses the following minimum qualifications:—

(i) a ⁹²[three years] diploma in automobile engineering or mechanical engineering or an equivalent qualification;

(ii) experience of minimum service of five years in an automobile workshop undertaking repairs of heavy goods vehicles, heavy passenger motor vehicles, medium motor vehicles and light motor vehicles;

(iii) a driving licence to drive motor cycle, heavy passenger motor vehicle and heavy goods vehicle with a minimum driving experience of not less than five years;

(iv) thorough knowledge of the Act and the rules made thereunder, especially the Chapters relating to registration of motor vehicles and construction, equipment and maintenance of motor vehicles;

(b) the premises where the authorised testing station is to be housed is either owned by the applicant or is taken on lease by him or is hired in his name and it has ⁹¹[minimum of one acre of land] for administrative section, reception room and ⁹¹[sanitary block and space for erection] of testing equipment's and other apparatus;

(c) inspection lanes are provided adjacent to the building in the same compound or at other places approved by the registering authority;

(d) testing equipment's and apparatus are installed in such manner that vehicles may pass through with ease and speed;

92. Inserted by G.S.R. 338(E), dated 26-3-1993 (w.e.f. 26-3-1993)

⁹³(e) the applicant maintains in good condition, the equipment and apparatus for undertaking test pertaining to ⁹⁴[exhaust gas, engine tuning, engine analysis], smoke emission, brake system, head-lights, wheel alignments, compressors, speedometers and other like components;]

(f) the financial resources of the applicant are sufficient to provide for its continued maintenance;

(g) the applicant maintains an up-to-date copy of the Act, these Rules and the concerned State Motor Vehicles Rules.

(4) The registering authority shall also, when considering an application under this rule, take into consideration the fact that the setting up of the authorised testing station will improve the availability of testing facilities in the area both in relation to the number of vehicles and proximity to such facilities.

(5) The registering authority may, on receipt of an application under sub-rule (2) and after satisfying himself that the applicant has complied with the requirements of sub- rules (3) and (4), grant or renew the letter of authority in Form 39:

Provided that no application for a letter of authority shall be refused by the registering authority unless the applicant is given an opportunity of being heard and reasons for such refusal are given in writing by the registering authority.

64. Duration of letter of authority.—A letter of authority granted or renewed shall be effective for a period of five years from the date of grant or renewal.

65. General conditions to be observed by the holder of letter of authority.—The holder of a letter of authority shall—

(a) maintain a register with a separate page for each vehicle containing the registration number of the vehicle for which the certificate of fitness is granted or renewed, the make and model of the vehicle, the engine number and the chassis number of the vehicle along with the pencil print of the chassis number, the name and address of the owner of the vehicle, particulars of any permit of such vehicle, period of validity of certificate of fitness granted or renewed and the signature of the owner of the vehicle or his authorized representative;

(b) forward the particulars of the transport vehicles for which certificates of fitness have been granted or renewed and the period of validity of such certificate, within two days of grant or renewal of the certificate of fitness, to the authority which has granted the permit and where the transport vehicle is not covered by a permit, to the transport authority in whose jurisdiction the vehicle is kept;

(c) issue to every transport vehicle satisfying the requirements of section 56, a certificate of fitness in accordance with the provisions of rule 62;

(d) not shift the place of business mentioned in the letter of authority without the prior approval in writing of the registering authority which granted the letter of authority;

(e) keep the premises of the testing station and the records and registers maintained by it and all the machinery, equipment and apparatus in the premises at all reasonable time open for inspection by the registering authority or any person of the Motor Vehicles Department of the State Government established under section 213 authorised in this behalf by the registering authority;

93. CI. (c) Substituted by G.S.R. 933(E), dated 28-10-1989 {w.e.f. 28-10-1989}.

94. Substituted by G.S.R. 214(E), dated 18-3-1999, for "exhaust gas" (w.e.f. 18-3-1999).

(f) display at a prominent place in its main office the following:—

- (i) the letter of authority in original issued to the authorised testing station by the registering authority;
- (ii) the name and address of the person authorised to issue or renew the certificate of fitness;
- (iii) the qualifications of the persons referred to in clause (a) of sub-rule (3) of rule 63;

(g) not charge a fee for inspection of a vehicle for the purpose of issue or renewal of the appropriate certificate of fitness in excess of the fee specified in rule 81;

(h) surrender to the Regional Transport Authority having jurisdiction over the area, the register referred to in clause (a) as soon as entries in all the pages in the register are completed and in any case not later than two days after such completion.

66. Issue of duplicate letter of authority.—(1) If at any time the letter of authority granted or renewed under sub-rule (5) of rule 63 is lost or destroyed, the holder of the letter of authority shall report to the police station in the jurisdiction of which the loss or destruction has occurred and intimate the fact in writing to the registering authority which granted or renewed the letter of authority and shall apply for a duplicate.

(2) On receipt of an application alongwith the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81, the registering authority may issue a duplicate letter of authority clearly marked "Duplicate".

(3) If after the issue of a duplicate letter of authority, the original is traced, the same shall be surrendered forthwith to the registering authority by which it was issued.

67. Supervision of authorised testing stations.—The registering authority or any officer of the Motor Vehicles Department of the State Government duly authorised in this behalf by the registering authority may, at any time, conduct test checks at the premises of the authorised testing station with a view to ensure that the vehicles are properly tested by the authorised testing station.

68. Power of registering authority or Regional Transport Authority to call for information.—The authorised testing station shall submit to the registering authority or the Regional Transport Authority having jurisdiction in the area, such information or returns as may be called for by such authority from time to time.

69. Power of registering authority to suspend or cancel the letter of authority or forfeit security deposit.—(1) If the registering authority is satisfied after giving the holder of a letter of authority an opportunity of being heard, that he has—

- (a) failed to maintain the equipment, machinery and apparatus referred to in sub-clause (e) of sub-rule (3) of rule 63 in good condition; or
- (b) failed to comply with the other requirements laid down in sub-rule (3) of rule 63; or
- (c) failed to observe correct standards of testing before granting or renewing certificates of fitness as noticed at the time of test-checking referred to in rule 67 or the frequency of

accidents involving transport vehicles covered by certificates of fitness granted or renewed by the authorised testing station attributable to any mechanical defect of the vehicle, it may—

(i) suspend the letter of authority for a specified period; or

(ii) cancel the letter of authority; or

(iii) order forfeiture of the security deposit furnished by the authorised testing station.

(2) Where the letter of authority is suspended or cancelled under sub-rule (1), the holder of the letter of authority shall surrender the same to the registering authority forthwith.

(3) Where the

(4) security deposit is forfeited under sub-rule (1), the holder of the letter within thirty days of the receipt of the order of forfeiture, remit to the registering authority the amount ordered to be forfeited so that the requirement of sub-rule (2) of rule 63 in relation to deposit of security is complied with.

70. Appeal.—Any person aggrieved by an order of the registering authority under sub-rule (5) of rule 63 or sub-rule (1) of rule 69, may, within thirty days of the receipt of the order, appeal to the Head of the Motor Vehicles Department of the State Government established under section 213.

71. Procedure for appeal.—(1) An appeal under rule 70 shall be preferred in duplicate in the form of a memorandum, setting forth the grounds of objections to the order of the registering authority and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee as specified in rule 81 and a certified copy of such order.

(2) The appellate authority may, after giving an opportunity to the parties to be heard and after such enquiry as it may deem necessary, pass appropriate orders.

72. Voluntary surrender of letter of authority.—(1) The holder of a letter of authority may, at any time, surrender the letter of authority issued to him, to the registering authority which has granted the letter of authority and on such surrender, the registering authority shall cancel the letter of authority forthwith.

(2) On cancellation of the letter of authority under sub-rule (1), the registering authority shall refund to the holder of the letter of authority, the amount of security deposit referred to in sub-rule (2) of rule 63 in full and without any interest.

73. Tax clearance certificate to be submitted to the testing station.—No authorized testing station shall accept an application for the grant or renewal of a certificate of fitness unless the same is accompanied by a tax clearance certificate in such form as may be specified by the State Government, from the Regional Transport Officer or motor vehicle inspector having jurisdiction in the area to the effect that the vehicle is not in arrears of motor vehicle tax or any compounding fee referred to in sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 86.

*Registration of vehicles belonging to the
Central Government used for defence purposes*

74. Assignment of registration marks to the vehicles belonging to the Central Government used for defence purposes.—The authority referred to in sub-section (1) of section 60 shall assign registration marks to the vehicles belonging to the Central Government and used for defence purposes in the following manner, namely:—

A group of figures followed by a single capital letter, a broad arrow, not more than six figures and a capital letter or a group of letters. The registration mark shall be in English letters and Arabic numerals.

State Register of Motor Vehicles

75. State register of motor vehicles.—(1) Each State Government shall maintain a State register of motor vehicles in respect of motor vehicles registered in the State in Form 41.

(2) Each ⁹⁵[State Government shall, if so desired by the Central Government] send to the Director (Transport Research), Ministry of Surface Transport, New Delhi, a printed copy of the register referred to in sub-rule (1).

Special provision for registration of motor vehicles of diplomatic officers, etc.

76. Registration of vehicles of diplomatic and consular officers.—(1) Every application for registration of a motor vehicle under sub-section (1) of section 42 by or on behalf of any diplomatic officer or consular officer shall be made in triplicate by the head of the mission or consular officer in Form 42 and be addressed to the registering authority through the Competent Authority accompanied by the relevant documents and fees referred to in rule 47.

(2) The Competent Authority shall forward one copy of the application to the registering authority concerned together with a statement certifying the status of the person applying for registration and shall return one copy of the application to the applicant. The third copy of the application may be retained by the Competent Authority for record.

(3) The registering authority shall, on receipt of the application duly endorsed under sub-rule (2) register the vehicle, subject to the provision of section 44.

(4) The registering authority shall issue to the owner of a motor vehicle registered by it under sub-rule (3), a certificate of registration in Form 43 and shall enter in a register to be kept by it, particulars of such certificate.

(5) The registering authority shall assign to the motor vehicle for display thereon in the manner specified in rule 77, the registration mark in accordance with sub-rule (6) or sub-rule (7), as the case may be.

⁹⁶[(6) A motor vehicle belonging to a diplomatic mission in Delhi or to any of its diplomatic officer shall be assigned a registration mark consisting of the letters "CD" preceded by the number allotted to the mission by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and followed by a number allotted to the vehicle by the registering authority in the following manner, namely:—

(i) an official vehicle meant for the use of the head of a mission shall be allotted the number "1";

⁹⁵ Substituted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001 (w.e.f. 28-3-2001). Earlier these words were omitted by G.S.R. 76(E), dated 31-1-2000 (w.e.f. 31-1-2000). Before that these words were inserted by

G.S.R. 684(E), dated 5-10-1999 (w.e.f. 22-10-1999).

96. Sub-R. (6) substituted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001 (w.e.f. 28-3-2001).

(ii) personal vehicles of the head of the mission shall be allotted the number "1", followed consecutively, in alphabetical order, by a letter beginning with the letter "A";

(iii) official vehicles, other than those referred to in clause (i), shall be allotted consecutive numbers beginning with the number "2";

(iv) vehicles belonging to other officers of the mission shall be allotted numbers in consecutive order after the last number allotted under clause (iii);

(v) vehicles acquired by a mission or by its diplomatic officer other than heads of missions, shall be allotted numbers in consecutive order after the last number allotted under clause (iv) irrespective of whether such vehicle is for official or personal use of the mission or any of its officers;

(vi) a number allotted to a vehicle under any of the clauses (i) to (iv), which is lying unutilised due to sale or export of such vehicle or cancellation of its number may be allotted to another vehicle under the same clause in respect of which an application has been made under sub-rule (1).]

(7) A motor vehicle belonging to a consular post ⁹⁷[headed by a Carrier Counsellor Officer] or to any of its officers shall be assigned a registration mark consisting of the letters "CC" preceded by the number of the post allotted to it by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and followed by a number allotted to the vehicle by the registering authority out of a block of numbers allotted for that post in the following manner, namely:—

(i) an official vehicle meant for the use of the head of a consular post shall be allotted the first number from the block of numbers allotted to that post;

(ii) personal vehicles of the Consul-General shall be allotted the number referred to in clause (i), followed consecutively in alphabetical order, by a letter beginning with the letter "A";

(iii) official vehicles other than those referred to in clause (i'), shall be allotted consecutive numbers beginning with the second number from the block of numbers allotted to the post;

(iv) vehicles belonging to other officers of the post shall be allotted numbers in consecutive order after the last number allotted under clause (iii);

(v) vehicles acquired by a post, or by its consular officers, other than the head of the post shall be allotted numbers in consecutive order after the last number allotted under clause (iv) irrespective of whether such vehicle is for official or personal use of the post or any of its officers;

(vi) a number allotted to a vehicle under any of the clauses (i) to (v) which is lying unutilised due to sale or export of such vehicle or cancellation of its number, may be allotted to another vehicle under the same clause in respect of which an application has been made under sub-rule (i).

⁹⁸[*Explanation.*—For the purposes of this rule and rules 77, 78 and 79, "competent authority" means:—

(i) in relation to a diplomatic officer or a consular officer who has his residence in Delhi, the Chief of Protocol to the Government of India in the Ministry of External Affairs; and

(ii) in relation to a diplomatic officer or a consular officer who has his residence at any other place, the Secretary (Transport) to the State Government.]

97. *Substituted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001, for "outside Delhi" (w.e.f. 28-3-2001).*

98. *Substituted by G.S.R. 129(E), dated 16-2-2000 (w.e.f. 16-2-2000)*

⁹⁹ [(8) Consular posts headed by Honorary Consular Officers shall use standard size number plates bearing ordinary registration number provided by the concerned registration authorities. They may, however, use the word "name of the country followed by CC (Honorary)" in the same font and colour (*i.e.*, the numbers and letters in white colour on black background) but in letters smaller than the registration number on a maximum of two of their vehicles.)

¹[**76-A. Application of rules 76 to 80 to organisations notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947.**—The provisions of rules 76 and 77 to 80 shall apply to the motor vehicles of diplomatic officers of the organisations notified under the United Nations (Privileges and Immunities) Act, 1947 (46 of 1947) as they apply to a diplomatic officer or consular officer with the modification that in rule 76,—

- (a) in sub-rule (6), for the letters "CD", the letters "UN" shall be substituted; and
- (b) in sub-rule (7), for the letters "CC", the letters "UN" shall be substituted.]

²[**76-B. Registration of vehicles of home-based non-diplomatic officials of diplomatic missions or consular posts.**—(1) A motor vehicle belonging to a non-diplomatic official of a diplomatic mission or a consular post in Delhi shall be assigned a registration mark consisting of letters 'CDP' preceded by the number allotted to the mission or post by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and followed by a number allotted to the vehicle by the registering authority.

(2) A motor vehicle belonging to a home-based non-diplomatic official of a consular post outside Delhi shall be assigned a registration mark consisting of the letters 'CCP' preceded by the number of the post allotted to it by the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India and followed by the number allotted to the vehicle by the registering authority.]

77. Exhibition of registration mark.—(1) The registration mark assigned under sub-rules (5) to (7) of rule 76 shall be clearly exhibited in reflecting colour both at the front and rear of the vehicle on the plain surface of a plate or part of the vehicle and the size of which shall be 41 centimetres by 14 centimetres—

- (i) with deep blue background, the registration mark and the number being in white in the case of motor vehicles referred to in sub-rule (6) of rule 76;
- (ii) with yellow background, the registration mark and the number being in black, in the case of motor vehicles referred to in sub-rule (7) of rule 76;

³(iii) with light green background, the registration mark and the number being in white in case of motor vehicles referred to in rule 76-B.]

(2) The registration mark shall be in English letters and Arabic numerals and—

⁹⁹ Inserted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001 (w.e.f. 28-3-2001).

1. Inserted by G.S.R. 644, dated 25-9-1995.

2. Inserted by G.S.R. 395(E), dated 16-7-1997 (w.e.f. 16-7-1997).

3. Inserted by G.S.R. 395(E), dated 16-7-1997 (w.e.f. 16-7-1997)

(i) save in the case of a motor cycle or an invalid carriage, the letters shall be not less than 6 centimetres high and 2 centimetres thick at any part, the numerals shall be not less than 9 centimetres high and 2 centimetres thick at any part, and there shall be a space between any letter and any numeral and between any letter or any numeral and the edge of the plain surface of not less than 1 centimetre and a space between any two letters and between any two numerals of not less than 1 centimetre; and

(ii) in the case of a motor cycle or an invalid carriage, the dimensions of the letters and figures shall not be less than two-thirds of those specified in clause (i).

(3) The plain surface referred to in sub-rule (2) shall not be inclined from the vertical by more than thirty degrees. The letters and numerals shall be exhibited as follows:—

(i) in the case of a transport vehicle, the registration mark shall be exhibited in two separate horizontal lines, the number allotted to the mission or post and the letters forming the first line followed by the number allotted by the registering authority in the second line; and

(ii) in all other cases, the registration mark may exhibit the letters and numerals either in two horizontal lines as aforesaid or in one horizontal line.

(4) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (1), the registration mark exhibited at the front of a motor cycle or an invalid carriage may be displayed on a plate in line with the axis of the vehicle and shall, in such a case, be displayed on both sides of the plate.

(5) In the case of a trailer—

(i) the registration mark shall be exhibited on a plate or surface on the left hand side of the trailer, the dimensions of the letters and figures being not less than two-thirds of the dimensions specified in sub-rule (2);

(ii) the registration mark of the drawing motor vehicle to be affixed to the rear of the trailer shall be in conformity with the provisions of these rules relating to the registration mark affixed to the rear of the motor vehicle.

(6) The registration mark shall also be painted on the right and left side of the body of a transport vehicle.

78. Assignment of new registration mark on removal of vehicle to another State.—

(1) Every application for assignment of new registration mark on removal to another State under sub-section (1) of section 47 by or on behalf of a diplomatic officer or consular officer shall be made in triplicate in Form 44 and shall be addressed to the registering authority through the competent authority accompanied by the relevant documents and fees referred to in rule 54.

(2) The provisions of sub-rules (2) to (7) of rule 76 shall apply to an application made under sub-rule (1) as they apply to an application made under sub-rule (1) of rule 76.

79. Suspension and cancellation of registration of vehicle registered under rule 76.—If, under the provisions of section 53, section 54 or section 55, the registration of a motor vehicle made in accordance with rule 76 is suspended or cancelled, then a copy of the order of suspension or cancellation shall be sent to the competent authority in addition to each of the authorities or persons to whom a copy has to be sent under the said sections.

80. Transfer or disposal of motor vehicle registered under rule 76.—(1) Where a motor vehicle registered in accordance with rule 76 is transferred by way of sale or otherwise, the transferor shall, within fourteen days, report the fact of the transfer along with the full name and address of the person to whom the vehicle is transferred to the registering authority within whose jurisdiction the transfer is effected and shall simultaneously send copies of the said report to:—

(a) the transferee;

(b) the competent authority;

(c) the Collector of Customs of the port of importation of the vehicle and where it is not possible to locate the port of importation, to the Collector of Central Excise and Customs nearest to the headquarters of the transferee; and

(d) the original registering authority in whose records the registration of the vehicle is recorded, if the transfer is effected in the jurisdiction of another registering authority,

and shall also surrender the number plate in respect of the vehicle to the registering authority in whose records the registration of the vehicle is recorded, when the transfer is to a person other than a diplomatic officer or a consular officer.

(2) Where the transferee is a diplomatic officer or a consular officer, an application by him or on his behalf shall be made to the registering authority for registration of the vehicle in accordance with the provision of rule 76.

FEES

81. Fees.—The fee which shall be charged under the provisions of this Chapter shall be as specified in the table below:

⁴ [TABLE

Sl.No.	Purpose	Amount	Rule	Section
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Grant or renewal of trade certificate in respect of each vehicle: Motorcycle Invalid carriage Others	Fifty rupees Fifty rupees Two hundred rupees	34(1)	—
2.	Duplicate trade certificate: Motorcycle Invalid carriage Others	Thirty rupees Thirty rupees One hundred rupees	38(1)	—
3.	Appeal under rule 46	One hundred rupees	46(1)	—
4.	Issue, renewal of certificates of registration and assignment of new registration mark: Invalid carriage Motor cycle Light motor vehicle: (iii) Non-Transport (iv) Light Commercial Vehicle 4a[E-rickshaw or E-cart Medium goods vehicle Medium passenger motor vehicle Heavy goods vehicle Heavy passenger motor vehicle Imported motor vehicle Imported motor cycle Any other vehicle not mentioned above	Twenty rupees Sixty rupees Two hundred rupees Three hundred rupees Three hundred rupees] Four hundred rupees Four hundred rupees Six hundred rupees Six hundred rupees Eight hundred rupees Two hundred rupees Three hundred rupees	47(1), 52(1), 54(1), 76(1) and 78(1)	—

4. Substituted by G.S.R. 221(E), dated 28-3-2001 (w.e.f. 28-3-2001)

4a. Inserted by E.S.R. 27(E), dated 13.1.2015 (w.e.f. 13.1.2015)

5.	Issue of duplicate certificate of registration	Half of the fee mentioned in Serial No. 4	53(2)	
6.	Transfer of ownership	Half of the fee mentioned in Serial No. 4	55(2)(iii), 55(3), 56(2)(a) and 57(1)(a)	—
7.	Change of residence	Twenty rupees	59	
8.	Recording alteration in the certificate of registration	Fifty rupees	—	52(4)
9.	Endorsing hire-purchase/ lease/ hypothecation agreement	One hundred rupees	60	—
10.	Cancellation of hire-purchase/lease/ hypothecation agreement or issue of fresh certificate of registration	One hundred rupees	61(1) and (2)	—
11.	Conducting test of a vehicle for grant and renewal of certificate of fitness: (i) Two/three-wheeled vehicle (ii) Light motor vehicle (iii) Medium motor vehicle (iv) Heavy motor vehicle	One hundred rupees Two hundred rupees Three hundred rupees Four hundred rupees	62(2)	—
12.	Grant or renewal of certificate of fitness for motor vehicle	One hundred rupees	62(2)	—
13.	Grant or renewal of letter of authority	Five thousand rupees	63(2)(a)	—
14.	Issue of duplicate letter of authority	Five thousand rupees	66(2)	—
15.	Appeal under rule 70	Four hundred rupees	71(1)	—

Note.—For the removal of doubts, it is hereby declared that medium passenger motor vehicle, heavy goods vehicle, imported motor vehicle and any other vehicle not mentioned in Serial No. 4 of this Table include both transport and non-transport vehicles:]

⁵[Provided that in case for any purpose referred to in Serial Numbers 4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 of this Table is issued on any Smart Card, an additional amount of fee of Rupees Two hundred shall be charged for each such card.]

5. Inserted by G.S.R. 400(E), dated 31-5-2012 (w.e.f. 31-5-2012).
