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**ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT RULES AND
REGULATIONS 2026**

FOREWORD

Pursuant to the powers granted by the Road Safety and Transport Act of Bhutan 1999, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport hereby adopts the Road Safety and Transport Rules and Regulations 2026. Upon enactment of these Rules and Regulations, the Road Safety and Transport Regulations 2021 and any other legal instruments that are inconsistent with the provisions of these Rules and Regulations is hereby repealed.

With the rapid change in surface transport environment and increase in vehicular population over the years, the need to enhance road safety has become inevitable. The existing Regulations 2021 is inadequate to cater to emerging needs and changing road transport scenarios in the country. Hence, the revision exercise has been carried out to repeal the existing Regulations and come up with a new set of Rules and Regulations.

These Rules and Regulations establish a system to provide for the safe, reliable, efficient, inclusive and environment friendly road transport system in the Kingdom of Bhutan and to ensure the highest standard of safety of transport. It shall also provide a framework for registration and renewal of vehicles, licensing of drivers, emission testing, vehicle roadworthiness, vehicle ownership transfer, and/or any other services associated or incidental to the vehicle and its drivers.

These Rules and Regulations is the outcome of several consultative meetings carried out with relevant agencies.

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ROAD SAFETY AND TRANSPORT RULES AND REGULATIONS

In exercise of powers under the Road Safety and Transport Act 1999, the Road Act 2013, and the Civil Service Reform Act 2022, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport hereby adopts the Road Safety and Transport Rules and Regulations (RSTRR) 2026.

CHAPTER I PRELIMINARY

Short Title, Extent and Commencement

1. These Rules and Regulations shall:
 - (1) Be called the Road Safety and Transport Rules and Regulations 2026;
 - (2) Extend to the whole of the Kingdom of Bhutan; and
 - (3) Come into force on 16th Day of the 5th Month of the Fire Male Horse Year of the Bhutanese calendar corresponding to July 1, 2026.

Application

2. These Rules and Regulations shall apply to:
 - (1) All civilian vehicles, machinery and equipment registered in the country;
 - (2) All vehicles belonging to armed forces and personnel working for these organizations in so far as road transport safety and traffic regulations are concerned; and
 - (3) Vehicles, machinery, and equipment registered in other countries and plying within Bhutan.

Repeal

3. These Rules and Regulations shall repeal:
 - a) Road Safety and Transport Regulations 2021; and
 - b) Provisions of the Road Rules and Regulations 2016 and any laws that are inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations.

CHAPTER II

REGISTRATION

Registration of Vehicle, Equipment and Machinery

4. A person shall register a new vehicle, equipment and machinery with the Authority within 15 (fifteen) calendar days from the date of customs clearance certified on the invoice issued by the dealer or from the date of customs clearance for direct purchase from other countries.
5. A person applying for registration shall submit duly filled and signed application form, along with the following documents:
 - (1) Copy of Citizenship Identity Card or any form of identification documents issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs for Bhutanese national;
 - (2) Copy of passport or recognised identification documents for non-Bhutanese;
 - (3) Certificate of incorporation for registration in name of the registered company;
 - (4) Certificate of registration or authorization from relevant authority for registration in the name of any entity established under the law;
 - (5) Original invoice of the dealer duly certified by Department of Revenue and Customs as evidence of tax clearance in case of vehicle purchased from the local dealer;
 - (6) Copy of certified documents issued by the Department of Revenue and Customs in the case of vehicle purchased from other countries by the owner directly without involving local dealer;
 - (7) Tax exemption certificate issued by the Ministry of Finance;
 - (8) Emission compliance certificate;
 - (9) Letter from the Ministry of Finance for allotment of Bhutan Government registration number, and letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade for Country Diplomat registration number; and

- (10) Any other details may be required for registration as deemed necessary by the Authority from time to time.
6. The vehicle owner shall produce the vehicle before the Authority for physical verification and a roadworthiness check, and pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.
7. Failure to register vehicle, equipment and machinery within 15 (fifteen) calendar days shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.100 per day until it is registered.
8. A person shall not drive or operate a vehicle, machinery and equipment without registration beyond 15 (fifteen) calendar days. If found driven or operated without registration, a person driving or operating shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.

Category of Vehicle

9. For the purpose of registration, vehicles, are categorized as:
 - (1) Heavy Vehicle:
 - a) Vehicle, including electric vehicle, exceeding ten tons gross vehicle weight; and
 - b) Bus, including electric bus, more than twenty-five passenger seats including driver's seat.
 - (2) Medium Vehicle:
 - a) Vehicle, including electric vehicle, exceeding three tons to ten tons gross vehicle weight;
 - b) Bus, including electric bus, with thirteen to twenty-five passenger seats including driver's seat; and
 - c) Tractor above twenty horsepower or above fourteen kilowatts for electric- powered vehicles.
 - (3) Light Vehicle:
 - a) Any vehicle with 796 CC and above or weighing not more than 3 tons gross vehicle weight and not exceeding twelve seats including driver's seat;

- b) Electric vehicle with minimum of twenty kilowatts and above or weighing not more than three tons gross vehicle weight and not exceeding twelve seats including driver's seat; and
 - c) Tractor with twenty and below horsepower or below fourteen kilowatts for electric powered.
- (4) Two Wheeler: Two wheeler with minimum of four-stroke engine or minimum of 2.5 Kilowatts in case of electric two-wheeler.
- 10. The Authority shall not register a vehicle which does not fall under the category specified in Section 9 of these Rules and Regulations.

Seating and Loading Capacity

- 11. The seating and loading capacity of the vehicle, machinery and equipment shall be as per the:
 - a) manufacturer's seating capacity, and the children above 5 years of age shall be deemed a passenger; and
 - b) manufacturer's loading specifications.

Category of Equipment and Machinery

- 12. Equipment or machinery shall be categorised as prescribed in Schedule–III of these Rules and Regulations, and shall be determined by the Authority from time to time.

Farm Machinery

- 13. The Authority may issue special permits for operating power tillers and farm machinery on road subject to applications made thereof.
- 14. Power tillers and farm machinery shall be operated only on the farm road, and shall not be driven or operated for purposes other than farming.

Other Category of Vehicle

- 15. The Authority may register other categories of vehicle proposed to be driven by the persons with disabilities, which does not fall under the categories prescribed under these Rules and Regulations.

Registration Procedure

16. A person in whose name the vehicle, machinery and equipment is purchased shall only be allowed to apply for registration of a vehicle in his name.
17. If more than one person owns a vehicle or machinery or equipment, an application for registration shall be made by one of the owners nominated by the other owners.
18. No commercial vehicle shall be registered in the name of Non-Bhutanese.
19. Light vehicle and/or Two wheeler for personal use may be registered in the name of the non-Bhutanese, provided:
 - (1) If a person has managerial & professional employment in Bhutan; or
 - (2) If a person has a valid trader card or business license issued by the Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Employment.
20. A Bhutanese holding other forms of identification documents issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs, shall only be allowed to register two wheeler and/or light vehicles for personal use.
21. Upon submission of an application for registration, subject to fulfillment of all registration requirements, the Authority shall:
 - (1) Enter the particulars of the applicant, details of the vehicle, machinery or equipment, and any other additional information deemed necessary by the Authority for its records;
 - (2) Collect fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations;
 - (3) Assign unique registration number; and
 - (4) Issue a registration certificate and update on the digital platform.

Country Diplomat Registration

22. The Authority shall register a vehicle as Country Diplomat as per the approval of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.

23. The numbering pattern and other information shall be assigned as per the Standard Operating Procedure on Allotment of Country Diplomat Number issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade or amendments thereof.
24. A vehicle imported in the country by a diplomat of the Royal Government of Bhutan shall be required to convert to private vehicle within 15 (fifteen) calendar days from the date of import.
25. For the purpose of conversion of vehicle imported by a Bhutanese diplomat to a private number, the individual shall submit to the Authority:
 - (1) Letter from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade;
 - (2) Import authorization and tax clearance documents issued by the Ministry of Finance; and
 - (3) A copy of invoice or vehicle registration certificate issued from the country of foreign posting.
26. Failure to convert registration of vehicle within 15 (fifteen) calendar days shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.100 per day until it is converted.
27. A person shall not drive a vehicle without converting Country Diplomat registration beyond 15 (fifteen) calendar days. If found driven without conversion of registration, the owner shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.
28. An expatriate may bring a used vehicle on posting in Bhutan with the condition that the vehicle shall be re-exported upon completion of term of employment in the country.

Restriction for Registration

29. Notwithstanding above requirements, the Authority shall refuse to register if the vehicle or equipment or machinery has:
 - (1) Windshield tinted dark or covered with curtain to obstruct visibility;
 - (2) Front door window glasses tinted dark more than 70 (seventy) percent visible light transmission or covered with curtain to obstruct visibility;

- (3) Rear windshield and other door glass tinted dark more than 30 (thirty) percent visible light transmission; and
- (4) Maximum overall height more than 3.5 meters for heavy vehicles, 3 meters for medium vehicles and 2.8 light vehicles, from the ground level.

Information Recorded in Registration Certificate

30. A registration certificate shall contain the following:
 - (1) Identification number including chassis and engine number or any prescribed identification number for vehicle, machinery and equipment;
 - (2) Model and registered year;
 - (3) Type and make, and color;
 - (4) Fuel type;
 - (5) Seating capacity including driver;
 - (6) Gross vehicle weight;
 - (7) Period of validity of its registration;
 - (8) Details of registered owner; and
 - (9) Any other information the Authority may consider necessary.

Temporary Identification Number

31. A person shall display, on the front windshield of the passenger side and rear of the vehicle, machinery, and equipment, a temporary identification number assigned to it by the authorized dealer or the tax clearance number of the Department of Revenue Customs.
32. The display of temporary identification numbers shall be in accordance with Schedule-IV of these Rules and Regulations.
33. The temporary identification number shall be replaced by a registration number issued by the Authority within fifteen calendar days of taking delivery of the vehicle from the authorized dealer or cleared by the Department of Revenue and Customs.

34. Failure to display a temporary identification number shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1500.

Display of Registration Number

35. The registered owner shall affix the registration number allotted by the Authority, on the front and the rear, in accordance with Schedule-IV of these Rules and Regulations.
36. A person shall not:
- (1) Drive or operate vehicle, machinery and equipment without registration number plate;
 - (2) Obscure, wholly or partially, a registration number on the number plate fixed to the vehicle, machinery and equipment; and
 - (3) Use number plates not visible from 20 meters.
37. A person who violates Section 35 and 36 shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 750.

Preferential Registration Number

38. The Authority may issue preferential registration numbers, subject to receipt of prescribed fees, as per the standard operating procedure.

Exemption from Payment of Registration and Annual Renewal Fee

39. The Authority may exempt initial registration and annual renewal fee for the following vehicle:
- (1) A vehicle allotted “BHT” registration number and belonging to the members of the Royal Family;
 - (2) Country Diplomat vehicle registered in the country; and
 - (3) A vehicle belonging to a project under special arrangement between the Government and the donor agency, for which a copy of relevant clauses in the signed project documents and tax exemption certificate from the Ministry of Finance.
40. Notwithstanding Section 39 of these Rules and Regulations, a vehicle specified in Section 39 (2) and (3) of these Rules and Regulations shall

pay the cost of the registration certificate prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.

Renewal of Registration

41. The owner of a vehicle, machinery and equipment shall renew the registration certificate on or before the date of expiry of its validity.
42. If a vehicle, machinery and equipment belongs to a project under the special arrangement between the Government and the donor agency, the letter of ownership from the concerned agency shall be produced during the time of renewal.
43. In addition to the exemptions granted under Section 42 of these Rules and Regulations, the Authority may exempt the vehicle from payment of late renewal fee if:
 - (1) An owner was undergoing medical treatment within or outside the country for which documents shall be provided; and
 - (2) If the vehicle, machinery and/or equipment is seized by the lawful authority.
44. Notwithstanding Section 43 of these Rules and Regulations, the Authority shall deny exemption of late renewal fee if the vehicle document is expired prior to or after any of the conditions specified under Section 43 of these Rules and Regulations.
45. The registration certificate shall stand renewed from the date of renewal, if the annual renewal fee and penalty, where applicable is paid.

Validity of Registration Certificate

46. The validity of a registration certificate for different categories of vehicle, machinery and equipment shall be:
 - (1) Six months or one year for commercial vehicles including heavy or medium vehicle, bus and taxi; and
 - (2) One to five years for all other categories of vehicle, machinery and equipment.
47. No person shall drive or operate a vehicle, machinery and equipment without a valid registration certificate.

48. A person driving or operating a vehicle, machinery or equipment without a valid registration certificate shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750, and shall not be allowed to drive or operate.
49. Failure to renew a registration certificate shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 10 per day from the date of expiry until renewed, up to a maximum of Nu. 3000 for a period of one year.

Roadworthiness Certificate

50. The Authority shall inspect a vehicle, machinery and equipment for registration and renewal of roadworthiness certificate as per the standard prescribed by the Authority:
 - (1) Twice a year for commercial vehicles including taxis, and
 - (2) Once a year for all other categories of vehicles including two-wheelers.
51. All earthmoving or construction equipment shall be exempted from roadworthiness requirements.
52. A person shall pay roadworthiness certificate fee prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.
53. A person shall not drive or operate a vehicle, machinery and equipment without a valid roadworthiness certificate.
54. Failure to renew a roadworthiness certificate shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.50 per day until renewed, with maximum penalty of Nu. 750.
55. If a vehicle, machinery and equipment is found driven or operated without a valid roadworthiness certificate, a person driving or operating shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.
56. The penalty for late renewal may be exempted if the owner failing to renew roadworthiness certificate provides documentary evidence to prove that the renewal was delayed, if:
 - (1) A vehicle requires major repair and the owner informs the Authority in writing within the validity period and furnishes authentic evidence or a certificate from the concerned workshop after the repairs have been completed, specifying the duration of repair;

- (2) An owner was undergoing medical treatment within or outside the country for which documents shall be provided; or
- (3) If the vehicle, machinery and/or equipment is seized by the lawful authority.

Replacement of Registration Certificate

- 57. The Authority may issue a replacement of the registration certificate to the registered owner and upon payment of applicable fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations, if:
 - (1) The registration certificate is damaged, for which the owner shall produce damaged registration certificate and vehicle for physical verification;
 - (2) The registration certificate is lost, for which the owner shall submit an undertaking and produced vehicle for physical verification; or
 - (3) A registered owner surrenders the original registration certificate, if fully utilized.
- 58. Notwithstanding provisions contained in Section 57 of these Rules and Regulations, no fee shall be levied for replacement of registration certificate under Section 57(3) of these Rules and Regulations.

Use of Parliament Logo

- 59. Registration plates of a vehicle belonging to the Members of Parliament shall be allowed to display the parliament logo as approved by the Government.
- 60. A Member of Parliament shall remove the parliament logo within 15 (fifteen) calendar days from the date of completion of their tenure or vacation of office.
- 61. Failure to remove parliament logo within 15 (fifteen) calendar days shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750 and the owner shall immediately remove the logo.

Suspension of Registration Certificate

62. Vehicle, machinery and equipment failing to renew registration after 1 (one) month shall be suspended up to 1 (one) year from the registry of the Authority.
63. Notwithstanding Section 62 of these Rules and Regulations, registration may be reinstated on payment of renewal fees along with a penalty of Nu.10 per day, with maximum penalty of Nu. 3000, from the date of expiry within 1 (one) year.
64. Upon reinstatement of the registration certificate the validity of the registration shall commence from the date of the renewal certificate.
65. Notwithstanding Section 62 of these Rules and Regulations, the Authority shall suspend the registration of a vehicle, machinery and equipment:
 - (1) If it is satisfied that the vehicle, machinery or equipment is unsafe for use until the vehicle, machinery or equipment is remedied; and/or
 - (2) As per the order from the Royal Court of Justice or investigating agencies.
66. A vehicle, machinery and equipment under suspension shall not be driven or operated on the road and the person driving or operating shall be liable for fines and penalties as per Section 48 of these Rules and Regulations.
67. A vehicle, machinery and equipment under suspension shall not be allowed to be driven or operated and the owner who allows any person to drive or operate shall be liable for fines and penalties as per Section 48 of these Rules and Regulations.
68. Vehicle, machinery and equipment registration shall be de-registered after 1 (one) year from the date of the expiry of the registration certificate.

De-registration of Registration Certificate

69. The Authority shall de-register the registration of a vehicle, machinery and equipment:

- (1) On written request of a registered owner and verified or approved by Authority;
 - (2) If the Authority, upon verification, determine that vehicle, machinery and equipment cannot be safely driven or is beyond repair; or
 - (3) Subject to Section 68 of these Rules and Regulations, except under Section 63 of these Rules and Regulations.
70. The owner shall produce Central Registry Secured Transaction Report prior to de-registration referred to in Section 69 (1) of these Rules and Regulations, and surrender the registration certificate to the Authority.
71. De-registered vehicle, machinery and equipment shall not be driven or operated, and the de-registered vehicle, machinery and equipment found driven or operated shall be impounded as per Section 602 of these Rules and Regulations.

Re-registration

72. The Authority may re-register the de-registered vehicle, subject to application made thereof, within 3 (three) years from de-registration if it is satisfied that the de-registered vehicle is certified by the competent authority that it can be safely driven or operated, subject to payment of prescribed fees and outstanding dues against the de-registered vehicle, machinery or equipment.
73. Notwithstanding Section 72 of these Rules and Regulations, vehicle, machinery or equipment de-registered shall not be re-registered if the vehicle:
- (1) Is de-registered as per Section 69 (1) and (2) of these Rules and Regulations; or
 - (2) The de-registered vehicle has lapsed 3 (three) years.

Alteration of a Vehicle, Machinery and Equipment

74. The owner shall obtain prior approval from the Authority for making any alteration to a vehicle, machinery and equipment.

75. The Authority may approve the vehicle, machinery and equipment alteration only after conducting detailed study on safety.
76. The owner shall obtain approval in writing from the Authority for the substitution of the engine, and the owner shall produce substitute engine for physical verification within the specified deadline prescribed in the approval.
77. If upon inspection, a vehicle, machinery and equipment alteration is approved, the Authority shall make necessary changes in the registration certificate and issue a new registration certificate, upon receipt of applicable fees.
78. Notwithstanding Sections 74 to 77 of these Rules and Regulations, the alteration of vehicle, machinery and equipment design leading to:
 - (1) Change in category of the vehicle, machinery and equipment from its initial registration; and/or
 - (2) Change or diversion from purpose for which the vehicle, machinery and equipment is originally designed, manufactured and specified by the manufacturer.
79. The chassis of the vehicle, machinery and equipment shall not be replaced. If found to be replaced, the registration will be de-registered and the matter will be forwarded to the Royal Bhutan Police.
80. Following alterations are restricted:
 - (1) Use tinted glass on any of the car windows beyond the permissible limit under Section 29 of these Rules and Regulations;
 - (2) Tinted lighting system in a vehicle;
 - (3) Affix after market lighting and additional features of lights in a vehicle that are unsafe for other road users;
 - (4) Extend the size of the vehicle and add additional features beyond what is specified by the manufacturer;
 - (5) Modifies horn and exhaust pipe with an intention to produce excessive noise; and/or
 - (6) Any alteration which may compromise safety as determined by the Authority.

81. The Authority shall mandate the owner of a vehicle, machinery and equipment to remove alterations specified in Section 80 of these Rules and Regulations within 15 (fifteen) calendar days and report to the Authority for inspection.
82. A person who unlawfully alters vehicle, machinery and equipment shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.
83. A person shall not drive or operate a vehicle, machinery and equipment without reinstatement of alteration. If found driving without reinstatement within 15 (fifteen) calendar days, the owner shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1,750.

CHAPTER III

TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

Transfer of Ownership

84. A person selling or transferring vehicle, machinery and equipment shall, within 15 (fifteen) calendar days of sale or transfer, apply for ownership transfer in the name of the buyer.
85. Failure to transfer ownership after 15 (fifteen) calendar days shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 100 per day.
86. An application for ownership transfer of a vehicle, machinery and equipment shall be accompanied by:
 - (1) A sale or transfer deed;
 - (2) Central Registry Secured Transaction Report that the vehicle, machinery or equipment is free from all encumbrances;
 - (3) Buyer's Citizen Identity Card copy or any other form of identification documents issued by Ministry of Home Affairs for Bhutanese;
 - (4) Recent passport size photograph of buyer in national dress;
 - (5) Registration certificate;
 - (6) Property transfers tax and other fees or charges for change of ownership prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations and in other relevant laws in force, unless otherwise granted exemption;
 - (7) Certificate of incorporation for registration in the name of registered company in addition to other requirements;
 - (8) Certification of registration for Civil Society Organization or Religious Organizations in addition to other requirements;
 - (9) Death certificate or certified letter from competent authority along with no objection from family members for transfer of vehicle from a deceased registered owner to the next of kin;

- (10) Death certificate and marriage certificate or certification from competent authority in case of ownership transfer from the deceased registered owner to his/her spouse;
 - (11) Clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade in case of Country Diplomat vehicle; and
 - (12) Letter of handing-taking or letter from the Ministry of Finance in case of BG registered vehicle.
87. The requirement of sale deed prescribed in Section 86(1) of these Rules and Regulations shall not apply in the cases referred to in Sections 86(7) (8) (9) (10) (11) (12) of these Rules and Regulations.

Transfer of Auctioned Vehicle, Machinery or Equipment

88. The successful bidder who acquired vehicle, machinery and equipment through the auctioning process shall be responsible to transfer ownership within 15 (fifteen) calendar days, and process for transfer as per Section 84 of these Rules and Regulations, as deemed applicable.

Transfer of Vehicle, Machinery or Equipment of Armed Forces

89. The Authority may register the armed force vehicle transferred as a civil vehicle, subject to submission of letter of endorsement from the concerned armed force office and shall be registered as per Chapter II of these Rules and Regulations.

Payment of Transfer Tax

90. The responsibility for payment of property transfer tax shall be as per the sale deed executed between the seller and the buyer, and the successful bidder in case of auctioned vehicle, machinery and equipment.
91. For the purpose of charging 1(one) percent or as may be amended ownership transfer tax from time to time, the Authority shall apply depreciation at the following rates on the initial purchase price on production of original invoice or bill or similar records maintained by the Authority or the current market value of a similar type of vehicle, machinery and equipment, using the diminishing balance method as specified below, whichever is higher:

- (1) 10 (ten) percent per annum for first and second year;
 - (2) 15 (fifteen) percent per annum for third, fourth, fifth and sixth year, and
 - (3) 10 (ten) percent of the initial purchase price maintained by the Authority, after the sixth year.
92. If a vehicle, machinery and equipment is seized and auctioned by the financial institution to recover its loan, the successful bidder shall pay applicable tax on the minimum reserve price of the vehicle, machinery and equipment.
93. In case of a vehicle, machinery and equipment sold as scrap, the owner shall not be liable for transfer tax on the sale value of the scrap. However, the owner shall fulfill the de-registration process.

Exemption from Payment of Property Transfer Tax

94. The payment of property transfer tax is exempted as per Rules on the Property Ownership Tax Act of Bhutan, if a vehicle, machinery and equipment ownership is transferred:
- (1) Between immediate family members. For the purpose of these section, immediate family members shall refer to parent, children and spouse;
 - (2) From grandparents to grandchildren and vice versa;
 - (3) From a sibling who is the legal custodian of the inherited property to other biological or legally adopted siblings;
 - (4) Split as one's share of property under joint ownership;
 - (5) Shared under a divorce settlement agreement as per the Marriage Act of Kingdom of Bhutan;
 - (6) Transferred to the main house after the death of the person;
 - (7) To registered Religious Organizations and registered public benefit organization registered under Chhoekey Lhentshog and Civil Society Organizations respectively;
 - (8) Between exempt international organization;

- (9) From children to the parents and vice versa;
- (10) To Zhung Dratshang or Dratshang Lhentshog;
- (11) Between members registered under the same census record; and
- (12) Between Government Agencies.

Sale of Vehicle, Machinery and Equipment to a Person Outside Bhutan

- 95. The registered owner of a vehicle, machinery and equipment who wishes to sell vehicle, machinery or equipment to a person residing outside Bhutan shall obtain no-objection certificate from the Authority.
- 96. The Authority shall issue no-objection certificate subject to receipt of following:
 - (1) Application along with relevant documents as may be determined by the Authority;
 - (2) Registration certificate;
 - (3) Central Registry Secured Transaction Report; and
 - (4) Fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.
- 97. The Authority shall de-register the registration of the vehicle, machinery and equipment upon issuance of no objection certificate.

Conversion of Registration Number

- 98. The Authority shall allow conversion of following registration number, subject to receipt of fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations:
 - (1) Conversion from government to private or vice versa;
 - (2) Conversion from taxi to private. However, conversion from private to taxi shall not be allowed;
 - (3) Conversion from country diplomat to private or government, and vice versa; and
 - (4) As may be determined by the Authority from time to time.

99. A person shall submit following for the conversion of registration number:
- (1) Application accompanied by registration certificate;
 - (2) Clearance from the Ministry of Finance for conversion of registration number under Section 98 (1) of these Rules and Regulations;
 - (3) Clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade for conversion of registration number under Section 98 (3) of these Rules and Regulations; and
 - (4) Central Registry Secured Transaction Report for conversion of numbers other than conversion from government to private and conversion under Section 98 (2) and (3) of these Rules and Regulations that the converted vehicle, equipment or machinery is free from all encumbrances.
100. Notwithstanding Sections 98 and 99 of these Rules and Regulations, registration number from taxi to private shall be automatically converted to private on completion of prescribed operational lifespan of taxi and conversion fees exempted.

Sale and Transfer of Duty Exempt Vehicles

101. Transfer of ownership of a vehicle, by sale or gift, imported or acquired without payment of customs duty and taxes to the non-privileged shall be subject to payment of customs duty, taxes and charges.
102. The application of taxes and financial obligations shall be as per the tax and financial laws of the country.

Disposal of Tax or Duty Exempt Vehicles by Officials of Diplomatic Mission, International Organizations and Experts on Completion of their Assignment in Bhutan

103. Officials of Diplomatic Mission, International Organizations and Experts on completion of their assignment in Bhutan should re-export their vehicle brought on their posting to Bhutan on completion of their assignments in Bhutan. Such vehicles shall not be permitted to be sold or transferred to any Bhutanese or privileged persons by sale or gift.

104. If the vehicle is purchased and registered in Bhutan, the officials of Diplomatic Mission, International Organizations and Experts on completion of their assignment in Bhutan can:
- (1) Be sold on duty and tax-exempt basis to another privileged person serving in Bhutan with clearance from the Department of Revenue and Customs provided the buyer has not already imported or placed an order for importation of a vehicle;
 - (2) Be sold on duty and tax exempt basis to a Bhutanese official holding vehicle allotment quota; or
 - (3) Be sold in the open market subject to clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade and the Department of Revenue & Customs.
105. Where vehicles are transferred as per Sections 103 and 104 of these Rules and Regulations, transfer of ownership shall be completed prior to the departure of the owner.

Transfer of Official Vehicles of Diplomatic Missions and International Organizations

106. Vehicles of the Diplomatic Missions and International organizations, if purchased by a non-privileged or is not a Government organization authorized by the Ministry of Finance, shall be subject to clearance from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade and the Department of Revenue & Customs.

CHAPTER IV

DRIVING AND OPERATING TEST

107. Individuals wishing to obtain a driver or operator license shall undergo a driving or operating license test conducted by the Authority.

Driving Test Schedule and Center

108. The Authority shall ensure that the driving test schedule, registration and test date is published well in advance on a six monthly basis.
109. Unless under unavoidable circumstances, the published driving test schedule shall not be changed. If any changes in the test schedule, the Authority shall notify the changes in advance.
110. The driving test shall be conducted in respective Regional or Base Offices of the Authority as per the schedule published.

Registration for Driving Test

111. A person shall register online for the driving test.
112. The Regional or the Base Offices shall ensure that all applicants are provided equal access to registration and test facility.

Driving Test Committee

113. For the purpose of carrying out fair and just driving or operating tests for all the drivers or operators in the country, the Authority shall constitute a Driving Test Committee comprising at least three officials headed by Transport Officer or senior most Vehicle Inspector of the Authority.
114. The members of the Driving Test Committee shall be appointed by the respective Regional Offices a day before the actual day of the driving test.
115. As required under Section 114 of these Rules and Regulations, the Chief Transport Officer shall ensure that the Driving Test Committee members are changed from time to time.

Duties and Responsibilities of Driving Test Committee

116. Before the driving test, the Driving Test Committee shall:

- (1) Declare conflict of interest;
- (2) Make necessary logistics arrangements required for the smooth conduct of the driving test;
- (3) Take attendance and verify the candidate with the registered list;
- (4) Check and verify all requirements prescribed under Section 145 of these Rules and Regulations for obtaining ordinary driving license and Section 160 of these Rules and regulations in case of endorsement or variation of driving license;
- (5) Brief the candidates on assessment procedures, regulatory requirements, safety measures and other road safety information prior to conduct of the test; and
- (6) Allow the candidate to sit for a practical test only upon fulfillment of all requirements.

117. While conducting test, Driving Test Committee shall:

- (1) Strictly follow the driving test standard prescribed in Schedule-V of these Rules and Regulations; and
- (2) Not allow any other person to enter the driving test area.

118. After the test:

- (1) Driving Test Committee shall:
 - (a) Sign the driving test assessment mark sheets and submit the complete set of documents to the license section on the same day; and
 - (b) Declare test results upon completion of driving test, and process driving licenses within 3 (three) working days for candidates who pass the test from the receipt of payment.
- (2) A candidate who pass driving test shall:
 - (a) Pay a prescribed driving license fee immediately for processing license; and

- (b) Not drive until the authority issues a driving license.
119. The Driving Test Committee shall maintain a proper record of the candidates and results of the driving test for future reference through adoption of a particular data recording format.
 120. The Driving Test Committee members shall strictly adhere to the provisions of the prescribed Term of Reference developed by the Authority.
 121. Any member of the Driving Test Committee who fails to comply with these Rules and Regulations and Terms of Reference shall be liable for action as per Bhutan Civil Service Rules and Regulations or provisions of any other relevant laws of the country.

CHAPTER V

LICENSING

122. The powers to issue, endorse, renew, de-merit, suspend and cancel all types of driving or operating licenses shall vest with the Authority.
123. For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations, driving or operator license is categorised as:
- (1) Learner license;
 - (2) Ordinary driving or operating license; and
 - (3) Professional driving or operating license.

Procedure for Obtaining a Learner License

124. Authority shall require an applicant for a learner license to:
- (1) Be 17 (seventeen) years of age or more;
 - (2) Submit a copy of Citizenship Identity Card or other forms of identification documents issued by Ministry of Home Affairs for Bhutanese Nationals, and passport or other form of identification document in case of non-Bhutanese in managerial and professional level;
 - (3) Submit latest passport-size photograph, in national dress for Bhutanese;
 - (4) Submit a medical certificate duly certified by a medical doctor within the country;
 - (5) Submit drug free certificate issued by competent agency;
 - (6) Pay fees as prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations;
 - (7) Submit certificate of one-day introductory course or certificate of having attended road safety awareness;; and
 - (8) Must sit for the theory test and obtain a pass certificate.

Exemptions

125. A person may be exempt from obtaining a learner license if a person has:
- (1) Valid armed force driving or operating license;
 - (2) Valid driving or operating license of another country; and
 - (3) Valid driving or operating license and learning to drive or operate other categories.

Requirements for a Learner while Learning to Drive

126. A person learning to drive or operate shall be in possession of a valid Learner license at all times while learning to drive or operate.
127. A person learning to drive or operate without a valid Learner license shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.

Display “L” on Vehicle

128. A learner while learning to drive or operate shall not drive a vehicle unless the “L” plate is clearly displayed on the front windshield of passenger side and rear of the vehicle, machinery, and equipment, and in case of two-wheeler, the “L” plate shall be displayed at both the front and rear.
129. The standard for “L” plate shall be in accordance with Schedule-IV of these Rules and Regulations.
130. “L” plate shall not be used, if the vehicle is not driven for learning.
131. A person who fails to display an “L” plate while learning to drive shall be liable for Nu. 1000.
132. A person who fails to remove “L” plate, while the vehicle, machinery or equipment is not driven or operated for learning, shall be liable for Nu.1000.

Learner to be Accompanied by the Licensed Driver or Operator

133. A learner shall not drive or operate vehicle, machinery or equipment unless accompanied by a driver or operator with a minimum of 3 (three)

years of experience holding a valid driving license of a particular drive type.

134. A learner license holder driving or operating a vehicle, machinery or equipment without an experienced driver or operator shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.

Prohibition on Learning to Drive or Operate

135. A person shall not learn in restricted areas and during rush hours as may be determined by the Authority and authorised person.
136. A person shall not be allowed to learn driving or operating along highways and in built-up areas for the first two months from the date of issuance of learner license.
137. Both the person learning and teaching to drive or operate along highways and built-up areas before two months maturity of learner license shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.
138. No passengers shall be allowed while learning to drive or operate vehicle, machinery and equipment.
139. Both the person learning and teaching to drive or operate if found carrying passengers while learning to drive or operate shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.

Record of Penalty for Learner License Holder

140. If a person is found driving or operating without a valid learner license, penalty shall be recorded under the individual's:
 - (1) Citizenship Identity Card number or other forms of identity issued by Ministry of Home Affairs for Bhutanese Nationals; and
 - (2) Passport or other form of identification document issued by the concerned Ministry in case of non-Bhutanese.
141. If the learner license holder commits a major offence prescribed in Schedule-XI of these Rules and Regulations, the Authority shall suspend learner license for 6 (six) months.

Validity of Learner License

142. The learner license is valid for a period of one year and required to be renewed annually.

Category of Driving or Operating License

143. The categories of vehicle, machinery and equipment allowed under each driving or operating license shall be as follows:

- (1) Ordinary driving or operating license:
 - (a) two-wheeler;
 - (b) light vehicle;
 - (c) medium vehicle;
 - (d) heavy vehicle;
 - (e) other vehicles, machinery, and equipment prescribed in Schedule-III of these Rules and Regulations, from time to time.
- (2) Professional driving or operating license:
 - (a) medium Bus;
 - (b) heavy Bus;
 - (c) taxi; and
 - (d) other machines, vehicles and equipment not specified above prescribed in Schedule-III of these Rules and Regulations, from time and time.

144. The above categories of driving or operating license shall be issued for drive or operate type specifying auto transmission or manual as per Schedule-X of these Rules and Regulations.

145. A driving or operating license holder who wishes to obtain an additional drive type for another category of vehicle, machinery, and/or equipment shall be as per Schedule-X of these Rules and Regulations.

Procedure for Obtaining Ordinary or Operating Driving License

146. A person applying for an ordinary driving or operating license shall:
- (1) Be 18 (eighteen) years of age and above at the time of applying ordinary driving or operating license;
 - (2) Have held a learner's license for at least 6 (six) months;
 - (3) Have undergone driving or operating tests and achieved the minimum pass score as determined by the Authority;
 - (4) Submit a latest passport-size photograph in national dress for Bhutanese;
 - (5) Submit a copy of Citizenship Identity Card or other forms of identification documents for Bhutanese Nationals, and passport or other identification cards in case of non-Bhutanese;
 - (6) Submit a medical certificate duly certified by medical doctor within the country, if an individual apply for driving licensing after 1 (one) year of holding learner license or as the authority deemed necessary;
 - (7) Submit drug free certificate issued by competent agency, if an individual apply for driving licensing after 1 (one) year of holding learner license or as the authority deemed necessary; and
 - (8) Pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.
147. Upon fulfilling the requirements prescribed in Section 146 of these Rules and Regulations, the Authority shall issue the driving or operating license as per the name reflected in the Citizenship Identity Card or any other forms of identification documents for Bhutanese, and passport or other identification cards in case of non-Bhutanese.
148. A person who has undergone the driving test through a vehicle with auto transmission shall be allowed to drive only an auto transmission vehicle of particular drive type.
149. The Authority may issue an ordinary driving or operating license to a person with disability subject to submission of a medical certificate provided by a competent medical doctor in the country.

Validity of Ordinary Driving or Operating License

150. For the purpose of ordinary driving or operating license, the renewal shall be as follows:
- (1) Two wheeler and light vehicle driving or operating license are valid for 5 (five) or 10 (ten) years until a person attains age of 70 (seventy) years. Upon attaining 70 (seventy) years of age, renewal shall be done after every 1 (one) year subject to certification by a medical doctor;
 - (2) Medium and heavy vehicle driving or operating licenses are valid for 5 (five) or 10 (ten) years until a person attains age of 60 (sixty) years. Upon 60 (sixty) years of age, annual renewal shall be carried out until a person attains age of 65 (sixty five) subject to certification by a medical doctor; and
 - (3) Validity of the ordinary driving or operating license issued to a person with other forms of identification shall be 1 (one) year, and shall be renewed as per the validity of the identification document issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and passport or other identification cards in case of non-Bhutanese.

Application Requirements for Professional Driving or Operating License

151. An applicant for a Professional driving or operating license shall:
- (1) Have held an ordinary driving license for the same category of vehicle for at least three years;
 - (2) Be a minimum of 21 (twenty-one) years of age for taxis and 24 (twenty-four) years for buses and a maximum age of 60 (sixty) years at the time of applying after which a person shall be required to produce a medical certificate for renewing the license annually till completion of 65 (sixty-five) years of age to drive a taxi and 63 (sixty-three) years of age to drive buses;
 - (3) Submit a copy Citizenship Identity Card;
 - (4) Submit a latest passport size photograph in national dress;
 - (5) Submit a certificate as a testimony of having completed the Recognition of Prior Learning assessment for professional driving

issued by Bhutan Qualifications and Professionals Certification Authority;

- (6) Submit a medical certificate duly certified by medical doctor within the country;
 - (7) Submit drug free certificate issued by competent authority;
 - (8) Surrender the ordinary driving or operating license; and
 - (9) Pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.
152. A person with other forms of identification documents except the Citizenship Identity Card, shall not be eligible for professional driving or operating license.
153. The professional driving or operating license shall be valid for 3 (three) years.

Driving or Operating without License

154. A person shall not drive or operate vehicle, machinery and equipment unless he holds a valid driving or operating license issued by the Authority, authorizing him to drive or operate the particular category of vehicle specified in the license.
155. A person driving or operating without a valid driving or operating license shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.

Replacement of Driving or Operating License

156. If a person's driving license is lost, damaged or destroyed, the Authority may issue a replacement license on payment of the fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.

Renewal of Driving or Operating License

157. For the purpose of the renewal of a driving or operating license, the person shall:
- (1) Submit one latest passport size photo in national dress;
 - (2) Submit present or current address including contact details; and
 - (3) Pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.

Failure to Renew Driving or Operating License

158. If a person fails to renew his driving or operation license on or before the expiry, late penalty of Nu. 10 per day shall be imposed for late renewal up to a maximum limit of Nu. 3000.
159. Notwithstanding Section 158 of these Rules and Regulations, the Authority may waive off late penalty, if a person prior to expiry of his license, can prove with sufficient documentary evidence that:
- (1) He was under medical treatment within or outside the country; and/or
 - (2) His license is confiscated by the Royal Court of Justice or any other lawful authority.

Endorsement of Driving or Operating License

160. The Authority shall endorse driving or operating license as per the process prescribed in Schedule-X of these Rules and Regulation subject to receipt of fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.

Requirement for Issuance or Endorsement of Non-Bhutanese Driving License

161. Non-Bhutanese with professional and managerial position wishing to endorse their license to drive in Bhutan shall:
- (1) Report to the nearest office of the Authority;
 - (2) Submit a copy of valid passport or work permit or visa;
 - (3) Submit a copy of valid international driving license for verification;
 - (4) Pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations; and
 - (5) Submit a verification letter from the company or owner confirming employment with the company or business; or

- (6) Submit a valid Trader's card or business license in case of non-Bhutanese operating business in Bhutan or other card issued by the competent authority.

Suspension of Driving or Operating License

162. The Authority may suspend the driving or operating license if:
 - (1) The authorised person finds that a person is not able to drive or operate vehicle, machinery and/or equipment safely because of illness, incapacity or medication;
 - (2) Required by the Royal Court of Justice or investigating agency;
 - (3) A person commits a major offence prescribed in Schedule-XI of these Rules and Regulations;
 - (4) A person who is found driving under the influence of psychotropic substances; and/or
 - (5) A person driving or operating a commercial vehicle beyond prescribed operational lifespan.
163. A person whose driving or operating license is suspended shall not drive or operate vehicle, machinery and equipment. If found driving or operating, the Authority shall cancel the license.
164. The person shall process for the re-instatement of a suspended driving license after completion of suspension period of 6 (six) months or as may be determined by the Royal Court of Justice or the investigating agency.
165. For the purpose of the reinstatement of a suspended driving or operating license, the person shall submit application accompanied by:
 - (1) Certificate of Participation in the road safety awareness and education program;
 - (2) Treatment completion certificate for those suspended under influence of psychotropic substance; and
 - (3) Any additional information, including any evidence that the Authority may reasonably require as to those particulars.

Cancellation of Driving or Operating License

166. The Authority shall cancel driving or operating license if:
- (1) A person has acquired license without undergoing required test by the Authority or acquired through fraudulent practices;
 - (2) As per the Royal Court of Justice verdict to cancel license;
 - (3) A license holder submits the written request for the cancellation voluntarily;
 - (4) Upon demise of the license holder;
 - (5) After re-instatement from suspension, the license holder commits offenses under 162 (3), (4) and (5) of these Rules and Regulations; and/or
 - (6) The license is subject to cancellation as per the other provisions of the Act and these Rules and Regulations.
167. A license holder may only be eligible to apply for issuance of a new license after the period of 6 (six) months from the date of cancellation of the license, and the person shall be required to fulfil all the requirements for obtaining the driving license including learner license.
168. A person driving or operating a vehicle, machinery and equipment, whose license has been cancelled, shall be liable for unlicensed offence as prescribed in Section 155 of these Rules and Regulations.

Demerit Point

169. The Authority shall reflect demerit points against the license holder in the system as per Schedule-XI of these Rules and Regulations.
170. Demerit points shall be nullified after 5 (five) years if there are no major offences committed within the span of 5 (five) years.

Changes of Personal Information

171. A license holder who changes their name or address shall within 15 (fifteen) calendar days after the change:
- (1) Notify the Authority of the change; and
 - (2) Surrender the license to the Authority for amendment.

CHAPTER VI COMMERCIAL PASSENGER BUS

172. A bus to be used for ferrying passenger is categorised as:

- (1) Commercial passenger bus, including city bus, on contract with the Authority; and
- (2) School, institutional and tourist bus used for other than the intended purpose.

Commercial Passenger Bus on Contract with Authority

173. For the purpose of commercial passenger bus operations, the Authority shall prescribe requirements, and fines and penalties in the contract agreement.

174. Any Bhutanese desiring to operate commercial passenger bus services shall submit a letter of expressions of interest to the Authority along with the following documents:

- (1) A detailed feasibility study report conducted as per the format approved by the authority;
- (2) Proposed type of bus with specification as prescribed in Schedule-VI of these Rules and Regulations; and
- (3) Proposed route, schedule, and departure time.

175. After the thorough review, the Authority shall issue the approval in principle to enable the proponent to process for trade license.

176. The individual issued with the approval in principle shall not, under any circumstance, commence the operation of the service until the issuance of the commercial passenger bus route approval and signing of the contract agreement.

Procedure for Route Approval

177. The proponent shall procure or arrange commercial passenger buses in line with the specifications approved by the Authority.

178. Within 6 (six) months from the date of issuance of the approval in principle, the proponent shall apply for route approval along with the following:
- (1) A copy of the valid trade license;
 - (2) Produce the bus for physical inspection; and
 - (3) Details of certified drivers and conductors to be employed.
179. The approval shall stand null and void in case the proponent fails to fulfill the above requirements within 6 (six) months from the date of issuance of approval in principle.
180. After fulfilling the above requirements, the Authority shall issue route approval as per the Standard Operating Procedure, and initiate the execution of the contract agreement.
181. The Authority shall issue a route approval in writing to the operator and the approval shall include the following:
- (1) Approved route;
 - (2) Frequency of the service;
 - (3) Approved reporting and departure time;
 - (4) Place of night halt, if any; and
 - (5) Date of commencement.
182. The proponent shall report to the Authority for signing the contract agreement.

Conditions for Operation of Commercial Passenger bus

183. A commercial passenger bus shall:
- (1) Have a professional driver, possessing professional driving license for the category of vehicle being driven and certified by the Authority;
 - (2) Have a conductor, who shall be allowed to travel in addition to seating capacity;

- (3) Not carry load in excess of loading capacity specified by the Authority in the registration certificate;
- (4) Not carry paid passenger without registration with the Authority, and failing which the person shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000 per passenger; and
- (5) Not carry passengers in excess of the number specified in the registration certificate.

Lifespan of Commercial Passenger Bus in Contract with the Authority

184. The lifespan of a commercial passenger bus in contract with the Authority shall be:
- (1) 14 (fourteen) years for coaster or equivalent bus; and
 - (2) 9 (nine) years for other buses .

Certification of Commercial Passenger Bus Driver and Conductor

185. The driver and conductor of the commercial passenger bus shall undergo refresher courses to obtain the certificate.
186. The operator shall submit the list of drivers and conductors to be employed under respective commercial passenger buses along with the following documents to the authority:
- (1) Copy of valid driving license of the driver;
 - (2) Copy of refresher course certificate;
 - (3) Valid medical certificate issued by a medical doctor within the country;
 - (4) Recent passport-size photo in national dress;
 - (5) Drug free certificate; and
 - (6) Pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.
187. For commercial passenger bus driver certification, the driver shall:
- (1) Have professional driving license for medium or heavy bus;

- (2) Submit a valid medical certificate for driving issued by a medical doctor;
 - (3) Drug free certificate; and
 - (4) Submit a valid security clearance.
188. For commercial passenger bus conductor certification, the conductor shall:
- (1) Be 18 (eighteen) years and above;
 - (2) Submit a valid copy of Citizenship Identity Card;
 - (3) Submit valid medical certificate issued by a medical doctor;
 - (4) Submit a drug free certificate; and
 - (5) Submit valid security clearance.
189. The Authority shall certify the drivers and the conductors upon fulfilling above requirement and the certification shall contain a unique identification number.
190. The driver's and conductor's certificates shall be valid for a period of 3 (three) years and shall be renewed subject to traffic disciplinary records.
191. The driver and conductor of the commercial passenger bus shall not be allowed to carry out duties without a valid certificate from the Authority.
192. In case a driver or conductor is found to have breached the duties, the Authority shall cancel the certificate, and shall only be allowed to carry out duties upon production of a new certificate.
193. If a driver or conductor is found driving or performing duties without certification, the driver or conductor shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.
194. The operator shall not employ a person as a driver or conductor without certification by the Authority. If the commercial passenger bus is found to be operated by the uncertified driver or conductor, the operator shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.
195. In case of any unforeseen and emergency situation, the driver and conductors may be allowed to drive or perform duty for other operators upon obtaining approval from the Authority.

196. The requirement for driver and conductor shall not apply if a person is driving a passenger bus:
- (1) Solely for private use;
 - (2) To carry out test of the vehicle;
 - (3) While learning to drive; and/or
 - (4) When there are no passengers being carried in the vehicle for hire.

Renewal or Replacement of Certificate

197. The operator shall apply for renewal of driver's and conductor's certificate on or before its expiry. The approval of the renewal by the Authority shall be subject to the traffic disciplinary records of the driver and the conductor.
198. In case a certificate is lost or damaged, the certificate holder shall report to the Authority within 5 (five) working days, for replacement of the certificate.
199. A certificate holder applying for renewal or replacement shall be required to pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.

Surrendering of Certificate at the Time of Resignation from Service

200. In the event of a driver or conductor resigning from the service, the operator shall report and surrender the certificate to the Authority within 10 (ten) calendar days from resignation from the service.
201. If the operator fails to report and surrender the certificate to the Authority, the operator shall be liable for any misuse of the card and legal liability arising out of it.

Suspension of Certification

202. The Authority may suspend the driver's and/or conductor's certificate under the following circumstances:
- (1) The driver is found ferrying passengers beyond the seating capacity specified in the vehicle registration certificate for 2 (two) instances;

- (2) The driver is found carrying excess load for 2 (two) instances;
 - (3) The driver/conductor is found charging excess fare from the passenger for 2 (two) instances;
 - (4) 2 (two) instances of a valid complaints against the drivers or conductor by the passengers;
 - (5) The driver is found using handheld devices while driving for 2 (two) instances;
 - (6) In case of suspension of the driving license;
 - (7) Caught driving continuously for more than eight hours without change of driver midway; or
 - (8) As per the order of the Royal Court of Justice or investigating agency.
203. Except for Section 202(6) which shall depend on reinstatement of driving license, a certificate shall remain suspended for a minimum period of 6 (six) months after which it may be reinstated.
204. The operator may apply for reinstatement of a suspended driver or conductor certificate upon fulfilling the following conditions:
- (1) The driver or conductor has successfully attended road safety educational program as and when conducted by the Authority; and
 - (2) The driver or conductor shall submit an undertaking letter affirming their commitment to not repeating the offenses and complying with all traffic Rules and Regulations.

Cancellation of Certification

205. The Authority may cancel the driver's or conductor's certificate under the following circumstances:
- (1) The driver is found ferrying passengers beyond the seating capacity specified in the vehicle registration certificate after reinstatement from suspension;
 - (2) The driver is found carrying excess load after reinstatement from suspension;

- (3) The driver or conductor is found charging excess fare from the passenger after reinstatement from suspension;
- (4) valid complaints against the drivers or conductor by the passengers after reinstatement from suspension;
- (5) The driver is found using handheld devices while driving after reinstatement from suspension;
- (6) Letting an unlicensed or uncertified driver drive the bus in their place or letting an uncertified conductor perform duty on his behalf;
- (7) Caught driving under the influence of alcohol and/or psychotropic substance;
- (8) The driver is caught for dangerous, culpable or reckless driving resulting in death, permanent disability and damage of public or private property;
- (9) Caught in hit and run resulting in death, permanent disability and damage to public or private property;
- (10) In case of cancellation of the driving license;
- (11) In case of the death of a driver or conductor; or
- (12) As per the order of the Royal Court of Justice or investigating agency.

Commercial Passenger Bus Specification

- 206. A commercial passenger bus operator shall ensure that the bus intended to be used as a commercial passenger bus shall comply with the specifications prescribed in Schedule-VI of these Rules and Regulations.
- 207. The Authority shall suspend the operation of the commercial passenger bus on the route if the operator fails to comply with the specifications, and may be reinstated upon the compliance.

Charge of Fare for Minor

- 208. A child under the age of five years shall not be counted as a passenger, except the child opts to occupy a seat by paying full fare.

Books of Record

209. The operator of the commercial passenger bus shall:

- (1) Maintain name, address, driver license number and driver certificate number of a person driving the vehicle in order to ascertain the identity of the driver;
- (2) Maintain any other books of accounts or records as prescribed in the contract agreement;
- (3) Maintain books of accounts and records for a period of at least five years from the date of the records or last entries in the books;
- (4) Maintain detailed passenger manifest;
- (5) Submit vehicle operating costs to the Authority bi-annually;
- (6) Submit maintenance record to the Authority quarterly;
- (7) Make the books and records available for inspection upon demand by the Authority or an authorized person;
- (8) Display an origin and destination sign at the front of the bus; and
- (9) Attach to the vehicle any signs, symbols, notices and labels as may be required by the Authority.

210. If the operator fails to keep books of record under Section 209 of these Rules and Regulations, the operator shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.

Commercial Passenger bus Schedule and Fares

211. The Authority shall approve schedules and fix fares for commercial passenger buses. Fares shall be reviewed and revised from time to time using the fare computation model prescribed in Schedule-IX of these Rules and Regulations.

212. The revision of commercial passenger bus fares shall be effected if the fare assessment is 5 (five) percent and more, upward increase or downward change from the existing fares.

213. The operator shall ensure that relevant operating schedules and fares are displayed or made available in the ticketing counters, in the manner and format required by the Authority

Luggage

214. A passenger travelling by commercial passenger bus shall only be allowed to carry 30 (thirty) kilograms of luggage free of charge as accompanied luggage.
215. The rate for luggage exceeding 30 (thirty) kilograms per passenger shall be Nu. 0.10 per kilogram per kilometer. If the commercial passenger bus driver is found charging more than the prescribed rate, the driver shall refund the excess amount collected from the passenger, and pay a penalty equivalent to the amount calculated at the rate of Nu. 0.10 per kilogram per kilometre for the distance travelled up to the destination.
216. A commercial passenger bus shall not be allowed to engage in transportation of commercial consignments. The commercial passenger bus transporting commercial consignment shall be liable as per the contract agreement.
217. The maximum permissible luggage weight in commercial passenger buses shall be 1000 (one thousand) kilograms for medium bus and 1500 (one thousand five hundred) kilograms for heavy bus.
218. The commercial passenger bus shall be prohibited from transporting inflammable products, firearms and psychotropic substances, or any other things which are deemed to be illegal.

Ticket Requirement

219. The operator shall ensure that every passenger shall be issued a ticket in paper or electronic form in a format prescribed in Schedule-XII of these Rules and Regulations.
220. If the operator fails to issue a ticket to the passengers, the operator shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000 per passenger.
221. A passenger shall be required to produce the ticket on demand by the driver, conductor or an authorized person.

- 222. A passenger disembarking from mid-way journey and booking the seat en-route shall be charged with the fare applicable from that point until the destination.
- 223. The driver and operator shall not charge fare more than the fares prescribed by the Authority.
- 224. A person responsible for charging excess fare shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000 for excess fare charged on each passenger, and refund the excess fare collected from the passengers.

Fare Refund for Ticket Cancellation

- 225. In case of ticket cancellation by the passenger, fare refund shall be implemented as below:
 - (1) 100 (one hundred) percent, before 24 (twenty-four) hours of scheduled departure time;
 - (2) 80 (eighty) percent, between 12 (twelve) to 24 (twenty-four) hours of the scheduled departure time;
 - (3) 70 (seventy) percent, between 6 (six) to 12 (twelve) hours of the scheduled departure time;
 - (4) 50 (fifty) percent, between one to 6 (six) hours of the scheduled departure time; and
 - (5) No refund within 1 (one) hour of the scheduled departure time.
- 226. The operator failing to refund the fare for the ticket cancellation as per Section 225 of these Rules and Regulations shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000, and refund full fare to the passenger.

Refund or Adjustment of Fare on Cancellation of Schedule

- 227. The operator shall operate commercial passenger buses on scheduled routes without fail.
- 228. In case of cancellation of a scheduled bus due to force majeure, the operator shall refund the full fare to the passengers or may adjust for another schedule upon consultation with the passenger.
- 229. Failure to refund fare under section 228 of these Rules and Regulations shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000.

Hours of Driving

230. The hours of driving shall apply to a person driving a commercial passenger bus in contract with the authority.
231. The maximum number of hours of driving for a commercial passenger bus shall be 8 (eight) hours of continuous driving without a night halt in between the journey en-route.
232. The commercial passenger bus plying along the routes requiring more than 8 (eight) hours of driving shall have a substitute driver to complete the route.
233. The Authority shall require the change in the driver from the mid-way journey for the routes requiring more than 8 (eight) hours of continuous driving.
234. Operators who fail to recruit substitute drivers for journeys more than 8 (eight) hours shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1500 and suspension of the route.
235. A driver who drives continuously for more than 8 (eight) hours shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1500 and suspension of the certificate.

Operating School, Institutional, or Tourist Bus

236. The Authority may register a vehicle as tourist, school, institutional or other bus, if the following requirements are fulfilled:
 - (1) Submit application;
 - (2) Produce vehicle for physical inspection; and
 - (3) Produce a trade or business license copy for private schools or institutions; or
 - (4) Produce official letters for the government schools or institutions.
237. In addition to the vehicle specification prescribed for commercial passenger buses in contract with the authority, school or institute buses shall display the name of the school, institution, or company as per the Standard Operating Procedure for display of billboards, banners and stickers.

238. The school, institution and tourist bus shall be driven by a driver holding a professional driving license for the specified category of bus.
239. A school, institution, tourist and other bus shall not:
- (1) Be used for ferrying passenger for commercial purpose;
 - (2) Carry passengers other than the tourist, or students and/or staff of the school or institute or tour agent;
 - (3) Carry public without obtaining special permit from the Authority; and
 - (4) Be allowed to carry extra passengers.
240. The buses to be used for school, institution, tourism sector or other purposes shall be subject to 6 (six) monthly roadworthiness tests by the Authority, upon completion of 14 (fourteen) years for coaster bus or equivalent and 9 (nine) years for other buses.
241. Decommissioned commercial passenger buses shall not be used for commercial, tourist, institutional, or public purposes.

Permit to Ferry Passengers for Commercial Purpose

242. Except for buses on contract with the Authority, institutional, school or tourist and other buses intending to ferry passengers on hire shall be required to apply for a permit from the Authority.
243. Notwithstanding Section 242, institutional or school or tourist buses shall not be required to apply for a permit to the Authority if the bus is operated for the intended purpose provided for in the registration certificate.
244. A person shall fulfill the following condition for commercial passenger vehicle permit:
- (1) Submit application;
 - (2) Have a professional driver, possessing professional driving license for the category of vehicle being driven and certified by the Authority;
 - (3) Have a conductor, who shall be included within the seating capacity of the category of the bus;

- (4) Not carry load in excess of loading capacity specified by the Authority in the registration certificate;
 - (5) Not carry passengers in excess of the number specified in the registration certificate;
 - (6) Pay the applicable fee prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations; and
 - (7) Fulfill other registration requirements prescribed under Section 5 of these Rules and Regulations.
245. A person ferrying passengers without a permit shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.
246. The Authority may refuse to grant or renew a permit if:
- (1) An applicant fails to comply with the procedures or requirements under the Act or Rules and Regulations;
 - (2) In the opinion of the Authority that granting or renewal of permit may jeopardise public interest or cause safety issues; and
 - (3) Any other reasons may be deemed appropriate by the Authority for public interest or safety issues.
247. The validity of operation of a vehicle on permit shall be as specified in the permit.
248. A permit shall be issued to a person holding a valid Citizenship Identity Card.
249. The Authority shall not grant or renew a vehicle permit other than in the name of the vehicle owner.
250. Notwithstanding Section 249, a vehicle permit may be granted or issued in the name of a company.
251. A permit shall be cancelled, if the permit holder operating a vehicle fails to adhere to any of the conditions under Section 246 of these Rules and Regulations.

Driving Commercial Passenger Bus without Professional Driving License

252. An owner or driver of a commercial passenger bus shall not allow or permit a vehicle owned by him or under his control to be driven by a person who does not possess a valid professional driving license of a particular drive type.
253. A driver letting an unlicensed driver to drive the commercial passenger bus shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.
254. A driver of a commercial passenger bus shall produce any vehicle document or the vehicle for inspection upon demand by the authorised person.

Duties and Responsibilities of Passenger Bus Drivers

255. A driver of a passenger bus shall:
 - (1) Not drive a vehicle in neutral gear or with the engine switched off;
 - (2) Not drive a vehicle without a valid professional driving license;
 - (3) Not drive a vehicle with any concentration of alcohol;
 - (4) Not drive under the influence psychotropic substances;
 - (5) Not drive a vehicle using rethreaded tyres at the front and with inadequate amount of tread at all times;
 - (6) Not carry passengers or load beyond permissible limit specified in the registration certificate;
 - (7) Not leave a vehicle at all times unless he:
 - a) Is helping passengers to enter or leave the vehicle;
 - b) Is picking up or delivering goods; or
 - c) Has a reasonable cause to leave a vehicle.
 - (8) Ensure that the doors of the vehicle are closed when the vehicle is in motion;
 - (9) Not bring or allow an animal in the bus;
 - (10) Stop the vehicle at the side of the highway as far as possible, in order to pick or drop the passenger, or at the places designated to pick and drop passengers by local Authority;

- (11) Not interfere with the orderly while taking up or setting down of passenger or movement of vehicles;
 - (12) Not carry illegal goods and drugs, and unverified passengers;
 - (13) Not charge excess fare;
 - (14) Indulge in eve-teasing or harass passengers and passers-by;
 - (15) Not shout or tout and rush for passengers;
 - (16) Not splash water from the puddles on pedestrians;
 - (17) Not stop abruptly in the middle of road;
 - (18) Wear proper national dress neat and clean while on duty;
 - (19) Not play music at high volume or cause undue noise pollution;
 - (20) Not enter an intersection that is blocked or likely to become blocked;
 - (21) Perform periodic maintenance of the vehicle; and
 - (22) Perform a pre-driving check to ensure proper visibility and control of a vehicle while driving.
256. A driver shall be liable as per the relevant sections under these Rules and Regulations or relevant laws in force for violating any of the conditions laid down in Section 255 of these Rules and Regulations.
257. A driver or a conductor may refuse to carry a person in the vehicle if, in the opinion of the driver or conductor, that person is:
- (1) Intoxicated that he may annoy or harass other passengers;
 - (2) Violent, noisy or annoying other passengers; and
 - (3) Carrying any goods or personal effects that could endanger other passengers or interfere with the normal movement of passengers in the vehicle.

Property Found in Vehicle

258. In case the property has remained unclaimed, the driver shall hand over the abandoned property to the Authority or the police station within 24 (twenty-four) hours.

259. Disputes on lost cases shall be referred to the nearest police station.

Inspection of Commercial Passenger Bus

260. The Authority shall:

- (1) Inspect the commercial passenger bus as per the standard prescribed under Schedule-VI of these Rules and Regulations and require a permit holder or driver to produce the vehicle for inspection as and when required; and
- (2) Conduct Pre-Departure Inspection and Post Arrival Inspection as per the Standard Operating Procedures.

261. In case a bus does not comply with the standards and prescribed specifications, or a condition of its permit, the authorised person shall require the permit holder or the driver to carry out necessary rectification until which the vehicle shall not be allowed to ply on the road.

262. If a passenger bus sustains damage to its steering, suspension, braking systems, or body is damaged by fire, the permit holder or driver shall not allow the vehicle to be used for carrying passengers for hire until the vehicle is in a fit and safe condition, and subsequent certification by the Authority.

263. A driver found ferrying passengers in the event of the damages under Section 262 of these Rules and Regulations, without informing the authority or authorised person, shall be liable for Nu.1750.

CHAPTER VII

TAXI

Registration of Taxi

264. A person intending to operate a taxi in the country shall register with the Authority and shall not carry paid passengers without such registration, failing which the person shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000 per passenger.
265. Taxi shall be registered in the name of a person who:
- (1) Holds Bhutanese Citizenship Identity card;
 - (2) Is not less than 21 (twenty-one) years of age;
 - (3) Possess a valid professional driving license for light vehicle;
 - (4) Upon payment of applicable fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations; and
 - (5) Fulfill other registration requirements prescribed under vehicle registration requirements.
266. Section 265 (3) does not apply to Bhutanese taxi companies incorporated under the Companies Act of Bhutan, provided the company employs professional taxi drivers.
267. Unless incorporated as a taxi company, the Authority shall not allow an individual to register or own more than one taxi.
268. In addition to the requirements prescribed in Section 265 of these Rules and Regulations, taxi registration in the name of the employees working in civil service and any public agencies shall be determined based on the rules or guidelines adopted by the respective agencies.
269. A taxi registration shall not be allowed in the name of a person holding other forms of identification documents issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
270. The Authority shall design and issue taxi information cards during the time of registration.
271. The colour of the taxi shall be in accordance with the taxi standard prescribed by the Authority under these Rules and Regulations.

Taxi Standards

272. The Authority while registering a taxi shall consider the following standards:
- (1) A vehicle shall have engine capacity of 796 CC and above, or 20 (twenty) kilowatt-hour for electric vehicles;
 - (2) The minimum number of seats shall be 4 (four) persons and maximum 12 (twelve) persons including the driver;
 - (3) Only new vehicles shall be allowed for registration;
 - (4) Rear seats fixed face to face shall not be allowed;
 - (5) A vehicle shall have comfortable seats for the passengers, based on the approved seating capacity specified in the registration certificate;
 - (6) A vehicle shall be either with red or white body and yellow top, and any color in case of electric taxi with yellow top; and
 - (7) Display a sign “TAXI” outside of the vehicle and straight above the driver’s seat with visibility even at night, as per the standard prescribed by the Authority from time to time.

Conversion, Transfer and Replacement of Taxi

273. In case a taxi has reached the maximum lifespan of 12 (twelve) years, the taxi should be converted into a private registration with 15 (fifteen) calendar days from the date of expiry.
274. If a person is found operating a taxi beyond maximum lifespan, the person shall not be eligible for new taxi registration.
275. A person not eligible to own a taxi under these Rules and Regulations shall not be eligible for replacement after the old taxi completes maximum lifespan.
276. A taxi shall be sold or transferred only to a valid taxi professional driving license holder.
277. In case a taxi is sold or transferred without transferring the ownership, a person who purchased the taxi shall only be provided a replacement after transferring the ownership of the old taxi in his name by payment

of 1 (one) percent ownership transfer tax and other fees and charges as per the provisions of the ownership transfer.

Cancellation of Taxi Registration

278. The Authority shall cancel the taxi registration:

- (1) If a person has submitted false information during the initial registration;
- (2) After expiration of lifespan of taxi;
- (3) Upon voluntary request for cancellation;
- (4) Upon order of the Royal Court of Justice or investigation agencies;
or
- (5) Any other conditions as may be determined by the Authority in the public interest or safety.

279. Upon cancellation of taxi registration, the vehicle shall be converted into private registration within 15 (fifteen) calendar days from the date of the cancellation.

Refusal to Grant or Renew Taxi Registration

280. The Authority shall not grant or renew a taxi registration certificate if it does not comply with the prescribed taxi standards, vehicle specifications and any other requirements prescribed by the authority.

Taxi Fare

281. The Authority shall determine and fix taxi fare based on operating costs and seating capacity using the fare computation model prescribed in Schedule-IX of these Rules and Regulations.

282. The fare may be subject to revision by the Authority from time to time, upon serving public notification.

283. A person operating a taxi shall not charge excess fare beyond the fare prescribed by the Authority.

284. The person who charges excess fares shall refund the excess fare and be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000 for the first instance, and demerit point

for the second instance and cancel professional driving license on the third instance.

Taxi Rank

285. Local Government or any other relevant agencies shall establish standard taxi ranks to pick up and drop passengers wherever required.
286. The following conditions shall apply to taxi:
- (1) A taxi shall not stand or park at the taxi ranks unless it is intended to pick up passengers;
 - (2) Taxi shall form an orderly line along the length of the rank and the first taxi on the rank shall take the first hirer; or
 - (3) A taxi shall not be double parked at a rank unless it is provided for in the rank.
287. A person who fails to follow taxi ranking shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.
288. A taxi driver shall not tout for passengers.
289. A person who is found touting for passengers shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.

Hire of Taxi by the Passenger

290. A taxi driver shall ply as per the first hirer, and the first hirer reserves the right to solely use the taxi for the whole journey by himself upon payment of full fare.
291. Upon the consent of the first hirer, the driver carries other passengers' en-route, for which the first hirer may pay full fare for the complete journey or share the fare with other passengers.
292. No fare shall be charged against the other passengers by a taxi driver without the consent of the first hirer who reserved the trip.
293. The driver carrying passengers without the consent of the first hirer or charging fare from the other passenger without the consent of the first hirer shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000.

Duties and Responsibilities of Taxi Driver

294. The duties and responsibilities applicable to passenger buses outlined in Sections 255 to 257 of these Rules and Regulations shall apply to taxi operations where relevant.

CHAPTER VIII

FREIGHT VEHICLE

295. Separate parking and stopping areas shall be allocated or designated by the Local Government or the relevant agencies, for the freight vehicles.

Restriction of Freight Vehicle Entry in Built-Up Areas

296. The Local Government shall fix entry timing for freight vehicles in built-up areas, in consultation with the Authority and relevant agencies.
297. A freight vehicle shall only be allowed to enter into the built-up areas, towns and cities as per the time regulated by the Local Government, Traffic Police or the Authority.
298. Non-compliance with Section 297 of these Rules and Regulations shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.

Parking for Freight Vehicles

299. The Local Government shall provide a designated parking area for the freight vehicle entering into the built-up areas.
300. Loads carried by freight vehicles shall be securely tied and shall not exceed the loading capacity as prescribed in the registration certificate.
301. A person failing to comply with Section 300 of these Rules and Regulations shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1500 per excess ton.

Transportation Rate

302. For the purpose of transfer entitlement claims for the civil servants, the transportation rate shall be determined by the Authority from time to time.

CHAPTER-IX

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

- 303. The Authority shall require the general road users to abide by the traffic Regulations prescribed herein for smooth flow of traffic and shall apply to all the vehicles, machinery and equipment plying in the country.
- 304. For the safety of all the road users, the Authority shall require the Department of Surface Transport, Local Government or any other relevant agency to maintain road and surface transport infrastructure in a safe and reliable manner at all times.
- 305. In addition to the requirement prescribed in Section 304 of these Rules and Regulations, the Department of Surface Transport, Local Government or any other relevant agency shall, as far as possible, ensure smooth movement of traffic.

Direction by an authorised person

- 306. An authorised person shall give a reasonable instruction related to the safe and efficient movement of traffic, if the authorised person is in uniform, or produces evidence of identity.
- 307. A person not following traffic instructions shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000.

Visiting Vehicles

- 308. The Authority shall allow a vehicle registered in other countries to ply temporarily in Bhutan based on the provisions of the bilateral, multilateral, or regional transport agreement and any other arrangements allowed by the government upon payment of applicable fees prescribed under Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations.
- 309. The Authority shall not allow a vehicle registered in other countries to operate commercial transport services or carry paid passengers from one point to another point in Bhutan.
- 310. The Authority shall require all the vehicles of other countries visiting or plying in Bhutan to abide by the prevailing transport laws, rules and regulations of the Kingdom of Bhutan.

311. The Authority shall not allow vehicle rallies by any group from outside Bhutan unless permitted by special government arrangements.
312. The foreign registered vehicle belonging to managerial and professional non-Bhutanese employees and companies or offices with specific arrangements plying in Bhutan, subject to receipt of applicable fees, shall:
- (1) Be allowed to ply with permit for a duration of less than 3 (three) months; and
 - (2) Endorse vehicle documents for the vehicle plying for more than 3 (three) months.
313. For the purpose of endorsement of vehicle under Section 312 of these Rules and Regulations, the non-Bhutanese with professional and managerial employee and company or office shall:
- (1) Submit an application;
 - (2) Report to the nearest office of the Authority;
 - (3) Submit a copy of valid passport or work permit or visa;
 - (4) Submit a copy of valid international registration certificate registered in his name;
 - (5) Submit a copy of valid international driving license for verification;
 - (6) Pay fees prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations; and
 - (7) Submit a verification letter from the company or owner confirming employment with the company or business; or
 - (8) Submit a valid Trader's card or business license in case of a non-Bhutanese running business in Bhutan or other card by the competent authority.
314. The Authority shall deny issuing route permits for a foreign registered vehicle if it does not fulfill the roadworthiness requirement prescribed in these Rules and Regulations.

- 315. No foreign registered caravan vehicle shall be allowed to ply in the country.
- 316. Notwithstanding Section 315 of these Rules and Regulations, foreign registered recreational vehicles may be allowed to ply in the country as deemed appropriate by the Authority.
- 317. Notwithstanding the requirements of payment of fees under these Rules and Regulations, vehicles belonging to the Government of India are exempted from payment of fees.

Exemption for Unobstructed Movement of a Vehicle

- 318. A vehicle belonging to the Authority or police or medical emergency may be allowed to be driven without following traffic rules, in the event of carrying out duties under emergency situations.
- 319. The vehicle referred to in Section 318 of these Rules and Regulations may use a siren and beacon light indicating the state of emergency.

Emergency Vehicle

- 320. The Authority may, by written notice, declare a vehicle to be an emergency vehicle for the purpose of carrying out emergency duties under the directives of the Government.

Speed Limit

- 321. The speed limit for a road or part of a road is the number of kilometers per hour indicated on a speed limit sign as prescribed in Schedule-VIII of these Rules and Regulations.
- 322. A person shall not drive a vehicle on a road or part of a road at a speed higher than the speed limit that applies to the road or part thereof.
- 323. A person shall drive a vehicle at a speed of 30 (thirty) kilometers per hour in the built-up area where there is no speed limit sign applying to all or part of a road.
- 324. Where there is no speed limit sign on a road outside a built-up area, the speed limit shall not exceed 50 (fifty) kilometers per hour.
- 325. A driver over speeding shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.

326. A driver shall not drive a vehicle slowly that causes a queue and driver shall at the earliest safe opportunity give way to allow queued vehicles to prevent traffic obstruction. The driver found deliberately obstructing traffic and causing a queue of more than 5 (five) vehicles shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.

Making Left and Right Turn

327. If a person turns a vehicle towards left at the intersection, it shall be done from a position as near as practicable to the left edge of the part of the road used by the main body of moving vehicles.
328. If a person turns a vehicle towards right at the intersection, it shall be done from a position as near as practicable to the right of the center of the intersection.
329. A vehicle turning right on a road wherein the vehicles are permitted to travel in both directions shall approach and enter the intersection from a position to the left, parallel to, and as near as practicable to the dividing line, or if there is no dividing line, the center of the road.
330. A vehicle turning right on a road on which all traffic is required to travel in the same direction shall approach and enter the intersection from a position as near as practicable to the right edge of the part of the road used by the main body of moving vehicles.
331. A person who takes an unsafe left or right turn shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 600.

Making U-turn

332. A person shall not make a U-turn unless:
- (1) A person have a clear view in each direction from which traffic may approach; and
 - (2) It is safe to make the turn.
333. A person shall not make a U-turn at an intersection or a road where there is a sign “NO U TURN” or a sign prescribed in Schedule-VIII of these Rules and Regulations relating to the intersection or any part of the road.

- 334. A person driving a vehicle shall give way to a pedestrian or oncoming traffic while making a U-turn.
- 335. A person shall make a U-turn at an intersection from a position as near as practicable to the center of the road.
- 336. A person who takes an unsafe U-turn shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 600.

Reverse

- 337. A person shall ensure the safety of other road users before and when reversing.
- 338. A person who makes unsafe reverse shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 600.
- 339. A person driving a vehicle shall give an appropriate indicator or signal indicating the direction in which the vehicle is moving, as follows:
 - (1) Right indicator or signal to turn right or to change lane to right;
 - (2) Left indicator or signal to turn left or to change lane to left;
 - (3) Right indicator or signal to make a U-turn in the direction a vehicle is turning or moving;
 - (4) Relevant indicator or signal while entering into parking lot in the direction a vehicle is moving; and
 - (5) Relevant indicator or signal while exiting the parking lot in the direction a vehicle is intended to move.
- 340. A person shall give an indicator or signal for changing the direction of a moving vehicle providing at least 5 (five) second warning to other road users.
- 341. The driver must put off the direction indicator as soon as the driver completes the change of direction.
- 342. The person who fails to give indicator or signal or stop indicator shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

343. Notwithstanding Section 340 of these Rules and Regulations, a person shall not be required to give a change of direction signal if a person is following the direction of the road.

Proper Functioning of Lights

344. A person driving a vehicle on a road or a part of a road shall have the following lights properly functioning at all times:
- (1) Brake lights;
 - (2) Tail/side lamp;
 - (3) Reverse lights;
 - (4) Headlamp;
 - (5) Indicator/hazards lights; and
 - (6) Registration plate lights.
345. A driver driving a vehicle with non-functional light shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.
346. Notwithstanding Section 345 of these Rules and Regulations, a vehicle may have fog lights where appropriate.
347. A driver using fog lights where not necessary is liable to a penalty of Nu. 600.

Road Markings and Signage

348. The local government or respective agencies shall install signs and road markings along the road where necessary.
349. The road markings and signs shall be as per the standards approved by the Department of Surface Transport and the Bhutan Standard Bureau.
350. A person while driving a vehicle shall obey the road markings and signs prescribed in Schedule-VIII of these Rules and Regulations.
351. A person failing to obey road markings and signs shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 700.

STOP Signs and Lines

- 352. A person shall stop a vehicle before or as near as practicable to the stop line while approaching STOP sign or marking or hand-held STOP sign.
- 353. A person shall stop a vehicle as near as practicable to and before the intersection if there is no stop line relating to the sign.
- 354. A person shall give way to any vehicle travelling on any intersecting road stopping at a STOP sign or stop line.
- 355. A person turning at an intersection after stopping at a “STOP” sign or stop line shall give way to any pedestrian crossing the road.
- 356. A person failing to obey a STOP sign or stop line shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 700.

Give Way Signs and Give Way Lines

- 357. A person shall give way to a vehicle traveling on an intersecting road while approaching a Give Way sign or line.
- 358. A person shall give way as near as practicable to and before the intersection if there is no Give Way sign or line.
- 359. A person shall give way to a pedestrian crossing the road while approaching a Give Way sign or line related to an intersecting road.
- 360. A person shall give way to an oncoming vehicle while approaching a Give Way sign or line at a bridge or narrow section of road.
- 361. A person who fails to give way shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.700.

Bridge Load Limit Sign

- 362. The Department of Surface Transport or local government or agencies responsible for administration of the road shall install load limit signs.
- 363. A person shall not drive a vehicle carrying a load more than the load limit sign installed, placed or written on the bridge.
- 364. In case a vehicle is carrying a load in excess of the limit specified on the load limit sign, a person shall use a safe alternative route.

365. The Department of Surface Transport shall coordinate with the traffic police to prohibit the movement of vehicles beyond the roads and bridges that do not comply with the width, height and load standards.
366. A person carrying excess load beyond bridge load limit shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1500 per excess ton and the person shall be liable for any loss or damages caused to the bridge or road as per the relevant laws in force.

No Truck and Bus Sign

367. Local Government or relevant agencies shall designate “Bus Stop” at a safe and convenient location.
368. A person shall not drive a truck or bus beyond the signs specified as “No Truck or Bus.”
369. A person who fails to obey No Truck or No Bus sign shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 700.

One-Way Road

370. A person shall not drive a vehicle in the opposite direction of a “One Way Sign” directly or in reverse.
371. A person not following One-Way rule shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.700.

Lane Changing

372. A person driving a vehicle on a double-lane road shall:
- (1) Use appropriate indicator for least 5 (five) second before changing lane;
 - (2) Drive on the left lane at low speed;
 - (3) Drive on the right lane at higher speed but not exceeding the prescribed speed limit;
 - (4) Give way to a vehicle indicating to change the lane;

- (5) Not change lane where there is continuous unbroken line drawn on the road; and Change the lane where there are broken lines drawn on the center of the road after
 - (6) giving appropriate indicators and ensuring safety.
373. A person who fails to obey lane-changing rule shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 700.

Giving Way to a Pedestrian on a Pedestrian Crossing

374. A vehicle and bicycle approaching a pedestrian crossing shall minimize the speed at all times and stop until clearance of pedestrians.
375. A person shall give way to pedestrians on a pedestrian crossing.
376. No vehicle and bicycle shall be allowed to stop on the pedestrian crossing.
377. A person shall stop a vehicle or bicycle on the stop line to allow pedestrians to cross the road.
378. No vehicle shall be allowed to overtake a vehicle or bicycle at the pedestrian crossing.
379. A person who fails to obey pedestrian crossing rules shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.700.

Giving Way on Entering or Leaving a Road

380. A person driving or riding out of a car park, fuel station, charging station, private driveway, or other land adjacent to a road, shall give way to a pedestrian or vehicle travelling in either direction along the road or a footpath or nature strip.
381. A person making a turn into a car park, petrol station, private driveway, or other land adjacent to a road, shall give way to:
- (1) Pedestrian or rider of a bicycle on a footpath; or
 - (2) Vehicle or pedestrian on the road.
382. A person making a turn into a private driveway or other land adjacent to a road shall give way to a vehicle on the road to which person would be required to give way if person were making turn at the intersection.

383. A person who fails to give way under sections 380 to 382 shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.700.

Right of Way Rule

384. A person driving a vehicle shall give way to a vehicle on the right while approaching an intersection and roundabout.
385. A person who fails to give right of way shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 700.

Giving Way to VVIP/VIP, Emergency, Police and Authority Vehicle

386. A person driving a vehicle shall give way to, and do everything reasonably practicable to clear the way for VVIP/VIP, emergency, and police or authority vehicle giving warning of its approach for emergency duties.
387. A person who fails to give way to VVIP/VIP, emergency, police and authority shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.800.

Roundabouts

388. The Department of Surface Transport or local government shall build roundabouts in required locations identified in consultation with relevant agencies.
389. The roundabout shall be built as per the specifications approved by the Department of Surface Transport or the Bhutan Standards Bureau.
390. A person driving a vehicle shall keep the central traffic island of the roundabout on the right side at all times.
391. A person driving on the central island at the roundabout shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.700.

Keeping Left

392. A vehicle shall be driven at the left edge of the road, unless while overtaking.
393. A heavy and medium vehicle, passenger and freight transport, shall be driven along the left lane or left side of the road at all times.

- 394. A person not keeping left shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.
- 395. A vehicle driving downhill shall stop to give way to a vehicle that is driving uphill unless otherwise impracticable.
- 396. A person failing to give way under Section 395, shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

Overtaking

- 397. A person driving a vehicle intending to overtake another vehicle shall do so from the right side, unless the other vehicle is making or signaling to make a right turn.
- 398. A person while overtaking the other vehicle shall keep a safe distance and avoid moving directly in front of the vehicle until reaching a safe distance.
- 399. A person driving a vehicle shall not overtake the other moving vehicle from the left side.
- 400. A person driving a vehicle shall not overtake another vehicle in the areas where “No Overtaking” signs and markings are in place.
- 401. A person driving a vehicle shall not overtake another vehicle in the built-up areas, bends, intersections, bridges and any other places determined by the Authority.
- 402. A person making unsafe overtaking shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1250.

Giving Way to Overtaking Vehicles

- 403. A person driving a vehicle shall slow down the speed when another vehicle is overtaking from the right side until overtaken completely.
- 404. A person speeding while other vehicle is overtaking from the right is liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

Tailgating

- 405. A person driving a vehicle shall keep a safe distance of three meters or more from the vehicle moving in the front during normal traffic flow or in built-up areas.

- 406. Notwithstanding Section 405, a person driving a vehicle shall maintain a minimum distance of ten meters from the vehicle moving in the front on the highways.
- 407. A person violating sections 405 and 406 of these Rules and Regulations shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

Exemption on Stopping and Parking Vehicle

- 408. A person driving a vehicle may stop the vehicle in the prohibited places if it is to avoid collision, obey other traffic rules or under a mechanical breakdown of the vehicle.

Stopping or Parking Vehicle

- 409. A person driving a vehicle shall not park or stop a vehicle in the places marked with “No Standing” sign prescribed in Schedule-VIII of these Rules and Regulations.
- 410. A person driving a vehicle shall not stop or park a vehicle at the road intersection, roundabout, and pedestrian crossing, within ten meters of the edge of intersection or within two meters from the stop of the pedestrian crossing.
- 411. Except for loading or unloading, no vehicle shall be stopped in the areas where the “Loading Zone” sign is marked or erected.
- 412. Notwithstanding Section 411, a person may stop or park a bus or truck to pick up and drop passengers or goods, or if authorized by the authorised person.
- 413. No vehicles shall be allowed to park in the taxi ranks or in the areas marked as “Taxi Parking” other than taxis.
- 414. No vehicles shall be allowed to park in the bus stand or the areas marked as “Bus Parking” other than buses.
- 415. A person driving a vehicle shall not park or stop a vehicle:
 - (1) On a footpath;
 - (2) On pedestrian crossing;
 - (3) Along carriageway of the road;

- (4) Between another vehicle and the centre of road;
 - (5) On the bridge;
 - (6) On bends and curve;
 - (7) On blind spot;
 - (8) On roadside of built-up areas except in the designated parking areas; and
 - (9) On blocking private or public access driveway.
416. A person driving a vehicle shall stop or park the vehicle facing the same direction of the traffic flow, parallel and as near as practicable to the left edge of a two-way road or on the edge of the road on one-way road but not within the edge line marked on the road.
417. A vehicle parked or stopped on a road or part of the road shall be at least 1 meter from any vehicle in front or behind.
418. A vehicle parked or stopped on a road or part of the road shall not unduly obstruct vehicles travelling along the road.
419. Sections 416 to 418 of these Rules and Regulations shall not apply if a vehicle is parked or stopped in the areas designated by parking signs and markings.
420. A person who violates any parking rules under Sections 418 to 419 of these Rules and Regulations, shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 600.
421. A vehicle parked or stopped in the designated parking area shall be correctly positioned in the designated parking space, following the same direction of the traffic.
422. If a person violates Section 421, the person shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.
423. In case of an accident occurring due to unsafe parking or parking in the prohibited areas, leading to death, injury or property damage, the driver of the vehicle parked wrongly shall be liable for the payment of compensation as may be determined by the Royal Court Justice unless proven otherwise.

Exemption

424. A vehicle belonging to the Authority, police or any other emergency vehicle shall be allowed to park or stop at any part of the road to carry out duties with beacon or hazard light under these Rules and Regulations or as may be directed by the Authority.

Leaving a Vehicle Unattended

425. A person leaving a vehicle unattended shall park the vehicle properly, switch off the engine, apply parking brake, and lock the vehicle to ensure safety of other road users.
426. In case of an accident occurring due to unattended vehicles, causing death, injury or property damage, the driver of the vehicle parked unsafely shall be liable for the payment of compensation as may be determined by the Royal Court Justice unless proven otherwise.
427. A vehicle may be towed by an authorised person if a vehicle is found to be parked in a place causing traffic obstruction or a safety hazard to other road users.
428. An authorised person shall not be liable for any damages occurred to the towed vehicle referred to in Section 427 and owner shall bear the cost for the removal of the vehicle

Use of Lights when Driving or Riding at Night

429. A person driving a vehicle or riding a bicycle at night shall use the following lights in proper function:
- (1) Headlights;
 - (2) Tail/side lights;
 - (3) Registration number plate lights;
 - (4) Brake lights;
 - (5) Taxi light, for taxi; and
 - (6) Indicator lights
430. A person who fails to use proper lights at night shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 700.

Use of Lights on High Beam

- 431. A person driving a vehicle or motorcycle at night shall put the headlights of a vehicle on low beam in the event of an on-coming vehicle approaching from 200 (two hundred) meters away and shall let the vehicle pass completely.
- 432. A person driving a vehicle or riding a motorcycle behind two hundred meters of a moving vehicle at night shall put the headlights in the low beam position.
- 433. A person may flash a vehicle's headlights briefly from the low beam position to the high beam position to provide a warning to other moving vehicles.
- 434. A person shall always use the headlights of a vehicle in the low beam position in the event of driving in the city, town or built-up areas.
- 435. A person failing to keep lights on low beam wherever necessary shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

Display of Dazzling Lights on Vehicles

- 436. A person shall not be allowed to fix or use a dazzling light that distracts the visibility of other road users except the lights fixed by the manufacturing company.
- 437. A person who uses dazzling light shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 550 and immediately remove the dazzling light.

Use of Lights on Stationary Vehicle

- 438. In the event of parking a vehicle on a road at night for emergency purposes, a person shall put on side, tail lamps, or hazard lights to indicate the presence.
- 439. Section 438 shall not apply if the street lighting makes the vehicle visible from at least two hundred meters.
- 440. A person who fails to display light at night under section 438, shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

Use of Hazard Lights

- 441. A person driving a vehicle shall be required to switch on the hazard lights in case a person intends to inform the other road users about the state of emergency and hazard.
- 442. A hazard light referred in Section 441, shall not be construed as a parking light.
- 443. No person shall be allowed to use hazard lights unless required to do so under section 441 of these Rules and Regulations.
- 444. A person failing to comply with Sections 441 and 443 of these Rules and Regulations, shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

Use of Horns and Similar Warning Devices

- 445. A person shall not use vehicle horn or a similar warning device except when it is deemed required to give warning to other road users.
- 446. A person while driving on a road shall refrain from creating undue noise either by way of excessive acceleration of the vehicle's engine while in a stationary position or using the horn indiscriminately and repeatedly, in a manner that is likely to disturb others.
- 447. A person using unnecessary horns or warning devices shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.
- 448. A person while driving a vehicle shall not use a horn in “No Horn” zone or in the areas where “No Horn” signs are installed.
- 449. A person honking horn in prohibited areas determined by the Authority in Schedule-VIII of these Rules and Regulations, shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.700.

Rules Applying to Pedestrian

- 450. A pedestrian moving along and crossing the roads shall:
 - (1) Not put himself or others in danger by moving into the path of an oncoming vehicle;
 - (2) Cross road through the pedestrian crossing;
 - (3) Not obstruct traffic by unreasonably remaining on a road;

- (4) Not travel on a road if there is a footpath that is practicable to use;
- (5) Travel as close as is practicable to the edge of the road if there is no footpath;
- (6) Not travel more than two abreast on a road;
- (7) Not attempt to get on a moving vehicle; and
- (8) Face the on-coming traffic while walking along the footpaths as far as practicable.

451. A person not following the pedestrian rules shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.100.

Accident Due to Carelessness of a Pedestrian

452. If a vehicle accident is caused due to carelessness of a pedestrian, leading to death, injury or property damage, the driver shall not be liable for compensation unless proven otherwise.

Vehicle Occupants

453. A passenger travelling in a vehicle shall, at all times:

- (1) Not put part of body outside a window or door of a moving vehicle that may jeopardize safety of one and others;
- (2) Not open or leave the door of a vehicle opened that may cause injury to a person or damage to any vehicle;
- (3) Not smoke and/or create nuisance in the vehicle; and/or
- (4) Not get off or get out of a vehicle that may cause injury to a person or damage to any vehicle.

454. Passengers and drivers not following the rules for vehicle occupants shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 600 each and shall be liable for any associated loss or damages.

Bicycle

455. A person riding a bicycle shall be subject to the same traffic rules and penalties as motorists, unless otherwise specified.

456. A person riding a bicycle shall ensure that a bicycle has an efficient braking system, warning bell, headlamp and rear blinker lights while riding.
457. A person riding a bicycle without brake, headlamps and blinker light shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.500.
458. A person shall ride on designated bicycle lanes wherever provided and if designated lanes are not provided or marked, shall ride as far as practicable, on the left edge of the road.
459. A person failing to ride on a designated lane or the practical left edge of the road shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 750.
460. A person riding a bicycle using earphones and any hand-held devices shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.
461. A person riding a bicycle shall use a headlamp and red blinker light at the rear while riding at night and in poor visibility conditions.
462. A person failing to use headlamp and red blinker lights while riding at night shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.500.
463. A person riding a bicycle shall wear a helmet firmly buckled with straps.
464. A person riding a bicycle failing to wear a bicycle helmet shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 750.
465. A person riding bicycle shall not:
- (1) Park bicycle along footpaths or the roads;
 - (2) Ride bicycles in restricted areas;
 - (3) Ride without holding the handlebars;
 - (4) Ride abreast with other riders;
 - (5) Hold on to or lean against vehicles; or
 - (6) Ride on or across the footpath.
466. A person failing to obey conditions under Section 465, shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 750.
467. A person riding a bicycle shall not be towed by vehicle or bicycle.

- 468. A person riding a bicycle when being towed shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.
- 469. A person riding a bicycle while intending to make a turn or change direction shall give an appropriate hand signal.
- 470. A person failing to give proper hand signal while making a turn and changing direction shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.
- 471. A person riding a bicycle shall be classified as pedestrians and abide by using pedestrian footpaths when walking and pushing bicycles on foot.
- 472. A person riding a bicycle on pedestrian crossings shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.
- 473. A Transport Infringement Notice for any bicycle traffic offence shall be issued on the Citizen Identity Card.
- 474. A person failing to pay the penalty shall be barred from obtaining any services from the Authority concerning learner license, driving license and vehicle registration.
- 475. Electric scooters or bicycles which do not fall under the category of two-wheelers shall be regulated as per the bicycle rules.

Rules for Two-wheeler Rider and Passenger

- 476. A person riding two-wheeler or a pillion rider shall:
 - (1) wear securely fitted protective helmet which shall:
 - a) Be hard-shelled and impact resistant;
 - b) Provide adequate coverage to the head, including the side and back; and
 - c) Be fitted with a proper retention system, including a chin cap.
 - (2) not ride two-wheeler unless it is equipped with required features; and
 - (3) not carry a child or any loads that may jeopardize the safety of one and others.

477. A person failing to obey rules under Section 476 shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 750.

Use of Handheld Devices

478. A person shall not use handheld devices while driving or operating vehicle
479. A person found using handheld devices while driving or operating shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.

Interfering with the Driver's Control of a Vehicle

480. A person travelling in a vehicle shall not interfere with the driver's control of the vehicle or unreasonably obstruct the driver's view of the road or traffic.
481. A person interfering with the driver's control of a vehicle shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.

Duty of a Driver, Rider and any other Road Users in the Event of an Accident

482. In the event of a vehicle accident leading to death, injury or property damage, a driver shall report the full details of the accident to the nearest police station or the Authority, unless the details are being submitted to the police official present at the accident spot.
483. A driver failing to report an accident shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1500.
484. In the event of a vehicle accident, a person driving the vehicle shall take all possible steps to evacuate any injured person for medical treatment.
485. A vehicle involved in a vehicle accident shall not be removed from an accident site until such time as an investigation is completed, unless it is felt unavoidable to move the vehicle to save life, protect property or avoid traffic obstruction.
486. Notwithstanding Section 485, a person removing a vehicle from the accident site before completion of the investigation shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.

Hit and Run

487. A person who causes a vehicle accident while driving a vehicle shall not leave or flee from the accident spot without informing the police or the Authority.
488. A person who violates Section 487 shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.2500, in addition to other compensation determined by the Royal Court of Justice.

Material Dropped from the Vehicle

489. A person driving a vehicle shall be required to remove the material dropped from the vehicle or left on the road as soon as practicable in order not to cause inconveniences to other road users, traffic obstruction, vehicle accident or damage to other properties.
490. A person leaving materials on the road shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000, and in case of damages or injury shall be liable as per the relevant laws in force.

Towing or Transporting of a Vehicle or Machinery

491. A vehicle shall not tow another vehicle if the size, weight, or loading of the towed vehicle affects the safe control of both vehicles.
492. No person shall ride or be allowed to ride in a vehicle or machinery that is being transported or towed.
493. Both persons towing and riding towed vehicles shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 600.

Insecure and Protruding Load

494. The maximum load for a vehicle shall not exceed the gross vehicle weight.
495. The height of load carried on a vehicle shall not exceed the height of the vehicle, measured from the ground to the highest point of the vehicle as prescribed under Section 29 of these Rules and Regulations.

- 496. Notwithstanding Section 495, special permits may be issued by the Authority for carrying load exceeding the prescribed height subject to assessment and compliance.
- 497. A person shall not drive a vehicle carrying the loads protruding toward the rear of the vehicle exceeding 30 (thirty) percent of the vehicle length irrespective of loading capacity.
- 498. A person shall not drive a vehicle carrying loads protruding toward the front of the vehicle beyond the edge of the cabin.
- 499. A load must be securely fastened within the vehicle's dimension and not extend beyond the vehicle body on sides.
- 500. A person shall not drive a vehicle with a load that is not securely fastened, or hanging or projecting in a hazardous manner from the vehicle.
- 501. A person driving with carrying load beyond permissible height under Sections 495 to 500 shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.
- 502. The authorised person shall require a vehicle to be weighed if it is found to be carrying excess load beyond the prescribed gross vehicle weight.
- 503. The authorized person shall instruct the driver to offload the excess load or height carried in a vehicle or stop the car from plying.
- 504. In case any damage occurs to the vehicle or offloaded load due to an action of the authorized person referred in Section 503, the authorized person shall not be held liable for such damage.
- 505. A person shall be required to display a red flag with reflective strip for protruding goods exceeding the vehicle body at the rear end, which shall be visible from 20 (twenty) meters distance, as per the standards provided under Schedule-XIII of these Rules and Regulations..
- 506. A person failing to display a red flag as required under Section 505 shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.

Obscene Letters and Graffiti on Vehicle Body or Part

- 507. No person shall be allowed to write obscene letters and graffiti on the body of a vehicle and shall be required to remove immediately and

report to the authorised person within 14 (fourteen) calendar days for physical verification.

508. A person writing obscene letters and graffiti on the vehicle body shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600.
509. A vehicle with obscene letters and graffiti shall not be driven after notice for removal, and if found driven, a person shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000

Billboards, Banners and Stickers on Vehicle Body

510. Display of inappropriate billboards, banners and stickers on the vehicle body shall not be allowed. In exceptional cases, approval of the Authority shall be sought.
511. Inappropriate billboards, banners and stickers shall include:
- (1) Commercial advertisement of any kind, whether time-bound or long-term;
 - (2) Any stickers, displays, writings, paintings that are not included under the exceptional cases; and
 - (3) Any LED, digital display board, lights, except taxi signs, bus information displays in buses (inbuilt), emergency vehicle and enforcement agency's lights on the vehicles.
512. Special approval may be granted for display of social messages and messages of national importance on the passenger transport buses with the following conditions:
- (1) Approval shall be time-bound, as may be determined by the Authority;
 - (2) Not allowed to display on the bonnet & rear of the vehicle;
 - (3) No animation or moving display of any nature shall be allowed;
 - (4) Display of message shall not interfere in any way with the mandatory vehicle signs, such as number plate and vehicle indicator.
 - (5) Shall not visually obstruct any logo, company name, etc., if any, on the vehicle body; and

- (6) Display on windshield, window glasses and license or registration plate not allowed.
- 513. The display of name, number, and logo on the vehicle body of organization, company, business establishment and institute shall be as per the Standard Operating Procedure.
- 514. A person displaying billboards, banners and stickers without an approval of the Authority shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.600, and the person shall remove and report to the authorised person within 14 (fourteen) calendar days for physical verification.
- 515. A vehicle with inappropriate billboards, banners and stickers shall not be driven after notice for removal, and if found driven, a person shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.
- 516. Medical emergency, firefighting and law enforcement vehicles may display name, mobile number on the bonnet and rear of the vehicle, but not on the windshield, door or window glasses and registration plate.

Responsibility of People in Charge of Animals and Stray Animals

- 517. The owner of an animal shall not leave or release the animal freely along the roads in built-up areas and highways.
- 518. An owner leaving an animal along the built-up areas and highways shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000.
- 519. A person driving a vehicle shall, as far as practicable, take the safer side of the road to avoid accidents with unattended animals on the road.
- 520. Notwithstanding Section 519, in the event of a collision between an unattended animal and a vehicle, a driver shall not be liable unless proven otherwise.

Requirement for Vehicle Carrying Hazardous Goods

- 521. A vehicle carrying hazardous goods shall only be allowed to enter into the built-up areas, towns and cities as per the time regulated by the Local Government, Traffic Police or the Authority.

522. Separate parking and stopping areas shall be allocated or designated by the Local Government or the relevant agencies, for the vehicles mentioned in Section 521 of these Rules and Regulations.
523. Non-compliance with Section 521 of these Rules and Regulations shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000.

Insurance and Compensation

524. The commercial vehicles shall have a comprehensive insurance policy and other vehicles shall at least have a third-party insurance policy as required under Section 50 of the Act.

Vehicle for Filming Purpose

525. A person intending to shoot a movie along the road or using a vehicle on the road shall obtain an approval from the Authority.
526. The Authority may grant permit to the applicant as per the provisions of these Rules and Regulations and any other relevant regulations.
527. A person shooting a movie along the road or using a vehicle on the road without approval from the Authority shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.

Abandoned Vehicle

528. A vehicle, machinery and equipment shall be considered abandoned if:
- (1) It has been left unattended on public, or private property without permission to a period more than 1 (one) month;
 - (2) It appears to be inoperable, vandalized, or missing essential parts (wheels, engine, etc.);
 - (3) It has expired registration or no license plates; and
 - (4) It poses security, safety or environmental hazards.
529. The property owner shall notify local authorities if the vehicle is found on private property.

530. The Authority or the authorised person shall place a notice on the vehicle that it will be towed if not moved within a specific time or the owner may be notified by mail if the vehicle is registered.
531. After the notice period, the vehicle shall be removed by the Authority or authorised person to a designated impound lot.
532. Following the towing, the Authority shall make an effort to identify and notify the owner, and the following procedures shall apply:
- (1) If the owner claims the towed vehicle, machinery or equipment, the owner shall be liable for towing and storage fees as prescribed in Schedule-I of these Rules and Regulations;
 - (2) If the owner fails to respond or claim the towed vehicle, machinery or equipment for six months, it shall be handed over to the relevant agency; and
 - (3) The authorised person or authority shall not be liable to any losses or damages to the impounded vehicle.
533. Notwithstanding Section 532 of these Rules and Regulations, vehicles, machinery or equipment may be exempted from abandonment rules if the vehicles, machinery or equipment are:
- (1) Involved in accidents or left for repairs, provided they are being worked on within a reasonable time; or
 - (2) Disabled due to mechanical issues or parked in areas designated for certain repairs.

Owner's Liability

534. The owner of a vehicle, machinery or equipment shall:
- (1) Keep maintenance logs;
 - (2) Conduct regular inspections;
 - (3) Ensure driver or operator are trained and certified;
 - (4) Have insurance coverage; and
 - (5) Have clear contracts when renting out equipment or vehicles.

535. The owner of a vehicle, machinery or equipment shall be held liable for any damages, injury, or loss that arise due to:
- (1) Negligence in maintenance;
 - (2) Improper use;
 - (3) Lack of safety measures; and
 - (4) Allowing unlicensed driver or operator to drive or operate it.
536. For the offences under Section 535, the owner shall be liable for:
- (1) Penalty of Nu.1750;
 - (2) Compensation for any damages or losses caused as determined by the Royal Court of Justice; and
 - (3) In case of a fatality, liability shall be determined as per the Penal Code of Bhutan.

Splashing of Water or Sludges

537. Splashing a pedestrian with water or mud is deemed careless or inconsiderate driving, and the driver shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000.
538. If the splashing of water or mud causes damage to a pedestrian's assets, a person shall compensate for the actual loss incurred.

Construction Materials on Road

539. A person placing construction materials on or near a road shall seek permission from the local authority and shall display clear signage and physical barriers.
540. Placing materials that obstruct traffic or pedestrians without proper safety measures and without permission from the local authorities shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1750.
541. Notwithstanding Section 540, in cases where unsecured materials cause damage or injury, the responsible person shall be subject to appropriate fines or penalties as per the relevant laws in force.

Compliance Monitoring and Safety Audits

542. The Authority shall undertake:

- (1) Third-party compliance monitoring of surface transport from time to time;
- (2) Surface transport safety oversight; and
- (3) Issue necessary recommendations or directives to the Department of Surface Transport or Local Government or any other agencies administering and managing surface transport infrastructure.

Emission

543. Except for initial registration, the vehicle, machinery and equipment shall undergo annual emission checks.

544. A person shall not drive a vehicle, machine or equipment without a Pollution Under Control Certificate issued by the Authority or an authorized emission testing agent.

545. Notwithstanding Section 543 and 544 of these Rules and Regulations, if a vehicle, machinery or equipment is found producing excessive smoke, the authorized person shall:

- (1) Conduct emission test on the spot to determine the emission level; or
- (2) Direct for emission test from the nearest testing facility.

546. The vehicle, machinery and equipment referred to under Section 545 of these Rules and Regulations shall not be permitted to ply until the driver or operator produces a test result showing the acceptable level of emission, which may be subject to further confirmation by the authorized person.

547. Notwithstanding Section 546, of these Rules and Regulations, the person may be liable to a penalty of Nu. 750, and/or as per the relevant laws in force.

Noise

- 548. A person shall not drive or allow a vehicle, machinery and equipment to be driven that generates noise beyond the permissible limit.
- 549. If a vehicle, machinery and equipment is found producing noise beyond the permissible limit, the authorized person shall conduct a test on the spot to determine the noise level.
- 550. If the vehicle, machinery and equipment is found to be producing noise beyond the permissible level upon testing under Section 549, the authorized person shall direct a driver or owner of the vehicle to rectify it.
- 551. If a person fails to comply with the direction under Section 550 and drives or allows a vehicle, machinery and equipment to be driven or operated producing excessive noise, the person shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000, and/or as per relevant laws in force.
- 552. The Authority may suspend registration of vehicle, machinery and equipment, if a person is found driving or operating with emission and noise beyond acceptable limit and failing to comply with the requirements of these Rules and Regulations.

Power to Inspect Vehicles, Machinery and equipment

- 553. An authorized person may inspect a vehicle at any reasonable time or direct a person to present a vehicle for inspection to determine whether it complies with the Act and Rules and Regulations.

Plying of Roller and Machine

- 554. No person shall move or cause to move a self propelled machine or equipment or any machine or equipment having wheels or metal tracks to ply on a carriageway of a road.

Negligent Driving

- 555. If a person driving in a way that endangers people or is likely to cause injury to person or damage property shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.

556. If the negligent driving causes injury or damages to a person, animal or property, the driver shall be liable as per the Penal Code of Bhutan.

General Duty of Driver

557. Driver shall:

- (1) Drive a vehicle in a safe and courteous manner and take into account the traffic and road conditions;
- (2) Take all reasonable steps to avoid accidents;
- (3) Ensure that the vehicle being driven is in a safe and serviceable condition;
- (4) Obey all lawful directions of an authorized person;
- (5) Carry his driving license when driving and produce it on demand by an authorized person;
- (6) Carry passenger as per the seating capacity as specified in the registration; and
- (7) Comply with the Act and these Rules and Regulations while driving, including obeying traffic signs.

558. A driver carrying excess passengers shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.1000 per extra passenger.

Safety

559. A driver or operator shall:

- (1) Drive and operate a vehicle or machine in a safe and ethical manner and consider the traffic and infrastructure conditions prevailing at the time;
- (2) Take safety measures to avoid crashes and injuries;
- (3) Ensure that the vehicle, machinery and equipment being driven or operated is in a safe and serviceable condition;
- (4) Produce required documents on demand by an authorized person;
- (5) Comply with the directions issued by an authorized person in discharge of his or her duties; and

- (6) Comply with the seating capacity, and loading capacity, use of parking, and horn as prescribed in these Rules and Regulations.

Seat Belt

- 560. The driver and front seat passenger shall wear seat belts at all times while the vehicle is on motion.
- 561. The driver and/or front seat passenger failing to wear seat belts shall be liable to a penalty of Nu.750.

Liability

- 562. Notwithstanding the penalties provided under these Rules and Regulations, any person causing damages or injury to a person or property shall be as per the relevant laws in force.

CHAPTER X

ENFORCEMENT MECHANISM

Accident Reporting System

- 563. Traffic Police shall investigate vehicle accidents and coordinate in “Search and Rescue” operation.
- 564. In the event of a vehicle accident involving a commercial passenger bus, joint investigation shall be carried out by the authority and the traffic police.
- 565. The investigation team shall be required to submit a first-hand accident report to the head of the Authority immediately, and subsequently submit a detailed report.

Post-crash Response

- 566. The Authority shall in collaboration with the relevant agencies, prescribe Post-crash Response Procedures and Service Standards.
- 567. The relevant agencies shall take necessary measures to comply with procedures and service standards as per the Post-crash Response Procedures and Service Standards.

Alcohol Testing Device

- 568. For the purpose of regulating “Driving under the Influence of Alcohol”, the Authority shall prescribe the use of standard “Alcohol Testing Device” calibrated periodically.
- 569. The Authority or Traffic Police testing the Blood Alcohol Content of a person driving a vehicle shall follow the Standard Operating Procedures for Blood Alcohol Content testing established by the Authority.
- 570. The permissible limit of Blood Alcohol Content to a person holding an ordinary driving license with more than 3 (three) years driving experience shall be 0.08g/100ml.
- 571. Notwithstanding Section 570, a person shall not drive vehicle with any level of alcohol concentration in the blood if a person holds:

- (1) Ordinary driving license, other than medium and heavy vehicle license, with driving experience of less than 3 (three) years;
- (2) Medium and heavy vehicle driving license;
- (3) Professional driving license holder; and
- (4) Learner license.

572. A person driving under the influence of alcohol shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1750.

Excessive Noise

573. A person shall not drive or allow a vehicle to be driven on a road, unless the vehicle has a silencing device which:

- (1) Is securely fixed to its engine so that all the exhaust gases from the engine pass through the silencing device and prevent undue noise; and
- (2) Does not have attached to it a device capable of producing an open exhaust.

574. A person shall not drive or allow a vehicle to be driven on a road that produces noise beyond the permissible level set by the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources.

575. A standard device designed to measure the vehicular noise shall be used by the Authority or Traffic Police for determining the noise level of a vehicle.

576. The Authority shall not allow a person to drive a vehicle that produces noise beyond the permissible noise level.

577. A person driving a vehicle with excessive noise shall be liable to a penalty of Nu. 1000.

Drug Testing Device

578. A standard drug testing kit shall be used by the Authority or an authorized person to test a person driving a vehicle for driving under the influence of any psychotropic substance.

579. The Authority or an authorized person conducting the drug test shall follow the Standard Operating Procedures of drug testing established by the competent authority.

Speed Measuring Device

580. A standard and most reliable speed measuring device capable of detecting vehicle speed shall be used by the authorised person.
581. The authorised person shall use speed measuring devices as per the Standard Operating Procedures established by the Authority.
582. The authorised person shall record and retain the results as generated by the device as an evidentiary proof of over speeding.

Weighing Device

583. The authorised person shall use a standard and most reliable weighing device to detect the loading capacity of a vehicle.
584. The authorised person shall use the weighing device as per the Standard Operating Procedures developed by the Authority.
585. The authorised person shall keep records of tests generated by the device, in the event of violation of permissible loading capacity.

Transport Infringement Notice

586. For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of the Act and these Rules and Regulations, the authorised person shall issue a Transport Infringement Notice to a person committing any traffic offence.
587. The authorised person shall seize the driving license or the registration certificate or any identification document from the person committing an offence and release only after the payment of penalty.
588. An authorized person issuing the Transport Infringement Notice shall update the records in the system within 24 (twenty-four) hours from the issuance of the notice.
589. The responsibility of releasing the seized documents shall fall on the Authority or authorised person subject to who seizes the documents.

- 590. All unclaimed seized vehicle documents with the Traffic Police for more than 2 (two) months shall be submitted to the Authority for disposal.
- 591. The unclaimed seized vehicle documents left either with the Authority for a period of more than 3 (three) months shall be subject to disposal by the Authority.
- 592. The Authority shall not be responsible for misplaced documents which are not claimed within three months from the date of seizure.
- 593. Subject to Sections 591 and 592, a person shall process for new documents upon payment of applicable fees and penalties to any unsettled traffic offences.

Payment of Penalty

- 594. If the person to whom the Transport Infringement Notice is issued fails to pay the penalty within 7 (seven) calendar days from the date of issue, an additional penalty of Nu. 100 per day up to a period of 30 (thirty) calendar days after the grace period.
- 595. Notwithstanding Section 594, the Authority shall provide one demerit point on the driving license if a person holding a valid driving license fails to pay the penalty beyond 30 (thirty) calendar days.
- 596. In the case of a person holding a learner license failing to pay the penalty beyond 30 (thirty) calendar days, the Authority shall defer the issuance of a new driving license for 1 (one) year from the date of application.

Restriction to Drive

- 597. The authorised person shall not allow a person to drive or restrict a vehicle to be driven on road under the following circumstances:
 - (1) Unlicensed driving;
 - (2) Driving under the influence (DUI) of alcohol or psychotropic substance; or
 - (3) Any other justifiable reasons requiring restriction.

598. In case of unlicensed driving or driving under the influence of alcohol, a vehicle may be released from the point of inspection if a person with a valid driving license takes over the charge of the unlicensed person.
599. A driver under the influence of alcohol may be allowed to drive from the point of inspection after the level of Blood Alcohol Content reaches an acceptable level.
600. A person driving a vehicle under the influence of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances shall be forwarded to the relevant authority.
601. The authorised person shall not be liable to any damages that occur to the vehicle or a driver in the course of performing duties.

Impounding of Vehicle

602. A vehicle driven on road without any record of registration, unless exempted from registration, shall be impounded by the authorised person.
603. To facilitate provisions set in Section 602, the Authority in collaboration with relevant agencies, shall create vehicle impoundment facilities in the convenient places.
604. The Authority shall surrender the unclaimed vehicle to the relevant agency after 6 (six) months of its impoundment.

Categorization of Offences

605. The traffic offences specified in Schedule-XI of these Rules and Regulations shall be categorized as minor and major offences.
606. Demerit points on the driving license, suspension or de-registration of the driving license shall be automatically updated in the electronic Registration and Licensing Information System (eRaLIS).

Road Safety Education Programs for Drivers' Behavioural Change

607. The Authority shall explore various measures to create road safety awareness and advocacies to promote road safety practices to targeted road users.

608. A person who commits offences under these Rules and Regulations shall undergo road safety programs aimed for behavioural improvement as determined by the Authority.
609. The Authority shall issue a certificate for undergoing the program provided under Section 608 of these Rules and Regulations.
610. A certificate of participation for taking part in the road safety program shall be accepted in lieu of a one-day introductory course certificate while applying for driving test.
611. The Authority shall require the traffic offenders to produce a certificate referred in Section 609 as one of the requirements for re-issuance of driving license.

Standard Road Markings and Traffic Signs

612. The standard road markings and traffic signs to guide road users in the country shall be as per the standards approved by the competent Authority, as prescribed in Schedule-VIII of these Rules and Regulations.
613. The sizes and colour for regulatory, cautionary, and informatory signs specified in Schedule-VIII of these Rules and Regulations and road markings shall be as per the standard approved by the Department of Surface Transport and Bhutan Standard Bureau.
614. Standard road markings and traffic signs shall be as follow:
- (1) Mandatory or regulatory signs to inform road users of specific traffic laws or regulations which indicate the applicability of the legal requirements, and non-compliance shall lead to payment of penalty for traffic offence;
 - (2) Cautionary or warning signs that caution dangerous or unusual conditions ahead such as curve, turn, dip or side road that might call for a reduction of speed or an action in the interest of safety and efficient traffic operations; and
 - (3) Informatory or direction signs provide information on distance, destination and facilities or services along the road.

CHAPTER XI MISCELLENIOUS

Amendment

615. The Ministry shall amend, by way of addition, variation or repeal the provisions of these Rules and Regulations, as and when required.

Interpretation

616. The power to interpret these Rules and Regulations shall vest with the Ministry, which may issue such instructions as may be necessary to give effect to and implement the provisions of these Rules and Regulations.

Rules of Construction

617. In these Rules and Regulations, unless the context indicates otherwise, the masculine shall include the feminine and the singular shall include the plural and vice versa.

Definitions

618. For the purpose of these Rules and Regulations:

- (1) **Act** means the Road Safety and Transport Act of Bhutan 1999.
- (2) **Alcohol Testing Device:** means a device used by the authorized person to establish a person's blood alcohol concentration by analysing breath.
- (3) **Alteration** means any structural change or modification made to the manufacturer's original design, specifications, or registration details.
- (4) **Material mentioned in Section 539** means any substance, object, or matter present on the carriageway, shoulder, or any part of the road surface that may endanger, obstruct, or inconvenience traffic, and includes:
 - (a) soil, sand, gravel, stones, debris, construction materials, or waste; and

- (b) any liquid substance such as oil, fuel, grease, chemicals, water, or other fluids spilled, leaked, or deposited on the road, whether intentionally or accidentally.
- (5) **Machinaries** means heavy or light mechanical equipment used for road construction, maintenance, repair, or related works, including but not limited to excavators, loaders, rollers, graders, pavers, cranes, and similar equipment, whether mobile or fixed.
 - (6) **Authority:** means the Bhutan Construction and Transport Authority.
 - (7) **Authorized Person:** means and includes a person authorized by the Authority to enforce the provisions of the Act, and Rules and Regulations.
 - (8) **Built-up Area:** means a road within the core city or town area along which there is residential development.
 - (9) **Carriage way Marking:** means the road markings drawn on motorable roads.
 - (10) **Commercial Goods Vehicle:** means a vehicle used for carrying goods for hire.
 - (11) **Conductor:** means a person who assists a driver in issuing tickets and collecting fares from a passenger on a commercial passenger vehicle.
 - (12) **Conductor Certificate:** means a certificate issued to a person by the Authority authorizing to work as conductor of a commercial passenger vehicle.
 - (13) **Driver Certificate:** means a certificate issued to a person by the Authority, authorizing to drive a commercial passenger vehicle.
 - (14) **Emission Stickers:** means a sticker issued after a vehicle is tested for emission levels, certifying its acceptable level of emission.
 - (15) **Emission:** means products of combustions discharged into the atmosphere from the tailpipe of a vehicle engine.

- (16) **Emission Standard:** means a standard of permissible emission level that could be emitted by a vehicle as per the standard set by the Department of Environment and Climate Change.
- (17) **Emission Failed Vehicle:** means any vehicle which fails to comply with permissible emission standards during the initial test or any retest.
- (18) **Emergency Vehicle:** means:
- a) An ambulance;
 - b) A fire-fighting vehicle;
 - c) An army vehicle;
 - d) A police vehicle and a vehicle belonging to the Authority, mandated to carry out duties under the Act and these Rules and Regulations; and
 - e) Any other vehicle designated to carry out emergency services.
- (19) **Experienced Driver:** means a person who holds a valid license for at least three years or more to drive the category of vehicle being driven by the learner driver.
- (20) **Fixed Weighing Device:** means mechanical or electronic or electrical device, which is fixed on the ground, used for measuring the weight of the vehicle or luggage.
- (21) **Goods Vehicle Permit:** means an authorisation to operate commercial goods vehicles.
- (22) **Height of the vehicle:** means maximum vertical distance from the ground surface on which the vehicle rests to the highest point of the vehicle.
- (23) **Inspection Authorization Card:** means a card issued by the Authority to a person, authorizing to inspect a vehicle at any given time.
- (24) **Ministry:** means the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.
- (25) **Vehicle:** means a vehicle including two wheeler which has its own motive power not involving human or animal power.

- (26) **Obscene Letter and Graffiti:** means any letters or graffiti which portrays or describes offensive or disgusting messages which are not accepted by the standards of morality and decency.
- (27) **Object Marking:** means the traffic signs and markings drawn on any objects such as milestone post, bridges, sign posts, walls etc.
- (28) **Passenger bus:** means a vehicle with 13 and more seating capacity including drivers seat, in contract with the Authority, and tourist, school, institutional and other buses.
- (29) **Pedestrian Crossing:** means a part of the road that is marked with white stripes approximately parallel with the centre of the road and extends from one side of the road to the other.
- (30) **Permit:** means an authorization issued by the Authority to operate vehicles including passenger buses.
- (31) **Permit Holder:** means a person holding a permit to operate a vehicle in the country.
- (32) **Pollution Under Control Certificate:** means a certificate issued by the authorized emission testing agent after conducting an emission test on a vehicle, showing the printed result of the emission test.
- (33) **Police Vehicle:** means a vehicle driven by the Police official while on duty.
- (34) **Portable Weighing Device:** means a portable mechanical or electrical device used for measuring the weight of a vehicle or luggage.
- (35) **Professional and Managerial level:** shall mean and include a position same or above professional and managerial post as may be defined in the Bhutan Civil Service Rules and Regulations or Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.
- (36) **Recreational Vehicle:** means and includes a vehicle primarily designed for recreational camping or travel use and has its own motive power.
- (37) **Roundabout:** means an intersection that is laid out for the movement of traffic in one direction around a central island.

- (38) **Taxi:** means a vehicle used for carrying passengers for hire or reward, and seating no more than 12 adults including the driver.
- (39) **Taxi Rank:** means a part of the road or space dedicated for taxi by the Local Government or any other relevant agency to allow taxis to stand or park.
- (40) **Traffic Police:** means authorised person to enforce the Act and Rules and Regulations, who are police officials working under the Traffic Division of the Royal Bhutan Police.
- (41) **Transport Infringement Notice:** means notice for offences of all nature relating to transport and vehicle.
- (42) **Visiting Vehicle:** means a foreign registered vehicle allowed to ply temporarily in Bhutan by the provisions of the Act and the Rules and Regulations

SCHEDULE-I: FEES AND CHARGES: (in ngultrum per annum unless indicated otherwise)

Sl. No.	Description of Fees and Charges	Fees & Charges	Vehicle Tax	Total
1	Registration Certificate (RC)	500		500
2	Replacement of RC Fee	500		500
FEE FOR REGISTRATION AND RENEWAL				
3	Heavy Vehicle Trucks¹			
i	Below 10 tons GVW	3800	5000	8800
ii	10-18.5 tons GVW	6000	7000	13000
iii	Above 18.5 tons GVW	8000	9000	17000
iv	Below 10 tons GVW (BG)	3800		3800
v	10-18.5 tons GVW (BG)	6000		6000
vi	Above 18.5 tons GVW (BG)	8000		8000
4	Passenger Buses			
i	13-25 seats	3000		3000
ii	Above 25 seats	5000		5000
5	Tractors			
i	Below 20 hp	1000		1000
ii	Above 20 hp	2000		2000
6	Light Vehicles			
i	2501 CC and above	3000		3000

¹Heavy Vehicle Trucks belonging to and registered in the name of any government organization are exempt from paying vehicle tax.

ii	1501 cc to 2500 cc	2500		2500
iii	796 cc to 1500 CC and below	2000		2000
iv	Government Light Vehicles	1500		1500
v	Electric Light vehicles (Pvt)	2000		2000
vi	Electric Light vehicles (Govt)	1500		1500
7	Taxis with following seating capacity			
i	5 seats	1500	1500	3000
ii	6 seats	2000	1500	3500
iii	7 seats	2500	1500	4000
iv	8 seats	3000	1500	4500
v	9 seats	3500	1500	5000
vi	10 seats	4000	1500	5500
vii	11 seats	4500	1500	6000
viii	12 seats	5000	1500	6500
8	Two Wheelers			
i	Two Wheelers (Pvt)	500		500
ii	Two wheelers (Government)	350		350
9	Earth Moving Equipment			
i	Earth-moving and construction equipment.	5000		5000
10	Power-tiller, CD, BHT vehicles	Exempted		Exempt ed
11	Annual Renewal Fee shall be the same as indicated above against each category			

12	Late Renewal Fee/Penalty: (per day and maximum limit) for Vehicle Registration Certificate	10/day up to a maximum of 3000.		
13	Ownership transfer & Conversion fees			
i	Transfer of ownership	500	1% of the sale/asse ssed value	
ii	Conversion of registration from government to private, taxi to private.	500		500
14	Learner license			
i	Fee for learner license	100		100
ii	Renewal of learner license (per annum)	100		100
iii	Replacement of learner license	100		100
15	Driving license			
i	Fee for driving license (Per annum)	100		100
ii	Cost of license card	100		100
16	Fee for conducting driving test (test booking fee)			
i	Heavy & Medium	100		100
ii	Light	75		75
iii	Two Wheelers	50		50
iv	Equipment	500		500

17	Driving license Renewal Fees (All categories, per annum)	100		100
18	Late fee for late renewal of driving license (per day and maximum limit)	10/day and up to a maximum of 3000		
19	license Variation (Each Endorsement)	100		100
20	Replacement Driving license (all categories)	100		100
21	Fee for emission test (remove)			
i	Heavy & Medium	As per the emission contract		
ii	Light	As per the emission contract		
iii	Two Wheelers	As per the emission contract		
22	Emission Retest Fee			
i	Heavy & Medium	As per the emission contract		
ii	Light	As per the emission contract		
iii	Two Wheelers	As per the emission contract		

23	Annual Road Worthiness Certificate Renewal			
i	Heavy vehicles	100		100
ii	Medium Vehicles	75		75
iii	Light vehicles	60		60
iv	Tractors (<20hp/>20hp)	60/75		60/75
v	Taxis	50		50
vi	Two Wheelers	40		40
24	Replacement Fee of RWC	100		100
25	Penalty: for late renewal of Road Worthiness Certificate (Per day and maximum limit)	50 and up to a max of 750		
26	Endorsement of Foreign Vehicle			
i	Route Permit Fees for visiting vehicles registered in other countries plying temporarily in Bhutan (per day)	100		100
ii	Endorsement Fee for visiting Foreign vehicles staying in the country for more than three months up to one year = Nu.1000, and annual renewal fee as per “Fee for Registration and Renewal” prescribed above. Visiting vehicle (Tourist): Nu. 4500 (<i>as per Department of Tourism</i>)			
27.	Foreign light vehicles visiting for less than 3 (three) months (amount per month)			
i	2501 cc and above	250		250
ii	1501 cc to 2500 cc	210		210
iii	1500 cc and below	170		170

iv	Visiting Freight & equipment Vehicles under special government arrangement (amount per day)	100		100
28	Fees for issuance of no objection certificate for sale of a vehicle outside Bhutan:			
i	Earth moving/ construction equipment	7000		7000
ii	Trucks and buses (heavy and medium)	6000		6000
iii	Light vehicles	2500		2500
iv	Tractors	2500		2500
v	Two Wheelers	1000		1000
vi	Power Tillers	1000		1000
29	Permit for chartered passenger services or fee for a truck or buses operating to carry passengers (per day per vehicle)	100		100
30	Fees for Commercial Passenger Bus Driver and Conductor card (<i>applies to both initial issuance and renewal</i>)			
i	Driver	300		300
ii	Conductor	300		300
31	Towing and Storage Fees			
i	Towing	As per the market rate		
ii	Storage (per day)	100		100

SCHEDULE-II: SEATING AND LOADING CAPACITY

Type of vehicle	Maximum number of persons	Loading capacity	Gross Weight
Trucks (single or double cabin): i) Medium ii) Heavy iii) 10 Wheeler trucks	As per manufacturer's seating capacity	As per manufacturer's specifications	GVW=Laden + Unladen Weight
Passenger Buses: i) Medium ii) Heavy	13-25 (including driver) 26 and above	As per manufacturer's specifications	GVW= laden + unladen weight
Taxis: (Any light vehicle)	Up to 12 seats (including driver)	As per manufacturer's specifications	GVW= laden + unladen weight

SCHEDULE-III: CATEGORY OF EQUIPMENT AND MACHINERY

Sl.no	Type of Equipment or machinery
1.	Road Roller
2.	Bull-dozer
3.	Mobile crane
4.	Payloaders
5.	Excavators
6.	Road Pavers
7.	Backhoe loader
8.	Hagg loader
9.	Forklift
10.	Jumbo drill
11.	Short crete machine
12.	Self-loading concrete mixer
13.	Any other equipment or machineries determined by the Authority

SCHEDULE-IV: VEHICLE NUMBERING TYPE

1. Numbering Pattern

Registration Code	Registration Number pattern	Ownership/Type
BG	BG-1-A0001	Government
BP	BP-1-A0001	Private
BT	BT-1-A0001	Taxi
BP	BP-1-A0001(with Logo)	Member of Parliament
BHT	-	Royal Family

2. Jurisdiction of the Regions

Region	Region Code	Dzongkhags under each region
Thimphu	1	Thimphu, Paro, Haa, Punakha, Wangduephodrang and Gasa
Phuentsholing	2	Chukha and Samtse
Gelephu	3	Sarpang, Tsirang, Dagana, Zhemgang, Trongsa and Bumthang
Samdrup Jongkhar	4	Samdrup Jongkhar and Pemagatshel,
Monggar	5	Monggar, Lhuentse, Trashigang, Trashiyangtse

3. Number Plates and Colour Type

Vehicle Ownership Type	Colour of number plate	Colour of number plate for EV
Government	Numbers in yellow with red background	Numbers in yellow color with dark green background
Private	Numbers in white with bright red background	Numbers in white color with dark green background
Taxi	Numbers in black with yellow background	Numbers in black color with light green background
Country Diplomats (CD)	Numbers in white with sky blue background	Numbers in white color with dark green background
Member of Parliament (MP)	Numbers in white with bright red background and Logo of the Parliament	Numbers in white color with dark green background

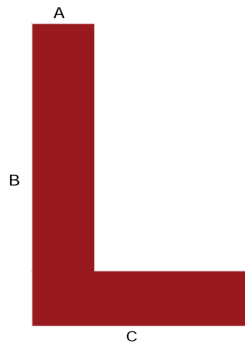
4. Number Plate Size and lettering

Type of vehicle	Number Plate Size	Lettering
Heavy	Plate Size: 18"x7"	Dzongkha on the first half and English on the second half of the number plates, both at the front and rear.
Light	Plate Size: 15"x6"	
Two Wheelers	Plate Size: 9"x3½"	

5. Letter “L” size standard

The letter L should be in red colour and the background in white colour with a gap 150mm from all sides of the letter L to edge . (A- Letter thickness, B- Height of the letter & C-Base of the letter).

SL.No	Vehicle Type	Dimension of “L”
1	Two Wheeler	AxBxC = 25mm, 100mm, 70mm
2	Light vehicle	AxBxC = 40mm, 220mm, 140mm
3	Medium Vehicle	AxBxC = 50mm, 240mm, 160mm
4	Heavy Vehicle	AxBxC = 50mm, 260mm 180mm



6. Temporary Registration Number

Position	Display	Size
Front	Extreme left of the windshield	A5 (148x210)
Rear	Extreme right of the rear window	

SCHEDULE V: DRIVING TEST STANDARDS

Type of vehicle	Requirements
(1) Light Vehicles	1) 5 (five) Point Turn Test: i. Front in Front Out ii. Reverse in Reverse Out Total duration: 3 (three) minutes 2) Highway Test i. Pick Up ii. Driving in town/cities iii. General manoeuvring and knowledge about signs and iv. signals
(2) Two Wheelers	i. Balancing (three) stone test (to be followed 7 ft marking) ii. One hand drive
(3) Heavy and Medium Vehicles	i. Highway test ii. Pick up and general manoeuvring test
(4) Earth Moving and Construction Equipment	Test at Site

SCHEDULE- VI: VEHICLE SPECIFICATIONS

Requirements applicable to all commercial passenger vehicles

1. A vehicle shall:

- i. Be constructed and equipped so as to be stable when carrying the maximum number of passengers allowed at all speeds permitted;
- ii. Be constructed and maintained so that no undue noise or vibration arises during its operation
- iii. Have seats fitted, that have cushions that are suitably padded or contoured and are firmly and securely attached to the vehicle structure;
- iv. Have seats, interior fittings and trimmings that are properly constructed, fixed and finished;
- v. Have a suitable number of handholds for the safety and convenience of passengers;
- vi. Have all electric wiring properly insulated and protected from damage and located in a manner that does not cause danger to the passengers.
- vii. Have the body constructed and maintained so as to provide appropriate protection to passengers under all weather conditions;
- viii. Have seats fitted which have backs constructed so as to provide reasonable support for passengers;
- ix. Have floors of sound construction finished and maintained with skid resistant surface and sealed so as to prevent fumes and dust from entering the vehicle;
- x. Have interior lamps adequate for the reasonable convenience of passengers;

- xi. Have every window soundly and properly fitted and each moveable window equipped with a suitable opening device;
- xii. Have notices on or in the vehicle to the satisfaction of the Authority which:
 - a) clearly show in letters at least 25 millimetres high and proportionate width, the maximum number of adult passengers' including any standing passengers, the vehicle is licensed to carry; and
 - b) are displayed on the outside rear only, of vehicles licensed to carry less than 9 passengers, and on the inside and outside rear of any other vehicle
- xiii. Have an engine compartment :
 - a) that does not contain flammable sound proofing material or material capable of being impregnated with fuel or lubricant; and
 - b) that has drainage holes or that is otherwise designed to prevent the accumulation of fuel or lubricant;
 - c) have its engine compartment and other sources of heat separated from the remainder of the vehicle by heat resisting material
- xiv. Have a vehicle fuel filter pipe:
 - a) that is designed so that any overflow or leakage cannot accumulate;
 - b) that does not project beyond the overall width of the body work; and
 - c) that is not located in the engine compartment.
- xv. Have its fuel filler pipe opening on an external surface;
- xvi. Have its fuel tank, or any part of it :
 - a) not less than 1.2 meters from the front of the vehicle;

- b) not projecting beyond the overall width of the bodywork; and
 - c) not located in the engine compartment.
- xvii. Have its fuel system fittings designed so that any leaking fuel flows freely to the ground without contacting the exhaust system or any electrical equipment;
- xviii. Have no flammable material located within 100 millimetres of the exhaust system unless that material is effectively shielded.

2. Additional specifications for commercial passenger bus

In addition to the requirement specified in section 1, a passenger bus must meet the following requirements:

- i. It shall be fitted with a device or be equipped with an appliance or other means to enable the drivers to remove condensation from the windscreen;
- ii. It shall not have exposed bars protruding above or behind the seat back other than to provide corner handholds;
- iii. It shall have a mirror or mirrors which provide the driver with a view of any passenger;
- iv. It shall have a luggage rack on both the left and right side of the length of passenger compartment in the bus which is constructed:
 - a) to minimize the possibility of injury to any passenger; and
 - b) so that the vertical distance between the rack and the seat surface (measured at the centre of the seating position) is not less than 950 millimetres.
- v. It shall have a first aid kit approved by the Authority;
- vi. It shall have at least one spare tyre (not a resoled tyre) with a safe amount of tread;

- vii. A set of tools sufficient to effect emergency repairs;
- viii. It shall be fitted with fire extinguishers in working condition;
- ix. If it is fitted with a luggage rack on the roof, it must not extend for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the length of the bus and must not be loaded more than 75 cm high

SCHEDULE-VII: TRANSPORT INFRINGEMENT NOTICE (FINES AND PENALTIES)

Sl #	Brief description of offences	Penalty Amount (Nu)
1.	Failure to register vehicle within 15 (fifteen) calendar days	100 per day
2.	Driving a vehicle, machinery & equipment without registration beyond 15 calendar days	1750
3.	Driving a vehicle, machinery & equipment without valid registration certificate	1750
4.	Failure to display temporary identification number	1500
5.	Number plates obscured, not clearly distinguishable, covered, altered, defaced or not fixed	750
6.	Failing to convert CD to private within 15 calendar days	100 per day
7.	Driving a vehicle without converting CD registration beyond 15 days	1750
8.	Failure to renew registration certificate	Nu. 10 per day from date of expiry up to a maximum of Nu. 3000 for a period of one year
9.	Failure to renew roadworthiness certificate/ fitness certificate	Nu. 50 per day until renewed, with maximum of Nu. 750

10.	Driving a vehicle, machinery & equipment without a valid certificate of road worthiness	1750
11.	Failure to remove parliament Logo within 15 calendar days	1750
12.	Unlawful alteration of vehicles machinery & equipment	1750
13.	Driving unlawful alteration or modification of vehicle, machinery & equipment without reinstatement within 15 calendar days	1750
14.	Failure to apply for ownership transfer after 15 calendar days	100 per day
15.	Learning to drive without a valid Learner permit/license	1750
16.	Fail to display “L” plates while learning to drive	1000
17.	Fail to remove “L” plate when not driven or operated for learning	1000
18.	Learner license holder driving a vehicle without an experienced driver/Learner driver not accompanied by an experienced driver holding a valid license	1750
19.	Unlicensed driving/ Driving without valid license	1750
20.	Learning to drive along highways and built-up areas before two months maturity of learner license(penalty to both the person learning and teaching to drive)	1750
21.	Carrying passenger while learning to drive (penalty to both the person learning and teaching to drive)	1750

22.	Failure to renew driving or operating license	Nu. 10 per day up to maximum limit of Nu. 3000
23.	Driving or performing duties without certification (driver or conductor)	1750
24.	Failure of operator's duties driving commercial passenger bus by an un-certified driver or conductor	1750
25.	Operator fails to keep books of record	1750
26.	Operator fails to issue ticket to the passengers	1000 per passenger
27.	Charging of excess fare for passenger	1000 + refund excess fare to the passenger
28.	Failure to refund fare for the ticket cancellation	1000 per passenger
29.	Failure to refund the full fare upon the cancellation of scheduled bus due to force majeure	1000
30.	Operator fails to recruit substitute drivers for more than 8 hours journey	1500
31.	Single driver drives more than 8 hours of commercial passenger bus	1500
32.	Ferrying passenger without a permit	1750
33.	Driver or operator letting an unlicensed driver to drive commercial passenger bus	1750
34.	Driver found ferrying passenger in the event of the damage without informing authority or authorised person	1750

35.	Carrying excess passenger	1000 per extra passenger
36.	Person smoking in commercial passenger vehicle and taxi	600 per occasion
37.	Driving passenger bus without driver certification	1750
38.	Charge excess fare by taxi driver	1000 for instance
39.	Not following taxi ranking	1000
40.	Touting for passenger	1000
41.	Carrying passenger without the consent of first hirer	1000
42.	Noncompliance to the restriction of freight vehicle entry in the buildup areas	1000
43.	Insecure load	1000
44.	Overloading	1500 per excess tons
45.	Leaving material on road, including spillage on the road	1000
46.	Not following traffic instruction	1000
47.	Over-speeding	1750
48.	Unsafe left turn or right turn	600
49.	Unsafe U-turn	600
50.	Unsafe reverse	600
51.	Fail to give indicator/signal/stop indicator	600
52.	Non-functional light	600

53.	Fail to obey road marking and sign	700
54.	Fail to obey STOP sign	700
55.	Fail to give way	700
56.	Carrying excess load beyond bridge load limit	1500 per excess ton
57.	Fail to obey No Truck or Bus sign traffic signs	700
58.	Not following One-Way rule	700
59.	Fail to obey lane changing rule	700
60.	Fail to obey pedestrian crossing rules	700
61.	Fail to give right of way	700
62.	Fail to give right of way to VVIP, emergency, police and authority	800
63.	Driving on the central island at the roundabout	700
64.	Not keeping left	600
65.	Not give way to vehicle driving uphill	600
66.	Unsafe overtaking	1250
67.	Speeding while other vehicle is overtaking from the right	600
68.	Tailgating	600
69.	Fail to obey parking rules	600
70.	Wrong Parking	600
71.	Fail to use proper lights at night	700

72.	Failure to keep lights on low beam wherever necessary	600
73.	Use of dazzling light	550
74.	Fail to display light at night	600
75.	Fail to switch on hazard lights	600
76.	Use of unnecessary horns or warning device	1000
77.	Honking in prohibited areas	700
78.	Not following pedestrian rules	100
79.	Driver and passenger not following the rules for vehicle occupants	600
80.	Person riding a bicycle without brake, head lamps and blinker light	500
81.	Not following designated lane or practical left edge (bicycle)	750
82.	using hand held device or earphone while riding (bicycle)	1000
83.	Fail to use headlamp and red blinker light at the rear	500
84.	Fail to use helmet	750
85.	Person fails to section 465	750
86.	Person riding a bicycle when being towed	600
87.	Fail to give hand signal while changing direction	600
88.	Riding a bicycle on pedestrian crossing	600

89.	Not following two-wheeler rules	750
90.	Using hand held devices while driving or operating	1000
91.	Interfering with the driver's control of a vehicle	600
92.	Failure to report accident case	1500
93.	Removal of vehicle from the accident site	1000
94.	Hit and Run	2500
95.	Leaving materials on the road	1000
96.	Riding in a towed vehicle (both person)	600
97.	Carrying load beyond permissible height	1750
98.	Failing to display red flag	1000
99.	Obscene letters and graffiti on the vehicle, machinery & equipment body	600
100	Vehicle, machinery & equipment with obscene letters and graffiti shall not be driven after notice for removal	1000
101	Display of billboards, banners and stickers without approval of the Authority	600
102	Vehicle with inappropriate billboard, banners, and stickers shall not be driven after notice for removal	1000
103	Leaving / release of an animals along the built-up areas and highways on roads	1000
104	Non-compliance to the rules set for vehicles carrying hazardous goods	1000
105	Driving under the influence of alcohol	1750

106	Emitting excessive smoke	750
107	Filming along the road or using a vehicle without approval from authority	1750
108	Negligence of owner's liability	1750
109	Negligent driving	1750
110	Not following general duties of driver	1000
111	Splashing a pedestrian with water or sludge	1000
112	Placing materials that obstruct traffic or pedestrian without permission	1750
113	Driving vehicle with excessive noise	1000
114	Failure wear seat belt	750
115	Not following the rules for vehicle occupants	600
116	Charging fare more than prescribed rate for luggage	0.10 per kg per km till destination.
117	Vehicle deliberately obstruction traffic and queuing more than 5 vehicle	1750
118	Using of fog light where not necessary	600
119	Failing to pay within 7 days after issuance of TIN	100 per day up to 30 calendar days
120	Carrying passengers without the consent of the first hirer or charging fare from the other passenger without the consent of the first hirer.	1000
121	Park bicycle along footpaths or the roads;	750
122	Ride abreast with other riders;	750

123	Rider hold on to or lean against vehicles	750
124	Ride on or across the footpath.	750
125	Ride bicycles in restricted areas	750
126	Ride without holding the handlebars	750
127	Carrying paid passenger without registration	1000 per passenger

SCHEDULE- VIII: TRAFFIC SIGNS

The traffic signs and signals shall include but not limited to the following:

Mandatory Signs



Stop Sign



No 'U' Turn



Speed limit



Give Way



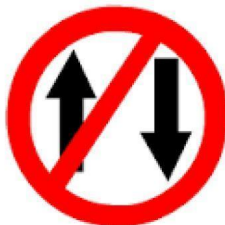
No Trucks allowed



Load (weight) restriction



No buses allowed



One Way



Straight ahead



Pedestrian Prohibited



Cycles prohibited



No parking



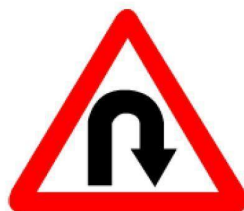
Cautionary Signs



Left hand curve



Right hand curve



Right hair pin bend



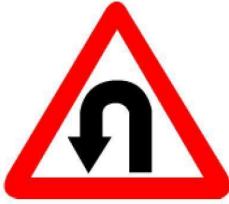
Left Reverse Bend



Right Reverse Bend



Series of bends



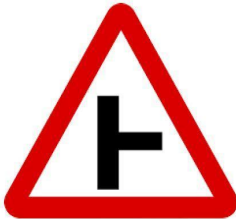
Left hair pin bend



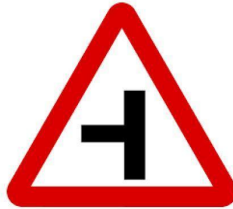
Loose gravel



Narrow Road



Side (feeder) road right



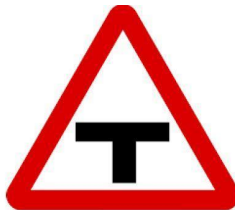
Side (feeder) road left



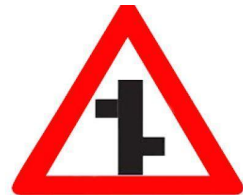
Y – Intersection



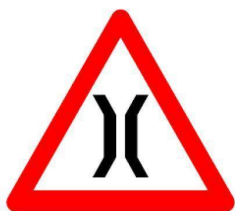
Roundabout



T – Junction



Staggered Intersection



Narrow Bridge



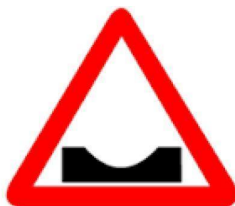
Steep Ascent



Steep Descent



Rock Falling



Dangerous Dip



Speed Breaker

Informatory signs



SCHEDULE- IX: TAXI AND BUS FARE MODEL

1. Taxi Fare Computation Model

Table – 1: Input costs & expected margin for taxi operations

Capital expenses	
Cost of New Vehicle (Nu.)	
Life assumed in years	
Rate of Interest on capital cost (per annum)	
Annual recurring expenses (fixed costs) in Nu	
Registration & renewal	
Insurance premium	
Fitness test	
Emission test	
Driver's salary	
Variable costs	
Cost of fuel per litre (Nu.)	
Kilo meters per litre of fuel	
Percentage of oil & lubricants cost to fuel cost	
Cost of one tyre with tube (Nu.)	
Tyre life assumed (in kms.)	
Repairs & Maintenance cost per month (Nu.)	
Profit margin assumed (on operating cost)	
Intra-city operations	
Inter-city operations	

Table-1.1: Operating profile of taxi operations

Average daily utilization assumed (in kms.)	
Intra-city operations	
Inter-city operations	
Overall monthly utilization observed as per field surveys used to calculate average "Repairs & Maintenance Cost per Km."	

Table – 1.2 : Cost based fare computation model for taxis

Expenditure Head	Nu. Per KM	
	Intra City	Inter City
1) Fixed Costs		
a) Cost of financing		
b) Registration & renewal		
c) Insurance		
d) Fitness test		
e) Emission test		
f) Driver's salary		
Sub-total (a to g)		
2) Variable Costs		
a) Fuel		
b) Oil & lubricants		

c) Tyre & tubes		
d) Repairs & maintenance		
Sub-total (a to d)		
Total Operating Cost (1 + 2)		
Profit Margin		
COST BASED FARE		

2. Fare computation model/Formula for passenger buses

Table-2: Input costs & expected margin for buses (Hilly/Plain Terrain)

Expenditure Head	Nu. Per Km			
	Medium 13-24 Seater Bus	Heavy (25 & above) Seater Bus	Luxury/ Coaster Bus (Hilly terrain)	58 Seater Bus (Plain Terrain)
Cost of new vehicle				
Life assumed in years				
Rate of Interest on capital cost (in %)				
Salvage value assumed as % to new vehicle cost				
FIXED COSTS				
Registration & renewal annual expenses				
Trade license fees per annum				

Insurance premium per annum				
Driver's salary per month				
Conductor's salary per month				
Bus staff ratio (driver & conductor) including leave reserve				
Administrative staff cost per month				
Counter/office rental per month				
Printing & Stationary expenses per month				
Telephone & other miscellaneous expenses per month				
VARIABLE COSTS				
Cost of fuel per litre				
Kilometers per litre of fuel				
Oil & Lubricants cost to fuel cost in %				
Cost of one tyre with tube				
Tyre life assumed in kms.				

Repairs & maintenance cost per month including spare-parts and manpower				
PROFIT MARGIN ASSUMED (ON OPERATING COST) In %				

Table-2.1: Operating profile of buses

Parameter	MB (13-24 Seater bus	HB (25 & above) Seater Bus	Luxury/ Coaster bus	58 Seater bus (Plain Terrain)
Average monthly utilisation assumed (in kms).				
Carrying capacity				
Expected load factor in %				

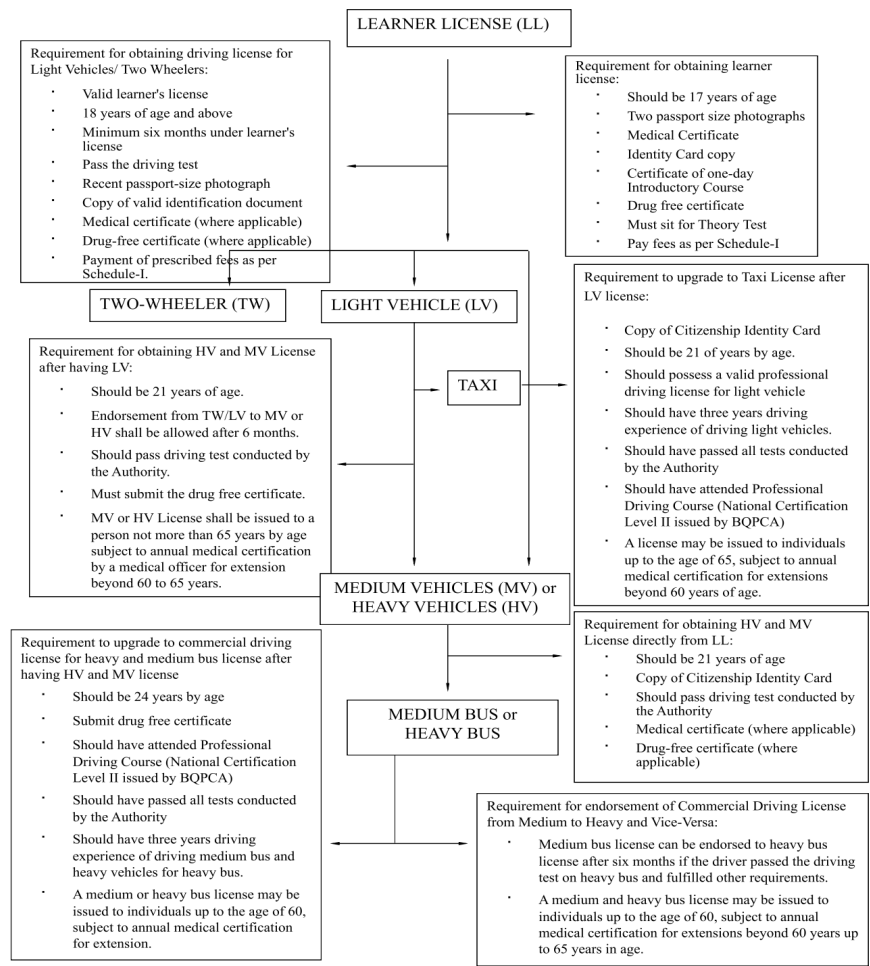
Table-2.2: Cost based fare computation model for buses

Expenditure head	Nu. Per KM			
	MB 13-24 Seater Bus	HB (25 & above) Seater Bus	Luxury/ Coaster Bus (Hilly Terrain)	58 Seater Bus (Plain Terrain)

1) Fixed Costs				
a) Cost of financing (repayment + interest)				
b) Registration & renewal annual expenses				
c) Trade license fees				
d) Insurance premium				
e) Driver's salaries				
f) Conductor's salaries				
g) Administrative staff				
h) Counter/office rentals				
i) Printing & stationary expenses				
j) Telephone & other miscellaneous expenses				
k) Salvage value spread over life span				
Sub-total (a to k)				
2) Variable Costs				
a) Fuel				
b) Oil & lubricants				
c) Tyre & tubes				
d) Repairs & maintenance				

Sub-total (a to d)				
Total Operating Cost (1 + 2)				
Profit margin				
EXPECTED EARNINGS PER BUS KM.				
FARE PER PASSENGER KM.				

SCHEDULE X: PROCEDURE, STAGES AND REQUIREMENT OF ISSUANCE OF DRIVING LICENSE



SCHEDULE- XI: MAJOR OFFENCES

Sl. No.	Description of Offence:	Penalty in addition to indemnification for the damage caused	
		Ordinary license	Professional and or/commercial driving license /medium/heavy
1	Dangerous/ culpable/reckless driving resulting into death or permanent disability of person	As per Provisions under Penal Code of Bhutan (2001) and suspension of driving license for minimum of six months or as determined by the Royal Court of Justice.	As per Provisions under Penal Code of Bhutan (2001) and suspension of driving license for minimum of one year or as determined by the Royal Court of Justice.
2	Dangerous/ culpable/ reckless driving resulting in damage of private or public property	One Demerit point besides payment of compensation for the damage caused.	One Demerit point besides payment of compensation for the damage caused.
3	Hit and Run resulting in death or permanent disability of person	As per Provisions under Penal Code of Bhutan (2000) or as determined by the Royal Court of Justice or a penalty of 50 units or both.	As per Provisions under Penal Code of Bhutan (2000) or as determined by the Royal Court of Justice or a penalty of 50 units or both.

4	Hit and Run resulting in damage to public or private property	One Demerit point besides payment of compensation for the damage caused	One Demerit point besides payment of compensation for the damage caused
Penalty for any Offences from SL # 5 to 13 shall be as follows			
5	Carrying excess load	<i>1st Offence:</i> monetary Penalty from Schedule-VI <i>2nd Offence:</i> One Demerit point and monetary penalty <i>3rd Offence:</i> One additional demerit point on driving license and monetary Penalty. <i>4th Offence:</i> additional demerit points and suspension of Driving license for 6 months with Penalty. <i>5th Offence:</i> Cancellation of driving license and monetary penalty.	1st Offence: Monetary Penalty Units from Schedule-VI and one Demerit point. 2nd Offence: Monetary Penalty and additional Demerit point. 3rd Offence: Suspension of license for 6 months with monetary penalty. 4th Offence: cancellation of driving license and monetary penalty.
6	Over Speeding		
7	Unsafe Over Taking		
8	Entering a one way traffic in the wrong direction.		
9	Straddling a continuous lane-line		
10	Using hand-held devices while driving		

11	Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol	1st Offence: Monetary Penalty of 35 Units. 2nd Offence: Monetary Penalty of 35 Units and One demerit point on the Driving license. 3rd Offence: One additional demerit point on Driving license and monetary Penalty of 35 Units. 4th Offence: Monetary Penalty of 35 Units and one additional Offence hole and suspension of driving license for 6 months. 5th Offence: Cancellation of Driving License with monetary penalty of 35 Units.	1st Offence: Monetary Penalty of 35 Units and one demerit point. 2nd Offence: Monetary Penalty of 35 Units and One additional demerit point on the Driving license. 3rd Offence: Suspension of Driving license for 6 months and monetary Penalty of 35 Units. 4th Offence: Cancellation of Driving License with monetary penalty of 35 Units.
12	Unlicensed driving	1st Offence: Monetary Penalty (35units) from the Schedule of fines and Penalties in the Road	1st Offence: Monetary Penalty (35units) from the Schedule of fines and Penalties in the Road Safety and Transport Regulations 2nd Offence: penalty 70 units

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13	Driving under the influence of psychotropic substances.	Suspension of Driving license for a minimum period of 6 months and refer to BFDA.	Suspension of driving license for 6 months with one demerit point and refer to BFDA.
14	Failing to pay TIN as per section 595	One Demerit Point.	

SCHEDULE XII: TICKET

Ticket side	Requirement												
Front	1. Name of the transport service provider; 2. Route name, clearly indicating the origin and destination; 3. Bus registration number; 4. Ticket serial number; 5. Date of the journey, 6. Date and time of booking; 7. Reporting time for passengers; 8. Departure time of the bus; 9. Seat number allocated to the passenger; 10. Cost of the ticket; 11. Contact number of the transport service provider.												
Back	The ticket refund statement outlined below:<table><tr><th>Period</th><th>% of Fare Refund</th></tr><tr><td>24 hours before scheduled departure time</td><td>100%</td></tr><tr><td>12 to 24 hours of the scheduled departure time</td><td>80%</td></tr><tr><td>6 to 12 hours of scheduled departure time</td><td>70%</td></tr><tr><td>1-6 hours of the scheduled departure time</td><td>50%</td></tr><tr><td>within 1 hour of the scheduled departure time</td><td>0</td></tr></table>	Period	% of Fare Refund	24 hours before scheduled departure time	100%	12 to 24 hours of the scheduled departure time	80%	6 to 12 hours of scheduled departure time	70%	1-6 hours of the scheduled departure time	50%	within 1 hour of the scheduled departure time	0
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SCHEDULE XIII: STANDARD FOR PROTRUDING LOAD WARNING FLAG

1. General Requirements

Any vehicle carrying a load that projects beyond the rear of the vehicle shall display a protruding load warning flag conforming to this Schedule. The flag shall:

- Shall be visible from 20 (twenty) meters distance,
- Be made of waterproof, UV-resistant fabric.
- Be securely attached to the outermost rear end of the protruding load.
- Include a centrally positioned retro-reflective strip.
- Be maintained in a clean and serviceable condition.

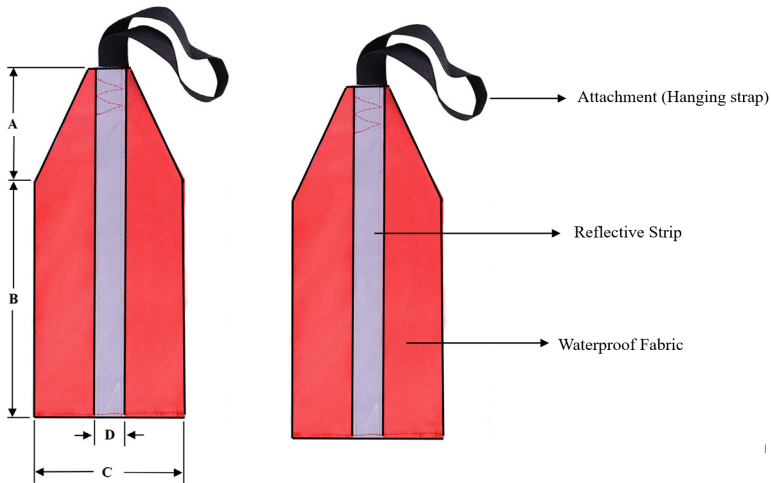
2. Material Specification

Item	Specification
Flag Material	Waterproof polyester fabric or equivalent weather-resistant material
Fabric Colour	Fluorescent Red-Orange (Safety Orange)
Reflective Strip	Silver-white retro-reflective material complying with Class 1 or higher retro-reflective performance
Attachment	Nylon strap, rope, eyelet, or equivalent secure fastening device

3. Dimensions

The dimensions shown in Figure below shall be as follows:

Dimension	Light Vehicles	Medium Vehicles and Tractors	Heavy Vehicles
A (Tapered Upper Section Height)	150 mm	180 mm	200 mm
B (Rectangular Body Height)	300 mm	350 mm	400 mm
C (Overall Width at Base)	150 mm	200 mm	250 mm
D (Reflective Strip Width)	50 mm	60 mm	75 mm
Overall Flag Height (A+B)	500 mm	550 mm	600 mm



***Note:** The protruding load warning flag shall be identical on both faces and shall present the same appearance when viewed from either side.*

VEHICLE REGISTRATION / LICENSING APPLICATION FORM

i. Personal Information:

- 1. Name of applicant :
- 2. Gender (male or female):
- 3. Citizenship identity card no.:
- 4. Date of birth :
- 5. Nationality :.....
- 6. Blood group :
- 7. Occupation :
- 8. Father’s name :
- 9. Mother’s name :

ii. Permanent address:

- A. Village :
- B. Gewog :
- C. Dungkhag :
- D. Dzongkhag :
- E. Country :

iii. Present address:

- A. Dzongkhag :
- B. Station address:

C. Phone no. (office):

D. Mobile number:

E. Guardian's contact no. :

F. Email address :

Documents and other required for vehicle registration: 1. Copy of Citizenship Identity Card 2. One Recent Passport Size Photograph 3. Original Challan and Invoice 4. Tax Clearance Certificate 5. Emission Compliance Certificate 6. Certificate of Incorporation (for Private Company only). 7. Produce Vehicle for Physical Inspection	For learner/driving license (DL): 1. Copy of Citizenship Identity Card 2. One Recent Passport Size Photograph 3. Medical Certificate (for Learner's License) 4. Attend personally for necessary tests (for Driving License) 5. One Day Refresher Course Certificate (for Driving
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UNDERTAKING

I, ...,
will update/inform the Authority about changes in any Information related to
the present address, mobile number etc. immediately, and also I will update
documents on time. I will be held responsible and accountable for any lapses
as per the Road Safety & Transport Act 1999 and the Regulations for
defaulting this undertaking.

**I declare that to the best of my knowledge the particulars furnished above
are true.**

Place:

Date:

**Affix Legal
Stamp here
and signature**

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

VERIFIED BY: NAME & DEGSINATION: SIGNATURE & DATE	UPDATED BY: NAME & DESIGNATION: SIGNATURE & DATE
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