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Road Traffic (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulation 2026

(Made by the Secretary for Transport and Logistics under sections 8(1) and 55ZD(1) of the Road Traffic Ordinance (Cap. 374) and section 29 of the Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (Cap. 1))

1. Commencement

This Regulation comes into operation on 3 August 2026.

2. Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations amended

The Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. B) are amended as set out in sections 3 to 16.

3. Regulation 2 amended (interpretation)

(1) Regulation 2—

Repeal the definition of *driving test*

Substitute

“*driving test* (駕駛測驗) means—

- (a) a test of competence to drive a motor vehicle (other than a motor cycle, a motor tricycle, a taxi or a ride-hailing vehicle) conducted in accordance with regulations 32 and 33; or
- (b) a test of competence to drive a taxi and to drive a ride-hailing vehicle conducted in accordance with regulation 33G;”.

(2) Regulation 2—

Add in alphabetical order

“ride-hailing vehicle driving permit (網約車車輛駕駛許可證) has the meaning given by section 55A(1) of the Ordinance;”.

4. Regulation 11 amended (issue of full driving licences)

Regulation 11(2CA)(a)(i)—

Repeal

“driving test in respect of taxis”

Substitute

“driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles) as defined by regulation 33A”.

5. Part III, Division 1 heading added

Before regulation 20A—

Add

“Division 1—Driving Instructors and Instruction”.

6. Part III, headings added

After regulation 30—

Add

“Division 2—Driving Tests

**Subdivision 1—Driving Tests in respect of Motor Vehicles
(other than Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles, Taxis or
Ride-hailing Vehicles)”.**

7. Regulation 30A added

Part III, Division 2, Subdivision 1, before regulation 31—

Add

“30A. Application of Subdivision 1

This Subdivision applies to any motor vehicle other than—

- (a) a motor cycle;
- (b) a motor tricycle;
- (c) a taxi; or
- (d) a ride-hailing vehicle.”.

8. Regulation 31 amended (application to take a driving test)

Regulation 31—

Repeal paragraphs (8A) and (10).

9. Regulation 32 amended (conduct of driving test)

Regulation 32—

Repeal paragraph (6).

10. Regulation 33 amended (passing of driving test)

Regulation 33—

Repeal paragraph (2).

11. Part III, Division 2, Subdivision 2 added

After regulation 33—

Add

“Subdivision 2—Driving Tests in respect of Taxis and Ride-hailing Vehicles

33A. Interpretation (Subdivision 2)

In this Subdivision—

driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles) (駕駛測驗 (的士及網約車車輛)) means a test of competence to drive a taxi and to drive a ride-hailing vehicle.

33B. Application to take driving tests

- (1) A person who wishes to take a driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles) may, in accordance with paragraph (2), make an application to the Commissioner for the taking of the test.
- (2) The application—
 - (a) must be made in a form specified by the Commissioner; and
 - (b) must be signed by the applicant.

33C. Issue of driving test forms

- (1) Subject to paragraph (4), on receipt of an application under regulation 33B and on payment of the fee prescribed in the Second Schedule, the Commissioner must issue to the applicant a driving test form in a form specified by the Commissioner.
- (2) As soon as practicable after the driving test form has been issued to the applicant under paragraph (1), the Commissioner must notify the applicant of the date, time and place of the driving test.

- (3) A person is not eligible to take a driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles) unless the person holds a valid driving test form.
- (4) The Commissioner may waive payment of the fee payable under paragraph (1) in the case of an applicant who is a disabled person.

33D. Validity of driving test forms

- (1) A driving test form issued under regulation 33C(1) ceases to be valid—
 - (a) if the holder of the driving test form (***form holder***) fails to attend a driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles) on the date, and at the time and place, notified under regulation 33C(2)—at the time of the failure; or
 - (b) otherwise—on the expiry of 18 months after the date on which it is issued.
- (2) However, even in the circumstances described in paragraph (1)(a), so long as—
 - (a) the form holder has given not less than 7 days' notice to the Commissioner of his or her inability to attend the driving test; or
 - (b) the Commissioner is otherwise satisfied that the form holder was unable to attend the driving test due to circumstances beyond his or her control,

the driving test form does not cease to be valid by virtue of that paragraph.

33E. Further driving tests

- (1) If a driving test form continues to be valid by virtue of regulation 33D(2), the Commissioner must give reasonable notice to the holder of the form of the date, time and place of a further driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles).
- (2) If the holder of the driving test form fails to attend the further driving test, regulation 33D is to apply to the form as if the date, time and place of the test had been notified under regulation 33C(2).

33F. Refund of fees and cancellation of driving test forms in certain circumstances

- (1) The Commissioner may refund the fee paid under regulation 33C(1) and cancel the driving test form issued under that regulation if the Commissioner is satisfied that—
 - (a) it would not be in the public interest to issue to the holder of the form—
 - (i) a driving licence to drive a taxi; or
 - (ii) a ride-hailing vehicle driving permit;
 - (b) the holder is either ineligible to obtain, or is disqualified from obtaining or holding, any of the following—
 - (i) a driving licence to drive a private car;
 - (ii) a driving licence to drive a taxi;
 - (iii) a ride-hailing vehicle driving permit; or
 - (c) the holder has been unable to attend the driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles) due to—

- (i) the test having been cancelled at short notice by the Commissioner; or
 - (ii) other circumstances beyond the control of the holder.
- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(i), without affecting any other grounds under the Ordinance, a person is ineligible to obtain a driving licence to drive a private car if the person is disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence under the Road Traffic (Driving-offence Points) Ordinance (Cap. 375).
- (3) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b)(ii), without affecting any other grounds under the Ordinance, a person is ineligible to obtain a driving licence to drive a taxi if the person is disqualified from driving a taxi under the Taxi-Driver-Offence Points Ordinance (Cap. 647).

33G. Passing of driving tests

A person passes a driving test (taxis and ride-hailing vehicles) if the Commissioner is satisfied that the person—

- (a) is fully conversant with the contents of the Road Users' Code promulgated under section 109 of the Ordinance;
- (b) possesses the knowledge required for—
 - (i) providing service for the carriage of any passenger for hire or reward using a taxi; and
 - (ii) providing ride-hailing passenger transport service (as defined by section 55A(1) of the Ordinance);

- (c) is able to identify prominent places and the most appropriate routes between specified locations; and
- (d) has complied with any other requirements that the Commissioner may notify in writing generally or at the time that the relevant application is made under regulation 33B(1).”.

12. Part III, Division 2, Subdivision 3 heading added

Before regulation 34—

Add

“Subdivision 3—Re-testing”.

13. Regulation 34 amended (re-testing of driving licence holders)

- (1) Regulation 34, heading, after “**holders**”—

Add

“etc.”.

- (2) Regulation 34(1)—

Repeal

“Where”

Substitute

“Subject to paragraph (3), where”.

- (3) Regulation 34(1)—

Repeal

“for a driving test”

Substitute

“for the driving test concerned”.

- (4) After regulation 34(1)—

Add

- “(1A) Paragraph (1) applies to a ride-hailing vehicle driving permit holder and, for that purpose—
- (a) a reference to a driving licence holder in that paragraph is to be construed as a reference to a ride-hailing vehicle driving permit holder;
 - (b) the reference to “holding or obtaining a driving licence” in that paragraph is to be construed as a reference to “holding or obtaining a driving licence to drive a private car, a driving licence to drive a taxi or a ride-hailing vehicle driving permit”; and
 - (c) the reference to “regulation 31(2)” in that paragraph is to be construed as a reference to “regulation 33C(1)”.’.

(5) After regulation 34(2)—

Add

- “(3) For the purposes of this regulation, where a driving licence mentioned in paragraph (1) is a driving licence to drive a motor cycle or a motor tricycle—
- (a) the reference to “the driving test concerned” in paragraph (1) is to be construed as a reference to “the motor cycle driving test concerned”;
 - (b) the reference to “issue to the licence holder a driving test form in accordance with regulation 31(2)” in paragraph (1) is to be construed as a reference to “issue to the licence holder a motor cycle driving test form in accordance with regulation 12B(2)”; and

- (c) the reference to “a driving test” in paragraph (2) is to be construed as a reference to “a motor cycle driving test”.

- (4) In this regulation—

ride-hailing vehicle driving permit holder (網約車車輛駕駛許可證持有人) has the meaning given by section 55A(1) of the Ordinance.”.

14. Regulation 50 added

After regulation 49—

Add

“50. Transitional provisions relating to Road Traffic (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulation 2026

- (1) If an application for the taking of a driving test in respect of taxis is made under the pre-amended regulation 31—

- (a) the pre-amended regulation 31 continues to apply in relation to the driving test form concerned as if the 2026 Amendment Regulation had not been made; and

- (b) the pre-amended regulation 11(2CA)(a)(i), pre-amended regulation 33 and pre-amended Eighth Schedule continue to apply in relation to the driving test concerned as if the 2026 Amendment Regulation had not been made.

- (2) In this regulation—

2026 Amendment Regulation (《2026年修訂規例》) means the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulation 2026;

pre-amended Eighth Schedule (原有附表8) means the Eighth Schedule as in force immediately before 3 August 2026;

pre-amended regulation 11(2CA)(a)(i) (原有第11(2CA)(a)(i)條) means regulation 11(2CA)(a)(i) as in force immediately before 3 August 2026;

pre-amended regulation 31 (原有第31條) means regulation 31 as in force immediately before 3 August 2026;

pre-amended regulation 33 (原有第33條) means regulation 33 as in force immediately before 3 August 2026.”.

15. Second Schedule amended

Second Schedule—

Repeal

“36(2), 40 & 42(1)]”

Substitute

“33C, 36(2), 40 & 42(1)]”.

16. Eighth Schedule amended (requirements for a driving test)

Eighth Schedule—

Repeal item 11.

Mable CHAN
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Logistics

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Explanatory Note

This Regulation amends the Road Traffic (Driving Licences) Regulations (Cap. 374 sub. leg. B) (*principal Regulations*) to introduce a combined driving test for driving taxis and ride-hailing vehicles. The provisions concerning the combined driving test are mainly contained in the new Subdivision 2 of Division 2 of Part III of the principal Regulations.