

# New Driving License

Instructions to obtain the new smart card Driving License. This driving license is issued in following two methods.

- **First method** - Online method at the Head Office for the issue of licenses at Werahera and following District offices
  - Kurunegala
  - Hambanthota(Printing available)
  - Gampaha(Sub office at "Negombo" is also available)
  - Anuradhapura(Printing available)
  - Kaluthara
  - Jaffna
  - Monaragala
- **Second method**- Offline method at other district offices.

## Common requirements

- Applicant should be present in person.
- Should bring the national identity card or the valid passport with the national identity card number.
- In obtaining the service from offices where online method is available producing photographs is not required and the relevant photographs are taken during the computer process. For offices where offline method is used two passport size black and white photographs with white background are required.
- In obtaining a driving license for the first time, original of the birth certificate should be produced.

## 1 Obtaining a new driving license for light vehicles.



- It is possible to register and sit for the written test if 17 years of age has been completed.
- In the event of passing the written test, a learners' permit is issued up to a maximum of 18 months.
- Holder of such permit can practice driving.
- One should complete 18 years of age to face the practical test and a minimum of 3 months should have passed after obtaining the learners' permit.
- It is compulsory to face the practical test and pass it.







- Aptitude Medical Certificate obtained from the National Transport Medical Institution within a period not exceeding 6 months.






## 2 Extension of the driving license for heavy vehicles.

- Should be a holder of a license for light vehicles (only B and B1 vehicle classes) for a minimum of 2 years prior to the date of application.
- To obtain a license for light motor bus and motor lorry category the minimum height should be 4 feet 10 inches. A minimum height of 5 feet is required to obtain a licence for Motor bus and motor lorry category.
- It is possible to register and face the written test on completion of 20 years of age.
- In the event of passing the written test, a learners' permit is issued for maximum period up to 18 months.
- Holder of such permit can practice driving.
- 21 years of age has to be completed to face the practical test and a minimum of 3 months should have passed since obtaining the learners' permit.
- It is compulsory for the applicant to face the practical test and pass it.
- Aptitude Medical Certificate obtained from the National Transport Medical Institution within a period not exceeding 6 months.

## Vehicle Classes – Section 122 of Motor Traffic Act amended by Act no.08 of 2009

Description	Vehicle Class	Other Class of Vehicles can be driven	Pictograph	Old Class
Light motor cycles of which Engine Capacity does not exceeds 100CC	A1	G1		D
Motorcycles of which Engine capacity exceeds 100CC	A	A1,G1		D

Motor Tricycle or van of which tare does not exceed 500kg and Gross vehicle weight does not exceed 1000 kg: Motor vehicle in this class include an invalid carriage	B1	G1		E,F
Dual purpose Motor vehicle of which Gross Vehicle Weight does not exceed 3500kg and the seating capacity does not exceed 9 seats inclusive of the driver's seat, which may be combined with a trailer of which maximum authorized tare does not exceed 750kg: Motor vehicle in this class include and invalid carriage and all cars where the seating capacity does not exceed 9 seats inclusive of the Driver's seat.	B	G1		C,C1
Light Motor Lorry – Motor Lorry of which Gross Vehicle Weight exceeds 3500 kg and does not exceed 17000kg: Motor vehicles in this class may be combined with a trailer having maximum authorized tare which does not exceed 750kg: Motor vehicles of this class include a motor ambulance and motor hearses.	C1	B,G1		B1
Motor Lorry of which Gross vehicle Weight is more than 1700kg; may be combine with a trailer having a maximum authorized tare which does not exceed 750kg	C	C1,B,J,G,G1		B
Heavy Motor Lorry; combination of motor lorry and trailer (s) including articulated vehicles and its trailer (s) of which maximum authorized tare of the trailer exceeds 750kg and gross vehicle weight exceeds 3500kg	CE	C,C1,B,B1,G,G1,J		B
Light Motor Coach- Motor vehicles used for the carriage of persons and having seating capacity of not less than 9 seats and not more than 33 seats inclusive of the driver's seat; motor vehicle in this class may be combined with a trailer having a maximum authorized tare which does not exceed 750kg	D1	C1, B, B1, G, G1		A1

Motor Coach where the seating capacity does not exceed 33 seats inclusive of the driver's seat; motor vehicles in this class may be combined with a trailer having a maximum authorized tare which does not exceed 750kg	D	D1, C, C1, B, B1, G, G1,J		A
Heavy Motor Coach – Combination of motor coach having a seating capacity of 33 seats inclusive of the driver's seat and it's trailer having maximum authorized tare exceeding 750kg or a combination of two motor coaches	DE	D, D1, C, C1, CE, B, B1, G, G1,J		—
Hand Tractors - Two Wheel Tractor with a Trailer	G1	Nil		G1
Land Vehicle - Agricultural Land Vehicle with or without a trailer	G	G1		G
Special purpose Vehicle, Vehicle used for construction, loading & unloading excluding motor lorries, light motor lorries and heavy motor lorries, equipped with construction equipment and equipment for loading and unloading goods	J	G1		—

## Duplicate Driving License and Change of Particulars

### Obtaining a duplicate of the driving license

- Copy of the complaint lodged at the police within 6 months of the loss of driving license.
- National Identity Card or the valid passport with the national identity card number
- The distorted / defaced driving license, if available.

### Change of Particulars

- Current driving license.
- National Identity Card or the valid passport with the national identity card number
- Birth certificate / marriage certificate / Divorce certificate or any other valid document for changing the name.

- Grama Niladhari Certificate for altering the address

## Vehicle Emission Testing

### What is this programme?

Checking vehicle emission to ascertain whether they are within the defined limits is done through this.

### Documents and other requirements for vehicle emission testing

- Registration certificate of the vehicle should be produced.
- Engine number and chassis number must be cleaned for easy reading.
- As the engine of the vehicle needs to be at the running temperature when produced for the test, the Engine must be switched on at least for 10 minutes.
- Vehicles with oil or emission gas leaks are not subjected to the test.
- The vehicle should be free of water leaks with the engine in good working condition. In case of any damage caused during testing to a vehicle subjected to the test without confirming to the said requirements, the loss should be borne by the owner.

### Vehicle emission standards

Petrol vehicles			
Type of vehicle	Emission Standards		Other matters
	As effective from 01 April 2008		
	Carbon Monoxide CO (% v/v)	Hydrocarbon HC (ppm v/v)	
Petrol vehicles other than motor bicycles and motor tricycles	4.5	1200	Started, not running and 2500 RPM with NO LOAD.

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### Abbreviations

% v/v - percentage as per volume

ppm v/v - parts per million as per volume

RPM - Rounds per minutes.

Class of Vehicle	Charges (with VAT)
Motor bicycle (Petrol)	415
Motor Bicycle (Diesel)	415
Three wheeler (Petrol)	505
Three wheeler (Diesel)	505
Motor Car (Petrol)	1110
Motor Car (Diesel)	1110
Dual purpose vehicles / van (Petrol)	1200
Dual purpose vehicles / van (Deisel)	1200
Motor lorry (Petrol)	1560
Motor lorry (Diesel)	1560
Motor coach (Petrol)	1020
Motor coach (Diesel)	1020
Bus (Petrol)	1010
Bus (Diesel)	1010
Prime Mover (Diesel)	1660

Method of obtaining vehicle emission testing certificate and testing.

- With effect from 01.02.2011 all Brand New vehicles for one year only and in issuing the revenue licence for the second year checking vehicle emission certificate is compulsory.
- Vehicles manufactured prior to 31.12.1975 have been exempted from obtaining vehicle emission certificates.
- Obtaining vehicle emission certificate to get the revenue licence is required from the first year with respect to reconditioned vehicles.
- In issuing revenue licences all agricultural land vehicles have been exempted from obtaining vehicle emission certificate.
- In issuing revenue licences for all agricultural land vehicles they have been exempted from the requirement of obtaining vehicle emission certificates. Only four wheeled agricultural tractors and hand tractors are considered as agricultural land vehicles.
- As vehicles that are run by using liquid petroleum gas have been defined as motor vehicles, they have been exempted from the requirement of obtaining vehicle emission certificate in issuing licences for such vehicles. However for vehicles that are operated using liquid petroleum gas and petrol (bi-fuel vehicles) revenue licence should be obtained. In the issue of that, vehicle emission certificate on the use of petrol should be checked.
- As vehicles run using liquid petroleum gas have been defined as motor vehicles, in issuing licences for such vehicles, it is informed that revenue licences should be issued by charging the same fee charged on petrol vehicles.
- If the owner of the vehicle confirms that the engine of a vehicle has been repaired, a receipt is issued by charging the annual revenue licence fee so that the vehicle could be run on the condition of completing 2000 kilometres forward from the number of kilometres depicted on the odometer of the vehicle or 02 months forward from the date of repair of the engine, whichever comes first. Once that condition has been met the owner of the vehicle should obtain the revenue licence by producing the vehicle emission certificate.
- In issuing the revenue licence for electrical vehicles and hybrid vehicles, they have been exempted from the requirement of obtaining the vehicle emission certificate.
- Only one revenue licence can be obtained on one vehicle emission certificate.