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ROAD TRAFFIC (DISABLED PERSON'S PARKING PERMIT— SIMPLIFICATION OF APPLICATION AND RENEWAL PROCEDURE) REGULATION 2007

(Made by the Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works under section 12 of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374))

1. Commencement

This Regulation shall come into operation on 19 May 2007.

2. Interpretation

Regulation 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Parking) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. C) is amended by adding—

""full driving licence" (正式駕駛執照) has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. B);

"identity document" (身分證明文件) means—

- (a) an identity card issued under the Registration of Persons Ordinance (Cap. 177);
- (b) a passport furnished with a photograph of the holder, or some other travel document establishing to the satisfaction of an immigration officer or immigration assistant the identity and nationality of the holder for the purposes of the Immigration Ordinance (Cap. 115); or
- (c) any other document of identity acceptable to the Commissioner for the purposes of these regulations;

"learner's driving licence" (學習駕駛執照) means a learner's driving licence issued under regulation 12 or 12A of the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. B);".

3. Application for and issue of disabled person's parking permits

(1) Regulation 27A(1) is repealed and the following substituted—

"(1) A person who wishes to apply for a disabled person's parking permit in respect of a private car, motor cycle or motor tricycle ("relevant vehicle") shall deliver to the Commissioner—

- (a) an application in a form specified by the Commissioner and signed by the person; and
- (b) the originals or copies of—
 - (i) the identity document of the person; and
 - (ii) such other documents relating to the person or to the relevant vehicle as are required for the purpose of this regulation and specified in the application form.".
- (2) Regulation 27A(3) is repealed and the following substituted—
 - "(3) On receipt of an application made under subregulation (1) in respect of a relevant vehicle, the Commissioner may—
 - (a) issue a disabled person's parking permit to the applicant if the following conditions are satisfied—
 - (i) the applicant is a disabled person holding a full driving licence or a learner's driving licence which permits him to drive the relevant vehicle;
 - (ii) the applicant or, where the spouse of the applicant is also a disabled person, the spouse of the applicant is the registered owner of the relevant vehicle; and
 - (iii) in the case where the Commissioner requires the relevant vehicle to be modified in view of the physical condition of the applicant, the Commissioner has issued a certificate in respect of the vehicle indicating that the Commissioner—
 - (A) has examined the relevant vehicle; and
 - (B) is satisfied that it is suitable for use by the applicant; and
 - (b) impose such conditions in respect of the permit as he thinks fit.".
- (3) Regulation 27A(4) is amended by adding ", motor cycle or motor tricycle" after "private car".

4. Renewal of disabled person's parking permits

- (1) Regulation 27B(1) is repealed and the following substituted—
 - "(1) A person who wishes to renew a disabled person's parking permit issued to him in respect of a private car, motor cycle or motor tricycle ("relevant vehicle") shall deliver to the Commissioner—
 - (a) an application in a form specified by the Commissioner and signed by the person; and

- (b) the originals or copies of—
 - (i) the identity document of the person; and
 - (ii) such other documents relating to the person or to the relevant vehicle as are required for the purpose of this regulation and specified in the application form.".
- (2) Regulation 27B is amended by adding—
 - "(3) On receipt of an application made under subregulation (1) in respect of a relevant vehicle, the Commissioner may—
 - (a) renew a disabled person's parking permit if, in respect of the applicant and the relevant vehicle, all the conditions set out in regulation 27A(3)(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) are satisfied; and
 - (b) impose such conditions in respect of the permit as he thinks fit.".

5. Regulation added

The following is added—

"27BA. Power of Commissioner to require production of licence, etc.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything in these regulations, the Commissioner may, in processing an application made in respect of a private car, motor cycle or motor tricycle ("relevant vehicle") under regulation 27A or 27B, require the applicant to produce for inspection the originals or copies of—
 - (a) the registration document of the relevant vehicle; and
 - (b) the applicant's full driving licence or learner's driving licence.
- (2) The Commissioner may suspend the processing of the application until the production of the document and licence mentioned in subregulation (1).".

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Road Traffic (Parking) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. C) to—

- (a) remove the mandatory requirement for an applicant to submit his driving licence and the registration document of the vehicle in question when applying for the issue or renewal of a disabled person's parking permit;
- (b) reserve a power for the Commissioner for Transport to require the production of such licence and document, as a contingency measure;
- (c) expressly require the applicant to produce his identity document when he applies for the issue or renewal of a disabled person's parking permit; and
- (d) make other minor and miscellaneous amendments.