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1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic Regulations.

2 Interpretation

The definitions in the Traffic Act shall apply equally to these Regulations, and unless the context otherwise requires —

“**Act**” means the Traffic Act;

“**built up area**” means any area encompassed by any township or village and demarcated by speed limit signs;

“**company nominee**” means an employee of a company designated as responsible for company vehicles;²

“**congested area**” means any area so declared by the Principal Licensing Authority to be a congested area, whether permanent or temporary, and includes a pedestrian crossing;

“**driver**” means the person in physical control of a vehicle;

“**hours of darkness**” means the hours between sunset and sunrise;

“**intersection**” means the ground which is common to two or more roads which cross each other and includes a T-junction;

“**pedestrian crossing**” means any area of road, demarcated in the prescribed manner, which is used for the safe passage of pedestrians from one side of the road to the other.

3 Forms

For the purposes of the Act and of these Regulations the forms set out in the First Schedule or forms to the like effect shall be used in cases to which they refer.

4 Registration

- (1) All applications for the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer shall be made to the Principal Licensing Authority on Form 1A (if the owner is an individual) or Form 1B (if the owner is a company) of the First Schedule.³
- (2) A certificate of Registration shall be in Form IC of the First Schedule.⁴
- (3) The registration number plates to be carried by a motor vehicle or trailer in pursuance to section 6 of the Act shall consist of two plates, which must conform as to size, lettering, numbering and otherwise, with the provisions set out in Diagram 1 of the Second Schedule:

Provided that a motor cycle shall be required to have only one registration number plate.

- (4) The “L” plates required to be displayed on a private motor vehicle driven by a person under a learner's permit must conform as to size, lettering and colouring with the provisions set out in Diagram 2 of the Second Schedule.
- (5) Letters and numbers prescribed in the Second Schedule, painted or otherwise fixed to the motor vehicle or trailer may, if approved by the Licensing Officer, be used instead of plates. Any reference to plates in these regulations shall be construed to include a reference to the numbers and letters so painted or fixed and any reference to the fixing of plates to include a reference to the numbers and letters so painted or fixed.

5 Number plate of motor vehicle or trailer⁵

- (1) Except in the case of a motor cycle the registration number plates carried by a motor vehicle or trailer shall be fixed, one on the front and the other on the back of the motor vehicle or trailer, in such a position as may be directed by the Licensing Officer, so that every letter or figure on the plate is vertical and easily distinguishable.
- (2) The registration number plate carried by a motor cycle shall be fixed at the back thereof in such a position as may be directed by the Licensing Officer.
- (3) The owner of a motor vehicle shall within 7 days after the registering of a motor vehicle and paying the prescribed fee set out in the Fourth Schedule,

affix the registration number plates issued to him by the Principal Licensing Authority, containing the registration number to the vehicle.

- (4) Where the figures on a registration number plate become defaced so that a number is no longer visible, or where the number plate is damaged or lost, the owner of the motor vehicle shall notify the Principal Licensing Authority.
- (5) The owner shall be supplied with a new set of registration number plates and shall pay the fee prescribed in the Fourth Schedule.
- (6) The owner shall affix the new set of registration number plates to the vehicle within 7 days.
- (7) The owner of a vehicle commits an offence if he uses any other registration number plate on his vehicle or permits any other registration number to be fixed to his vehicle.
- (8)
 - (a) Any person may make application to the Principal Licensing Authority for one or more sets of special registration number plates.
 - (b) Every application for special registration number plates shall be accompanied by the fee prescribed in the Fourth Schedule and upon receiving the application and fee the Principal Licensing Authority may, if satisfied the application is in order, issue the special registration number plates.
 - (c) The special registration number plates shall be in such size and form as the Principal Licensing Authority shall direct.

6 Dealer's registration number plates

- (1) All applications for a dealer's registration number plate shall be made on Form 2 of the First Schedule.
- (2) Dealer's registration number plates shall —
 - (a) consist of two plates, each bearing some distinguishing letter or letters, and each having placed thereon or annexed thereto some distinguishing number;
 - (b) have the colouring different from that used for ordinary registration number plates; and
 - (c) have the lettering and numberings so far as possible similar to those required in the case of ordinary registration number plates.
- (3) A motor vehicle bearing a dealer's registration number plate assigned under the provisions of the Act and of this regulation shall not be used for purposes other than those specified in section 12(3) of the Act.

7 Licensing

- (1) All applications for the licensing or the renewal of a licence of any motor vehicle shall be made on Form 3 of the First Schedule.
- (2) All motor vehicle licences issued under the Act and these Regulations shall be on Form 3A of the First Schedule.
- (3) All expired motor vehicle licences must be removed from the motor vehicle and the current licence shall be affixed by the licensee to the windscreen as follows —
 - (a) at the bottom left hand corner in the case of a motor vehicle which is driven from the right hand side; and
 - (b) at the bottom right hand corner in the case of a motor vehicle which is driven from the left hand side:

Provided that in the case of a motor cycle or motor tricycle such licence shall be affixed on such place as approved by the Licensing Officer.

8 Learner's permit

All applications for a learner's permit shall be made to a Licensing Officer who is satisfied that the applicant is not under the age of 18 years, shall issue a learner's permit on Form 4 of the First Schedule.

9 Motor driver's licence

- (1) All applications for a motor driver's licence or the renewal thereof shall be made on Form 5 of the First Schedule, and shall be accompanied by two passport-size photographs showing the full-face view of the applicant.

Provided that such photographs may be taken by the licensing officer at the place where the application is made.⁶
- (2) The Principal Licensing Authority may require applicants for a driver's licence to undergo in accordance with the Traffic (Driving Test) Regulations a driving and/or medical test and may also require the holder of a licence to submit to such a test and may cancel or refuse to issue a driver's licence.⁷
- (3) A motor driver's licence shall be in the form of Form 5A of the First Schedule and such licence shall not be valid unless signed by the licensee.⁸

10 Examination of motor vehicle

- (1) The owner of every motor vehicle shall present the vehicle for examination by the Examining Officer or other person appointed by the Principal Licensing Authority on such day in each year as may be fixed by reasonable notice by the Principal Licensing Authority.⁹

- (2) If the Principal Licensing Authority has reasonable grounds for believing that a vehicle is unsafe he may order a special examination of the same at any time.
- (3) If at any examination as prescribed by sub-regulations (1) and (2) hereof it shall be found that in the opinion of the Examiner the vehicle is not safe the Examiner shall notify the Chief Police Officer of the district who shall thereupon cancel the licence issued in respect of such vehicle:

Provided that the Principal Licensing Authority may order such repairs as shall appear to be necessary to be effected and may suspend the licence for such vehicle until his order is carried out to his satisfaction.

- (4) The Examining Officer shall keep a register in Form 6 of the First Schedule of all vehicles examined by him and if satisfied he shall issue a warrant of fitness in respect of such vehicle in Form 6A of the First Schedule.

11 Lights

- (1) Save as hereinafter provided, no person shall operate a motor vehicle during the hours of darkness unless it is equipped as provided in this regulation, and no person shall drive, stand, park, or leave a vehicle while on any road during the hours of darkness unless the lamps required by this regulation display lights in the manner herein prescribed.
- (2) Every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle shall be equipped with not less than 2, and not more than 4 headlights attached thereto, which shall —
 - (a) be of approximately equal candle power;
 - (b) be placed one towards each side of the vehicle and in such manner that they direct a beam of light ahead of the vehicle;
 - (c) display beams of light of sufficient power to enable substantial objects and the nature of the road surface to be clearly visible during the hours of darkness under normal driving and atmospheric conditions to a driver of normal vision at a distance of at least 150 feet directly in front of the vehicle; and
 - (d) be amber-coloured with amber-coloured glass or painted with amber-coloured paint, in either case as approved by the Principal Licensing Authority.
- (3) In addition to the headlights aforesaid every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle shall be equipped with two, and not more than two, forward facing lamps (hereinafter referred to as parking lamps) of low and approximately equal candle power, one being fitted on each side of the vehicle.
- (4) The headlamps attached to any motor vehicle shall be focussed and adjusted so that under all conditions of use the centre of the main beam of light from each lamp —

- (a) does not rise above a horizontal plane when the vehicle is on a horizontal surface; and
 - (b) is projected either parallel to the longitudinal centre line of the vehicle or leftwards from such parallel position.
- (5)
- (a) In this sub-regulation, references to the dipped position of a lamp are references to the adjustment, temporary or otherwise of a lamp that when the motor vehicle to which it is attached is on a horizontal surface the centre line of the beam of light from such lamp descends at the rate not less than four inches in ten feet measured horizontally.
 - (b) In this sub-regulation references to dipping the lights are references to the control of the lamps attached to a motor vehicle so that lights from both headlights assume a dipped position.
 - (c) The driver of a motor vehicle shall dip the lights when approaching and passing another vehicle travelling in the opposite direction and when following another vehicle.
 - (d) The driver of a motor vehicle shall dip the lights when approaching an intersection for the time being under the control of a Police Officer or any other person authorised by the Principal Licensing Authority.¹⁰
 - (e) Subject as hereinafter provided, the driver or person in charge or control of a stationary motor vehicle may use parking lamps where these have been fitted.
- (6) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a tail lamp which shows a red light visible at least 300 feet to the rear and which, except in the case of a motor cycle, is attached to each side of the rear thereof:
- Provided that it shall be sufficient if every trailer is equipped with reflectors or lights to be approved by the Principal Licensing Authority.
- (7) The registration number plate carried on the rear of every motor vehicle shall be illuminated by a white light, the beams of which are not visible to the rear, so as to render the figures and letters thereon clearly visible at the distance of 60 feet.
 - (8) The lights from the side lamps shall be covered with frosted glass, a diffusing lens, or other material which has the effect of diffusing the light.
 - (9) None of the lights prescribed by this regulation need be displayed while the vehicle is stationary on the roadway, provided that the vehicle is lighted from some artificial source so that its position on the road is clearly visible at the distance of 150 feet.
 - (10) Except as permitted by this regulation no vehicle shall be equipped with a lamp that displays towards the rear any light other than a red light or with a lamp or reflecting surface that displays towards the front any light other than an amber light.

- (11) No spot lights or other similar swivelling lights shall be fitted to any motor vehicle without the authority of the Principal Licensing Authority who may authorise such lights at his discretion and subject to such conditions as he may impose.

12 Brakes

- (1) In this regulation, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “**foot-brake**” means a brake readily operated by use of the driver's foot;
- “**hand-brake**” means a brake readily applicable by use of the driver's hand and capable of remaining applied for an indefinite period without further attention than the initial application;
- “**independent brake**” means a brake of which the entire operating mechanism or system is either —
- (a) distinct and separate from all parts or connections of any other brake or brake systems, so that the brake in question cannot be adversely affected by the operation or failure of any other brake; or
- (b) is a single efficient braking system having two independent means of operation.
- (2) No person shall operate a motor vehicle unless it is equipped with two independent brakes, one being a foot-brake and the other being a hand-brake, and each complying with the requirements of this regulation so far as applicable.
- (3) No person shall operate a motor vehicle with its load (including any trailer and its load which may be attached), upon a hard, dry, level roadway free of loose material, and without assistance from the compression of the engine unless —
- (a) the foot-brake is capable of bringing the vehicle to a standstill within a distance of 42 feet from a speed of 20 miles per hour; and
- (b) the hand-brake is capable of bringing the vehicle to a standstill within a distance of 70 feet from a speed of 20 miles per hour, and is also capable of holding the vehicle at rest on a grade of 1 in 5.
- (4) The provisions of sub-regulations (2) and (3) of this regulation shall not apply to any trailer or vehicle propelled by steam power, or a vehicle of the self-laying track type, or a motor cycle with or without a sidecar attached.
- (5) No person shall operate a trailer the weight of which when loaded exceeds two tons unless it is equipped with a hand-brake which when applied on the loaded trailer alone is capable of meeting the requirements of a hand-brake prescribed in sub-regulation (3) of this regulation.

- (6) No person shall operate a motor vehicle propelled by steam power or of the self-laying-track type unless it is equipped with a brake or brakes adequate to control its movements and to stop and hold such vehicle.
- (7) Every brake referred to in this regulation which simultaneously applies the braking-pressure on two wheels or drums with a common axis shall be so adjusted or fitted that the braking effect is approximately the same on each road wheel.
- (8) Every brake referred to in this regulation shall be capable of easy adjustment, and shall be maintained so that at all times it is efficient and in good working order.

13 Horn warning device

- (1) No person shall operate a motor vehicle except with the written approval of the Principal Licensing Authority unless it is equipped with a mechanical warning device approved by the Principal Licensing Authority in good working order capable of emitting sound audible under normal conditions from the distance of not less than 300 feet.
- (2) No person shall at any time use a warning device otherwise than as a reasonable traffic warning or make any unnecessary or unreasonably loud, harsh, or shrill sound by means of a warning device.
- (3) No person shall sound any warning device between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. within the limits of Nuku'alofa, except for emergency purposes.

14 Noise silencer

A person commits an offence if he drives on a road a motor vehicle —

- (a) without an efficient silencer affixed to the exhaust pipe of the vehicle and used in such a manner that the exhaust is projected through the silencer; or
- (b) which causes undue noise by: —
 - (i) being in a state of disrepair; or
 - (ii) the manner in which the vehicle is loaded; or
 - (iii) the construction or condition of the adjustment of the machinery of the vehicle; or
 - (iv) the construction or condition of adjustment of the silencer.

15 Left hand drive

No person shall operate any motor vehicle having the steering column to the left of the longitudinal centre line of the body of the vehicle without the prior approval in

writing of the Principal Licensing Authority and subject to such conditions as he may impose.

16 Standards and sizes

- (1) No person shall without the written approval of the Principal Licensing Authority operate any motor vehicle or trailer if it—¹¹
 - (a) exceeds 7 feet in width;
 - (b) exceeds 20 feet 6 inches in length.
- (2) No person shall operate any loaded motor vehicle or trailer if the load: —
 - (a) extends further forward than 18 inches from the foremost part of the vehicle;
 - (b) extends further back than 9 feet 6 inches behind the axis of the rear wheels or 4 feet behind the body whichever is the greater distance:
Provided that a red flag shall be fixed to the end of any load projecting beyond the rear of a vehicle.

17 Loaded firearms

Except for Police or Defence purposes or except in pursuance of a permit issued by the Principal Licensing Authority, no person shall operate a motor vehicle on which is carried any loaded firearm.

18 Towing

- (1) No person shall operate any motor vehicle which is being used to tow another vehicle if the space between the vehicles exceeds 12 feet unless written permission of the Principal Licensing Authority is obtained:
Provided that where a vehicle is being towed a red cloth at least 18 inches long and 9 inches wide is attached midway between the vehicles.
- (2) No person shall during the hours of darkness tow any vehicle unless the towed vehicle is fitted with a white light at the front which is sufficient to show the towing connection and with a tail light to comply with the provisions of these Regulations.
- (3) No person riding a motor cycle shall tow or be towed by, another vehicle.

19 Parking

- (1) A person shall not park any vehicle on its incorrect driving side of any road, or otherwise than on the side of the road nearest the left hand side of the vehicle, except in the case of a one way road when both sides thereof may be utilised.

- (2) A vehicle shall be parked where possible off the road or as far to the correct side as is possible.
- (3) No person shall park a vehicle within 30 feet of an intersection or any other junction where two roads meet.
- (4) No person shall park a vehicle on a footpath, in front of any access road, gateway or other opening to which any other vehicle has a right of way.
- (5) No person shall part a vehicle on a pedestrian crossing or within 20 feet of either side of a pedestrian crossing, on a Bus Stop, or within any part of the road prohibited by a traffic sign or a road marking.
- (6) No driver of any vehicle parked on a road shall join the stream of traffic without first ensuring that the road is clear and indicating his intention to do so either by mechanical or manual signal.
- (7)
 - (a) Public service vehicles other than a passenger bus and a passenger lorry may while awaiting hire, park at any public stand appointed by the Principal Licensing Authority as a taxi rank;
 - (b) passenger buses and passenger lorries shall park only at the place appointed as a Bus Depot for passenger buses, in the Third Schedule;¹²
 - (c) when parked, passenger buses and passenger lorries shall as far as is possible stand in line one behind the other not less than 3 feet and not more than 5 feet apart from each other;
 - (d) where passenger buses and passenger lorries form more than one line when parking there shall not be less than 10 feet and not more than 15 feet between such lines;
 - (e) no vehicle other than a passenger bus and a passenger lorry, may park in a Bus Depot or other bus stop appointed as such under these or other Regulations;¹³
 - (f) no passenger bus or passenger lorry shall overtake another on approaching a Bus Depot;
 - (g) nothing hereinbefore contained shall preclude the parking of a passenger bus, passenger lorry or a taxi on private premises.

20 Rules to be observed by drivers

- (1) Every driver of a motor vehicle shall keep the vehicle as close as is practicable to his left of the road.
- (2) Save where otherwise directed by a Police Officer or any other person authorized by the Principal Licensing Authority at controlled intersections every driver of a motor vehicle shall when overtaking a vehicle pass on the right or offside of the overtaken vehicle, and shall not then move into the line of passage of the other vehicle until clear from it by at least 18 feet.¹⁴

- (3) Subject to sub-regulation (4) of this regulation, every driver of a motor vehicle intending to turn at an intersection from any road into another road to his right shall, when approaching and turning, maintain his position to his left of the road out of which he is turning until he enters the area of the intersection:

Provided that where the road on which he is travelling has room for more than one lane between the centre line of the road and the left hand side of the road he shall keep to the right hand lane.

- (4) Every driver when approaching or crossing any intersection which any other vehicle is approaching or crossing, shall unless the intersection is controlled by a Police Officer, any person authorized by the Principal Licensing Authority or by a traffic sign, give way to such other vehicle and allow the same to pass before him, and if necessary for that purpose, stop his vehicle in the following circumstances¹⁵ —
- (a) if such vehicle (not being a horse drawn vehicle) is approaching from his right;
 - (b) if such other vehicle (being a horse drawn vehicle) is approaching in any direction;
 - (c) if he is turning his vehicle in any direction.
- (5) Whenever a motor vehicle has stopped or slowed down to yield the right of way in terms of sub-regulation (4) of this regulation, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any other motor vehicle approaching from the rear to overtake and pass such vehicle.
- (6) No driver shall overtake or attempt to pass any vehicle proceeding in the same direction in the following circumstances —
- (a) at an intersection or within a distance of 30 feet before an intersection;
 - (b) unless the driver has a clear view of the road and the traffic thereon for a distance of at least 300 feet in the direction in which he is travelling and the road is clear of traffic travelling in the opposite direction and the driver is personally satisfied that he is able to safely comply with this provision.
- (7) No driver shall turn at an intersection at any speed which exceeds 15 miles per hour.¹⁶
- (8) No person shall drive a vehicle on to any road verge or area which shall have been marked as a prohibited area by the Principal Licensing Authority or a Police Officer.¹⁷
- (9) A driver of a vehicle shall give way to pedestrians crossing a road at a pedestrian crossing or other congested area and no driver shall overtake such vehicle.
- (10) No driver shall cause a motor vehicle to travel backwards on a road for a greater distance or time than may be necessary for the safety or convenience

of the occupants of the motor vehicle and of the persons and other traffic on the road and he shall not cause the motor vehicle to travel backwards at the junctions of any roads or round a corner.

- (11) No driver shall when in the motor vehicle, be in such a position that he cannot have full control over the same, or that he cannot obtain a full view of the road and traffic ahead of the motor vehicle.
- (12) The driver shall before leaving a motor vehicle stop the engine and apply the hand brakes so as to maintain such motor vehicle in a stationary position without the use of any other device whatsoever. The engaging of the gears of the motor vehicle shall not be deemed the equivalent of, or a substitute for, the applying of the brakes.
- (13)
 - (a) In the case of goods vehicles and public service vehicles, not more than one person shall sit by the side of the driver unless such vehicle has been certified by an Examining Officer to have been constructed for the purpose of accommodating more than one person beside the driver.
 - (b) No person shall sit on the right side of the driver of any motor vehicle unless such motor vehicle has been constructed with a left hand drive, in which case no person shall sit on the left side of the said driver.
- (14) No driver shall, when turning to his right at any intersection or other road junction, drive his vehicle to the right of the centre line of the road into which he is turning.
- (15) A driver shall not draw up his motor vehicle alongside any other motor vehicle on a road nor shall he reverse the motor vehicle to the kerb stone of any footpath or to the side of any road except for the purpose of turning or parking.
- (16) A driver shall not permit sparks, smoke or visible vapour which would cause annoyance or danger to the public to come from any motor vehicle in his charge on or near any road and he shall take proper precautions to prevent the discharge of lubricating oil on any road.
- (17) The driver shall not allow the motor vehicle to carry more persons than it is licensed to carry. It shall be an offence to carry passengers in a taxi, passenger lorry or passenger bus in excess of the number allowed by the Principal Licensing Authority.
- (18) The driver shall not leave or permit to be left on any road any motor vehicle which has broken down without taking the necessary steps to indicate its presence and position, by lighting or otherwise, to other persons using the road, and shall take immediate steps to have it removed as near to the left of the road as possible.
- (19) The driver of a motor vehicle shall, on the approach of any ambulance, fire engine, police vehicle or power board vehicle which is exhibiting the appropriate flashing light approved by the Principal Licensing Authority on

the top of such vehicle and/or is sounding a siren or other similar warning apparatus, draw up close to the left hand side of the road and stop, leaving the centre of the road clear for the passage of such vehicle and no two motor vehicles shall stand abreast.

- (20) Any person who shall put petrol into any receptacle on or adjacent to any motor vehicle or into the tank of a motor vehicle while the engine is running, or while any light, other than an electric light, is alight on the vehicle, and any person who shall smoke or light a match or expose a naked light in close proximity while petrol is being so filled, shall be guilty of an offence against these Regulations.
- (21) Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a reflecting mirror so constructed and fitted to the motor vehicle as to enable the driver of such motor vehicle to be or become aware of the presence in the rear thereof of any other vehicle:

Provided that this requirement shall not apply to a motor vehicle when drawing a trailer if a person is carried on the trailer in a position which affords an uninterrupted view to the rear, and such person is provided with efficient means of communicating to the driver the effect of signals given by the drivers of other vehicles in the rear thereof.

- (22)
- (a) All tyres of a motor vehicle or trailer shall at all times be maintained in such condition as to be free from any defect which might in any way cause damage to the surface of the road, or danger to persons in or on the vehicle or to any persons using the road:
- Provided that a person shall not be convicted under this sub-regulation if he proves to the satisfaction of the Court that he could not by reasonable diligence have become aware of the defect.
- (b) Any pneumatic tyre from which all the tread pattern has been worn on any section of the outer surface of the tyre, whether such surface bears on the road or not, shall be deemed to be defective, and it shall be an offence to use such a tyre on any vehicle.¹⁸

21 Motorized tricycles

Save as hereinafter provided, regulations 11, 12 and 29(7)(h) only in so far as they relate to the equipment of motor vehicles, shall not apply to motorized tri-cycles. Persons are authorised to operate motorized tricycles until further notice subject to their compliance with the following minimal requirements —

- (a) every motorized tricycle shall during the hours of darkness be equipped with two headlamp and two red coloured tail-lamp;
- (b) every motorized tricycle shall be equipped with one single braking system having two independent means of operation operating on at least two wheels capable of easy adjustment and maintained at all times in good working order, and which is capable of bringing the vehicle

when fully loaded to a standstill within a distance of 50 feet from a speed of 20 miles an hour upon a hard dry level surface, free of loose material.

22 Motor cycles

- (1) No person shall during the hours of darkness operate a motor cycle unless it is equipped with one headlamp and tail-lamp which shall conform to the standards prescribed for headlamps and tail-lamps of motor vehicles generally.
- (2) No person shall operate a motor cycle unless it is equipped with at least one brake capable of bringing the motor cycle to a standstill within a distance of 42 feet from a speed of 20 miles per hour upon a hard dry level roadway free of loose material which is capable of easy adjustment and is maintained at all times in good working order.
- (3) No person shall operate a motor cycle unless adequate footrests are attached thereto for the use of any person carried thereon otherwise than in a sidecar.
- (4) No person shall operate or drive a motor cycle —
 - (a) carrying any person or object of any description whatsoever on the motor cycle in front of the driver;
 - (b) without sidecar and carrying more than two persons including the driver or carrying any person seated otherwise than astride and facing forward;
 - (c) with sidecar and carrying more than 3 persons in all, including the driver.
- (5) No person shall drive or ride as a passenger on a motor cycle unless he is wearing a crash helmet of a kind approved by the Principal Licensing Authority.
- (6) Crash helmets worn pursuant to this regulation shall be securely and closely fastened under the chin.

23 Bicycles— Riding during darkness etc.

- (1) No person shall ride any bicycle during the hours of darkness unless it has attached at the front thereof a lamp throwing in a forward direction a light substantially white in colour of sufficient brilliance to be visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of at least 300 feet, and the tail light or reflector hereinafter mentioned.
- (2) No person shall ride a bicycle or a tricycle unless —
 - (a) it is equipped with either a red tail light of sufficient brilliance to be visible under normal atmospheric conditions for a distance of 300 feet, or a red reflector approved by the Principal Licensing Authority placed

- at the back so as to reflect to the rear a light shining towards it from the rear; and
- (b) it displays to the rear a white surface of at least 12 square inches or reflecting type of at least 8 square inches maintained in a clean condition at a place where such surface is not likely to be obscured from the rear by the rider or his clothes; and
 - (c) it is equipped with at least one efficient brake attached thereto and operating on the rear wheel; and
 - (d) it is equipped with a bell as a warning device capable of being heard under normal conditions at a distance of 100 feet.
- (3) No person shall ride a tricycle during the hours of darkness unless it is equipped with such lights and reflectors as shall be specifically approved by the Principal Licensing Authority.
 - (4) No young person under the age of 8 years shall ride a bicycle or a tricycle on a road unless accompanied by an adult rider.
 - (5) No person shall ride a bicycle on a footpath.

24 Bicycles— Riding on left and overtaking

- (1) Every rider shall keep the bicycle as close as it is practicable to his left of the road.
- (2) No rider of a tricycle or bicycle when approaching a bend in the road shall travel to the right of any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction unless he has a clear view of the road for at least 150 feet ahead.
- (3) No rider of a bicycle shall travel on the right of more than one bicycle proceeding in the same direction as himself nor travel on the right of another bicycle when overtaking any vehicle nor except while overtaking it travel on the right of any vehicle other than a bicycle proceeding in the same direction as himself.
- (4) No rider shall permit the bicycle to be towed by any other vehicle in motion on any road.
- (5) No rider shall carry another person on the handlebar of a bicycle.
- (6) No rider shall carry more than one person on a bicycle.

25 Cart or horse drawn vehicle

Every driver of a cart or horse drawn vehicle shall keep the same as close as is practicable to the left of the road.

26 Riding a cart or horse

- (1) No person shall drive a cart on a road at night unless it carries a light which is clearly visible to other users of the road.
- (2) No person under the age of 8 years shall ride a horse on a road unless accompanied on the same horse by an older person.

27 Pedestrian to keep on footpath

When a pedestrian is walking along a road where a reasonably adequate footpath is available he shall keep to the footpath as much as is practicable and if there is no footpath he shall keep as near as possible to the edge of the right-hand side of the roadway so as to face the oncoming traffic.

28 Pedestrian crossing

A pedestrian when crossing a road shall whenever possible use a pedestrian crossing and in the absence thereof he shall cross at right angles to the kerb or side of the road.

29 Passengers in taxi, Passenger lorry or bus

- (1) The number of passengers which may be carried in a taxi, a passenger lorry or a passenger bus shall be as determined by the Principal Licensing Authority and the number shall be compatible with the safety of the public.
- (2) The Principal Licensing Authority shall keep a record of all taxis, passenger lorries and passenger buses in each licensing district.
- (3) No truck or lorry licensed as a passenger lorry shall carry passengers unless the same shall be fitted with the following and approved by the Licensing Officer —
 - (a) a guard rail surrounding the tray thereof; and
 - (b) sufficient fixed seating for the number of passengers carried in accordance with the licence; and
 - (c) a fixed shelter for the protection of passengers.
- (4) For offences under sub-regulation (3) of this regulation and sub-regulation (17) of regulation 20, the owner, hirer, driver or other person in actual charge or in legal control of a vehicle may be prosecuted.
- (5) Every passenger bus and passenger lorry shall be fitted with —
 - (a) a device by which a passenger may signal to the driver when required;
 - (b) a speedometer;
 - (c) a fire extinguisher; all of which shall be approved by the Licensing Officer and kept in working order.¹⁹

- (6) No glass, except that fitted to the lights of the vehicle, shall be fitted to a passenger bus unless it is non-splinterable glass approved by the Examining Officer.
- (7) The driver of a public service vehicle shall comply with the following regulations —
- (a) he shall not use a horn or other instrument for the purpose of calling passengers;
 - (b) he shall not smoke whilst any passenger is being carried on the vehicle;
 - (c) he shall not make use to any passenger any abusive language or insulting gestures;
 - (d) he shall not loiter for the purpose of procuring passengers or otherwise;
 - (e) he shall not, while waiting to pick up passengers, race his engine or make any loud or unnecessary noise with his engine;
 - (f) he shall at the request of any passenger immediately stop (in the case of a passenger bus or passenger lorry at the next bus stop) in order to enable such passenger to alight, provided that he does not thereby cause an obstruction;
 - (g) he shall maintain the public service vehicle in a sound super-structural and mechanical and clean and sanitary condition;
 - (h) he shall carry at least one spare inflated tyre in good condition fixed to the rim, spare wheel or other device, capable of being fitted to a wheel or axle and in place of the tyre or wheel removed.
- (8)
- (a) In this regulation “stop” means to remain stationary for so long as may be reasonably necessary to allow passengers to alight from or to get on a public service vehicle; and
 - (b) when stopping, a passenger bus shall draw up on the left side of the road, facing the direction in which it is proceeding, and the driver thereof shall observe all rules of the road and other regulations as may be provided for the safety of road users when stopping a vehicle.
- (9)
- (a) All passenger buses shall display on the outside of the front in a conspicuous place on board or other sign as may be approved by the Principal Licensing Authority showing the destination to which the vehicle is proceeding. Such boards or signs shall be so constructed and placed as not to interfere with the view of the driver and the safety of the vehicle or other road users.
 - (b) There shall be exhibited in a conspicuous place inside every passenger bus a notice specifying the prescribed fares and stopping places and the number of persons which the bus is licensed to carry.

- (c) The owner of a passenger bus shall be responsible for providing all such notices above-mentioned.
- (10) No passenger bus or passenger lorry shall travel in any part of the town of Nuku'alofa which does not lie on the route upon which such passenger bus is employed except for the purpose of being refuelled or of having repairs effected thereto or for the purpose of loading or unloading goods and in every such case no passengers shall be carried thereon. Nothing in this regulation shall preclude any passenger bus or passenger lorry where the necessity arises by reason of the situation of its garage, from travelling along any street in the town of Nuku'alofa for the purpose of garaging or of taking up its stand at a parking place, provided the shortest route is used, and normal road restrictions are observed.
- (11)
- (a) Passenger buses and passenger lorries shall travel only on the routes specified by the Principal Licensing Authority, or on such other routes as may be prescribed by special permit granted by the Principal Licensing Authority;
- (b) before a passenger bus or passenger lorry travels on any route, the owner thereof must obtain a permit in writing from the Principal Licensing Authority;
- (c) the Principal Licensing Authority shall state on any permit governing the route on which a passenger bus or passenger lorry may travel the following details: —
- (i) the name of the owner;
- (ii) the registration number of the passenger bus or passenger lorry;
- (iii) the route on which the passenger bus or passenger lorry is permitted to travel; and
- (iv) the time table in accordance with which the passenger bus or passenger lorry is to be operated.
- (d) permits for travel on specified routes shall be valid for one year from the date of their coming into operation; and
- (e) permits for travel on routes other than those specified by the Principal Licensing Authority shall be valid for one day only.²⁰

30 Refusing to be hired etc.

The driver of a public service vehicle other than a passenger bus or passenger lorry (hereinafter called a taxi) shall not without reasonable excuse —

- (a) refuse to be hired when the taxi is standing at a public stand; or
- (b) refuse or neglect to drive the taxi to any accessible place indicated to the driver; or

- (c) refuse or neglect to carry such number of passengers, not exceeding the number specified in the motor vehicle licence, as he may be required to carry by the hirer; or
- (d) refuse or neglect to accept with a hirer a reasonable amount of luggage.

31 Property left in vehicle

The driver of a public service vehicle wherein any property is left shall within 24 hours deposit such property, if not sooner claimed, at a Police Station.

32 Entrance and exit of bus

The driver of a passenger bus on any road shall not permit passengers to enter or leave such passenger bus otherwise than by the entrance and exit provided.

33 Bus depot or bus stop

Passenger lorries and passenger buses shall not stop on any road (within the township of Nuku'alofa) for the purpose of embarking or disembarking passengers or for receiving or discharging goods except at a Bus Depot and at a place marked by a "Bus Stop" sign erected by authority of the Principal Licensing Authority.

34 Fees

The fees for registration and licensing of all vehicles, for the licensing of drivers, for the issuing of permits, and other incidental matters shall be those set out in the Fourth Schedule.²¹

35 Exemptions from registration

- (1) Any vehicle the property of Their Majesties the King and the Queen shall be exempt from registration.²²
- (2) The following persons and classes of persons shall be exempt from the payment of fees for licensing and the registration of motor vehicles —
 - (a) Their Majesties the King and the Queen;
 - (b) a diplomatic Agent recognized by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as having diplomatic privileges and immunities under the Diplomatic Relations Act²³, in respect of motor vehicles for the official or personal use, or for the use of the family, of any such person;
 - (c) a consular officer recognised as such by the Minister for Foreign Affairs under the Consular Relations Act²⁴, in respect of motor vehicles for the official or personal use, or for the use of the family, of any such person:

Provided that the exemptions conferred by paragraphs (b) and (c) shall not apply to any such person unless he —

- (i) is a national of the country which he represents; and
 - (ii) is not otherwise engaged in any gainful occupation in Tonga;
- (d) any person for the time being recognized by the Minister for Foreign Affairs as a representative in Tonga of any organization to which the provisions of section 2 of the Diplomatic Privileges Act²⁵ applies and upon whom the immunity and privileges set forth in Part II and Part IV of the Schedule to that Act have been conferred under the provisions of that Act, in respect of motor vehicles for the official or personal use, or for the use of the family, of any such person.
- (e) any other person declared to be exempt by Cabinet.
- (3) No fees shall be charged for the driver's licences in respect of
- (a) Their Majesties the King and the Queen; and
 - (b) All persons referred to in paragraphs (b), (c), (d) and (e) of sub-regulation 2 hereof.

36 Standing on tray of lorry etc.

No person shall stand on the tray of any lorry or trailer not licensed to carry passengers while the same is in motion and it shall be the responsibility of the driver of such lorry or trailer to ensure that all persons carried thereon shall comply with this requirement.

37 Removing vehicle from one district to another

A person removing a vehicle, whether registered in his name or not, from one district to another shall first notify the licensing officer in charge of the district from which he is removing the vehicle.²⁶

38 Notice of prosecution

A notice of intended prosecution under section 28(3) of the Act shall be on Form 7 of the First Schedule.

39 Offence and penalty

- (1) In every case to which regulation 39A(2)(a)(i) does not apply, a person who²⁷ —
- (a) knowingly supplies any false or misleading information relating to his obligations under these regulations;

- (b) omits or refuses to supply any information herein required to be given by such person,
shall be deemed to have committed an offence against these regulations.
- (2) Every person who —
- (a) fails to carry out any order, duty or obligations provided under these regulations; or
- (b) contravenes or fails to comply with any of these regulations,
shall be guilty of an offence against these regulations.
- (3) Every person who commits an offence against these regulations shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$500 or in default of payment of such fine to imprisonment for a period not exceeding 12 months and the driving licence of such person may be cancelled or suspended by the Principal Licensing Authority for such period of time as he may deem fit.²⁸

39A Infringement Notices²⁹

- (1) If a police officer considers that any person has committed an offence against any of the regulations specified in Form 8 he may issue to the person a Notice of Infringement in the Form set out in Form 8 of Schedule 1.
- (2)
- (a) A person issued with such a notice may —
- (i) pay the fine set out in the notice, applicable to the offence alleged, to a Magistrate's Court; or
- (ii) contest the notice.
- (b) Where the person wishes to contest the notice a summons will be issued for an offence against the relevant provision of these regulations.
- (3) The police officer who issues a Notice of Infringement under subsection (1) shall lodge the duplicate notice within 48 hours with the clerk of the Magistrate's Court for the district.
- (4) The Clerk of the Magistrate's Court shall —
- (a) where the fine is tendered by the person, receive the payment, issue a receipt and file the notice;
- (b) where no payment is tendered within 21 days of the date of issue of the notice, issue a summons to the person for the offence alleged.
- (5) The summons shall be heard and determined by a Magistrate.

40 Savings

Notwithstanding any amendment made in these Regulations, the Principal Licensing Authority may authorise the continued use of such forms for such purposes as are

being carried out immediately before the coming into effect of the Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 2009, until such time as the traffic computerisation process of the Ministry for Transport is completed for all districts. Any such use shall continue to be lawful as if the relevant provisions of the Traffic (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (except the amendment to this Regulation) were not made.

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FIRST SCHEDULE³¹

FORM IA

REGISTERED INDIVIDUAL

Entity Type	<input type="text" value="Individual"/>
Name	
Name	<input type="text"/>
Title	<input type="text"/>
First Name	<input type="text"/>
Surname	<input type="text"/>
Physical Address	
Address	<input type="text"/>
Village	<input type="text"/>
Island	<input type="text"/>
PO Box	<input type="text"/>
Details	
Gender	<input type="text"/>
Date of Birth	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth - Town	<input type="text"/>
Place of Birth - Country	<input type="text"/>
Proof of Age - Document	<input type="text"/>
Proof of Age - Country of Issue	<input type="text"/>
Resident	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone - Landline	<input type="text"/>
Phone - Mobile	<input type="text"/>

FORM 1B

REGISTERED COMPANY

Type	<input type="text" value="Company"/>
Name	
Company Name	<input type="text"/>
Company Nominee	<input type="text"/>
Company Address	
Address	<input type="text"/>
Village	<input type="text"/>
Island	<input type="text"/>
Postal Address	
Address	<input type="text"/>
Village	<input type="text"/>
Island	<input type="text"/>
Post Box	<input type="text"/>
Details	
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone - Landline	<input type="text"/>
Phone - Mobile	<input type="text"/>
Fax No.	<input type="text"/>

FORM 1C

VEHICLE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE**
(Traffic Regulations – Regulation 4 (2))

District

Motor Vehicle Registration No the property of
is hereby registered for use within the Kingdom of Tonga in accordance
with the provisions of the Traffic Act and Regulations.

Date

Details

1. Type of Vehicle
2. Colour
3. Make and Year of Manufacture
4. Engine No.
5. Chassis No.
6. No. of cylinders
7. Cubic Capacity
8. L.H/R.H Drive
9. Net Weight
10. Length in meters.
11. Breadth in meters.
12. 2/4 Door
13. Fuel
14. Purpose for which intended

FORM 2

APPLICATION FOR DEALER'S LICENCE AND REGISTRATION PLATES

(Regulation 6(1))

- 1. Full Name of Dealer
- 2. Postal Address
- 3. Business Address
- 4. Makes/Types of Vehicle to be traded
- 5. Previous Dealer's Licence
- 6. Registration Plates (sets) required

Signature of Dealer

Date

N.B. It is an offence under the Traffic Act to give particulars which are not correct.

FORM 2A

DEALER'S LICENCE

(Traffic Act—Section 12(2))

M

Business

Address

being a dealer(s) in motor vehicles has/have been allocated sets of dealers' registration plates numbers to inclusive.

The provisions of Section 13, subsections (1) and (2) of the Traffic Act have been complied with.

Dealer's fee paid \$ Receipt No

DateLicensing Officer

FORM 3

APPLICATION FOR MOTOR VEHICLE LICENCE AND RENEWAL THEREOF*(Regulation 7(1))*

1.	Full Name of Registered Owner	
2.	Full Postal Address	
3.	Vehicle Registration Number	
4.	Type of Vehicle	
5.	Colour	
6.	Net Weight	(for licensing purposes cwts.)
7.	Maximum Weight Load	
8.	Maximum number of passengers	
9.	Whether intended for (a) Private Use (b) Carriage of Goods (c) Public Service Vehicle	
10.	Examining Officer's	Warrant No. Date
11.	Insured with	
12.	Number of Policy	Expiry Date
	Date	Owner's Signature

N.B. It is an offence under the Traffic Act, to give particulars which are not correct.

FORM 3A

VEHICLE LICENCE (QUARTERLY TAX) STICKER LAYOUT

(Regulation 7(2))

The diagram illustrates the layout of a vehicle licence sticker. It consists of a large rectangular frame containing three stacked rectangular boxes on the left side and a circular logo on the right side. The top box is labeled "EXPIRY DATE". The middle box is labeled "THE MAKE, MODEL, AND DATE OF MANUFACTURE". The bottom box is labeled "REGISTRATION NUMBER OF VEHICLE". The circular logo on the right is labeled "TONGA MOT LOGO".

FORM 4

LEARNER DRIVER'S PERMIT

(Regulation 8)

No Date of Issue Date of Expiry

Name

Address

- 1. The person named above being not under the age of eighteen years is authorised to drive a private motor vehicle on a road for a period of 3 months provided that he/she —
 - (a) is accompanied, whilst driving such private motor vehicle, by the licensed driver in possession of a valid licence, occupying the front passenger seat (except in the case of a motor or power cycle);
 - (b) shall not carry, on such private motor vehicle, any passengers (whether fare-paying or otherwise) other than the person specified in (a) above;
 - (c) displays, clearly, on the extreme front and rear of such private motor vehicle the "L" plates prescribed in the Traffic Regulations.

- 2. This permit —
 - (a) cannot be transferred to any other person;
 - (b) must be produced at request of any Police Officer in uniform;
 - (c) may be renewed on application.

Signature of Learner/DriverLicensing Officer

RENEWAL

The above Permit No..... is renewed from to

Licensing Officer.....

FORM 5

APPLICATION FOR MOTOR DRIVER'S LICENCE OR RENEWAL THEREOF

(Traffic Regulations—Regulation 9(1))



1.	Full Name of Applicant	[Mr] [Mrs] [Miss]
2.	Full Postal Address	
3.	Date of Birth	
4.	Learner-driver's Permit	
5.	Previous Licence No	
6.	Date of Issue	
7.	If not Tonga, state place of issue	
8.	Endorsements (if any)	
9.	Disqualifications (if any)	
10.	Have you passed a driving test?	
11.	By whom tested?	
12.	Class(es) of motor vehicle for which this licence is required?	
13.	Are your vision, hearing and bodily and mental fitness such as to qualify you for the issue of a licence.	
Signature of Applicant		Date

N.B. It is an offence, under the Traffic Act, to give any particulars which are not correct.



FORM 5A

DRIVER'S LICENCE

(Regulation 9(3))

	DRIVING LICENCE KINGDOM OF TONGA	
[]	NAME	
[]	ADDRESS	
PHOTO	DOB:	
	ISSUED:	
[]	EXPIRE:	
Number Issuing Authority – Ministry of Transport, Tonga		

Reverse side:

Licenced to drive the following categories	
A MOTORCYCLE	E PASSENGER BUS/LORRY
B MOTORISED TRICYCLE	F LIGHT GOODS VEHICLE
C PRIVATE MOTOR VEHICLE	
D TAXI/RENTAL CAR	
Signature	 

FORM 6

REGISTER TO BE KEPT BY EXAMINING OFFICER*(Regulation 10(4))*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Warrant No	Date of Issue	Vehicle Reg No	Name of Registered Owner	Address of Owner	Type of Vehicle	Net Weight in cwt	M.G.W. in cwt	No. of Passengers

FORM 6A

EXAMINING OFFICER'S WARRANT

(Traffic Regulations—Regulation 10(4))

Warrant No Date of Issue

I HEREBY CERTIFY that

(1) I have today personally examined, driven and tested motor Vehicle

Reg. No

owned by

of.....

and described as follows:

1. Make and Year:.....

2. Type and Colour:.....

3. Chassis and Engine Nos:.....

4. Net Weight (cwts):.....

and found the condition of its several parts as stated hereunder:

1. Engine

2. Steering

3. Chassis

4. Door Locks

5. Head Lights

6. Dip Lights

7. Tail Lights

8. Hand Brake 70 ft

9. Foot Brake 40 ft

10. R. V. Mirror

11. Wiper

12. Horn

13. No. Plate

14. Body

15. Windscreen

16. Side Screens

17. Steps (side and rear)

18. Tyres and Wheels

19. Spare wheel and tyre

20. Fire Extinguisher (Buses)

(2) the said motor vehicle, Reg. No conforms to the Regulations for the time being in force under the Traffic Act and is

in a fit and proper condition to carry (a)passengers (max)

(b)cwts. load (max)

(3) The Treasurer's receipt No dated for the examination fee has been checked.

(4) the said motor vehicle, Reg. No may be duly licensed.

Examining Officer

FORM 7

NOTICE OF INTENDED PROSECUTION

(Traffic Regulations—Regulation 38)

Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss) Address
..... Occupation
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Please be informed that it is intended to prosecute you for the offence of
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contrary to Sectionof the Traffic Act
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DateOfficer i/c NoPolice District.....

FORM 8

NOTICE OF INFRINGEMENT

(Regulation 39A)

Date:.....

To..... of Licence No.
(name) (address)

Vehicle Registered Number

The Police allege that you have committed an offence under the Traffic Regulations

If you choose to have this offence dealt with by way of payment of Infringement Notice in accordance with Regulation 39A you may pay the following fixed fine for this offence –

Regulation:

Offence:

Fixed Infringement Notice Fine:

To dispose of this matter in this way you may sign the declaration below and take this notice together with the sum of \$..... to pay the fine only to the Clerk of the Magistrate’s Court at district within 21 days of today’s date;

OR

If you wish to contest this offence a summons will be issued to you after 21 days and you will be required to attend a court and appear before a Magistrate and if convicted the penalty will be decided by the Magistrate in accordance with the Traffic Regulations may be more than specified on the infringement notice.

DECLARATION:

I, (insert your name)..... understand that under clause 10 of the Constitution of Tonga I have a right to have this matter dealt with by a court. However instead of appearing in court I wish to pay the fine as set out in this notice. I tender this Declaration and the fine of \$..... set by this Notice of Infringement.
Signed..... Dated.....

(see overleaf for list of offences and penalties)

FORM 8 TRAFFIC REGULATIONS INFRINGEMENT NOTICE***REVERSE SIDE***

Traffic Regulation	Offence	Fixed Penalty \$
5(7)	Use of wrong registration number plate	30
10(1)	Failure to have vehicle inspected	30
11	Failure to install or use lights correctly	30
11(2), (3), (6), (7), (8), 10, 11	Failure to install proper lights	30
11(4)	Incorrect focus and adjustment of lights	30
14	Use of improperly silenced vehicle	30
15	Use of unauthorized left hand drive vehicle	30
16	Operation of unauthorized or incorrect trailer	30
18	Incorrect towing	30
19	Incorrect parking	30
20	failure to observe rules of the road	30
22	Driving motor cycle without proper lights, brakes, etc	30
22 (4)	Driving motor cycle with passenger incorrectly	30
22 (5), (6)	Driving or riding in motor cycle without helmet	30
23	Bicycle riding without proper lights	30
23(5)	Bicycle riding on footpath	30
24	Bicycle riding incorrectly	30
29	Taxi and bus offences	30
36	Riding on lorry etc while standing in back	30 ⁰⁰

SECOND SCHEDULE**NUMBER PLATE - DIAGRAM 1**

The diagram above is drawn approximately to a scale of one third.

PROVISIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH

- (1) Each plate must be rectangular and bear upon it the index mark according to the class of vehicle and the separate number assigned to the motor vehicle by the Licensing Officer, the mark and number being arranged in conformity with the arrangement of letters and figures shown on the diagram.
- (2) The background of the plate must be black, the letters and figures must be white.
- (3) All letters and figures must be at least two and three quarter inches high; every part of every letter and figure must be seven-sixteenths of an inch broad; and the total width of the space taken by every letter or figure, except in the case of the figure 1, must be one-and-a-half inches.
- (4) The space between adjoining letters and between adjoining figures must be half-an-inch, and there must be a margin between the nearest part of any letter or figure and the top and bottom of the plate of at least half-an-inch, and between the nearest part of any letter or figure and the sides of the plate of at least one inch.
- (5) The space between the letters and figures must be one-and-a-half inches.

"L" PLATE - DIAGRAM 2

Red "L" on White Background

THIRD SCHEDULE³²**BUS STOP**

- (i) The areas on the northern side of Vuna Road –
 - (a) opposite the intersection with Fatafehi Road; and
 - (b) opposite Fa‘onelua Park,shall be reserved for the exclusive use of passenger buses for the purpose of embarking and disembarking passengers and shall be marked BUS DEPOT.
- (ii) Any other area designated and marked as a Bus Stop in accordance with the Traffic (Signs) Regulations.

FOURTH SCHEDULE ³³**FEEES****LAND TRANSPORT SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES *Rate*****1. PRIVATE VEHICLES**

(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing 1000 kg and less	\$25
b) weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg	\$40
c) weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$50
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$60
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$70
(ii) Motor Cycle	\$20
(iii) Motor Tricycle	\$30
(iv) Invalid Carriage	FREE

2. PUBLIC/COMPANY/TAXI & RENTAL

(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing 1000 kg and less	\$50
b) weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg	\$60
c) weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$70
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$90
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$110
(ii) Motor Cycle	\$40
(iii) Motor Tricycle	\$40

3. GENERAL REGISTRATION

Transfer of Registration/Ownership	\$70
Transfer to outer Island	\$30
Reissue of Registration & Examination	\$20

B. ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE ³⁴

1. PRIVATE VEHICLES

(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) Weighing 1000 kg and less (L)	\$70
b) Weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg (L)	\$95
c) Weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg (J)	\$120
d) Weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg (H)	\$160
e) Weighing 5000kg and over	\$185
(ii) CLASS A - Motor Cycle	\$20
(iii) CLASS B - Motor Tricycle	\$20
(iv) Class 1 - Invalid Carriage	FREE

2. PUBLIC/COMPANY/TAXI & RENTAL

CLASS A - Motor Cycle	\$35
CLASS B - Motor Tricycle	\$20
(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) Weighing 1000 kg and less (T&R&C)	\$95
b) Weighing 1001kg and less than 1500 kg (L&T&R&B)	\$125
c) Weighing 1500 kg and less than 3000kg (R&T&B)	\$160
d) Weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg (G&R&H&T&B)	\$185
e) Weighing 5000kg and over (H)	\$210
Examination of any vehicle involved in an accident	\$100
Penalty Fee (LATE EXAMINATION)	\$60

C. ANNUAL VEHICLE LICENCE

Motor Cycles (with or without sidecars)	\$30
Invalid Carriage	FREE
Public Service Vehicle - including taxis, rental vehicle, passenger buses	
(i) not more than 5 passengers	\$130
(ii) more than 5 passengers	\$160
Goods Vehicle	
(i) All Motor Vehicles	
a) weighing less than 1000 kg	\$100

b) weighing between 1000 and 2000 kg	\$120
c) weighing between 2000 and 3000 kg	\$140
d) weighing more than 3000 kg	\$160
e) weighing over 5000kg	\$180

Private Motor Vehicle

(i) All Motor Vehicles

a) weighing less than 1000 kg	\$90
b) weighing between 1000 and 1500 kg	\$100
c) weighing more than 1500 kg and less than 3000kg	\$120
d) weighing 3000kg and less than 5000kg	\$150
e) weighing 5000kg and over	\$350

Miscellaneous

(i) Boat Trailers - non commercial	\$30
(ii) Agriculture Trailers	FREE
(iii) All other Trailers	\$70
(iv) Tractors used for agricultural purposes(not hire)	FREE
(v) Tractors used for any other purposes, heavy plant, specified	
a) Weighing less than 1000 kg	\$120
b) Weighing between 1000 and 2000 kg	\$150
c) Weighing between 2000 and 3000 kg	\$200
d) Weighing more than 3000 kg	\$250
Reissue of Registration & Examination Certificate	\$30
Transfer of Licence	\$30
Dealers General Licence	\$1,000
Penalty Fee (LATE ANNUAL EXAMINATION & LICENSE)	\$60

D.DRIVING LICENSE ³⁵

Application for a learner drivers permit	FREE
Issue of a learner drivers permit	
(i) Theoretical Test	\$20
(ii) Practical Test	\$20
Issue of visitors' driving Licence	\$40
Application for a new Driver's License	FREE

Licence for ALL PRIVATE VEHICLES

License fee for 1 year	\$60
License fee for 3 years	\$150
License fee for 5 years	\$240

Licence to drive a public service vehicle

License fee for 1 year	\$120
License fee for 3 years	\$300
License fee for 5 years	\$480

Licence to drive a motor cycle

License fee for 1 year	\$30
License fee for 3 years	\$75
License fee for 5 years	\$120
Licence to drive an invalid carriage per annum	FREE
Issue of a duplicate licence- all classes	\$40
Duplicate/Renewal of Licence	\$60

E. BUS ROUTE PERMITS

Special Bus route permits (valid 24 hours)	\$20
Specified bus route permit per annum	\$100
Any other transport route per annum	\$100

F. REGISTRATION NUMBER PLATES

Registration Number Plates	
(i) for Motor Cycles and Trailers- Initial issue or replacement	\$60
(ii) for all other vehicles- Initial Issue or Replacement	\$100
Special Registration Number Plates - Initial Issue or Replacement	\$500

ENDNOTES

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⁹ Amended, G.S. 9175 and 28/2009

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¹¹ Amended by GS 15 of 2004

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¹⁹ Amended, G.S. 26/76

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²⁴ Cap. 52.04

²⁵ Cap. 52.08

²⁶ Amended by G.S 28/2009

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³¹ Amended by G.S 28/2009

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³³ Repealed and replaced by G.S 28/2009

³⁴ Replaced by GS 10/2011

³⁵ Amended by GS 27/2015