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This Ordinance was repealed and replaced by the Road Traffic Ordinance, 2016, with a commencement under section 1 of 1 April 2017. Ordinance 7 of 2017 replaced section 1 of that Ordinance by a provision giving the Governor power to fix a commencement date or dates. The RTO 1985 as below is therefore the law until provisions of the RTO 2016 come into force.

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AN ORDINANCE to consolidate and amend the law relating to road traffic.

## PART I PRELIMINARY

### Short title

**1. (1)** This Ordinance may be cited as the Road Traffic Ordinance, 2016 and comes into force on 1st April 2016.

### Interpretation

**2.** In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires—

“**driver**”, where a separate person acts as steersman of a motor vehicle, includes that person as well as any other person engaged in the driving of the vehicle, and the expression “**drive**” is to be construed accordingly;

“**Highway Authority**” means the authority appointed by the Governor in accordance with section 55 of this Ordinance and includes any person authorised by the authority to act on its behalf;

“**motor cycle**” means a motor vehicle with less than 4 wheels, the weight of which unladen does not exceed 8 cwt;

“**motor vehicle**” means any mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads;

“**owner**” in relation to a vehicle which is the subject of a hiring agreement or hire purchase agreement, means the person in possession of the vehicle under that agreement;

“**parking place**” means a place prescribed by regulations as a station for motor or other vehicles;

“**prescribed**” means prescribed by regulations made under this Ordinance;

“**private motor car**” means a motor vehicle (other than a quadricycle or motor cycle) constructed and used for the carriage of persons other than for hire or reward;

“**private motor lorry**” means a motor vehicle constructed and used for the carriage of goods other than for hire or reward;

“**public service vehicle**” means a motor vehicle licensed to carry goods or passengers for hire or reward;

“**quadricycle**” means a motor vehicle with 4 wheels and having an unladen mass (excluding the mass of the batteries in the case of an electric vehicle) not exceeding 550 kg.

“**Registrar**” means the Registrar appointed under section 3(a);

“**road**” means any highway and any other road to which the public has access, and includes bridges over which the road passes and the quay at Jamestown;

“**sign**” includes markings painted on the surfaces of roads, and references to the erection of signs are to be construed accordingly;

“**trailer**” means any vehicle other than a side car attached to and drawn by a motor vehicle;

“**vehicle**” means and includes every type of machine or implement of any kind which is drawn or propelled along any road.

### **Appointment of officers**

**3.** For the purpose of this Ordinance the Governor may appoint—

- (a) a Registrar;
- (b) a Licensing Officer; and
- (c) inspectors and examiners.

## **PART II REGULATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

### **Construction and Use Regulations**

**4. (1)** The Governor in Council may make regulations generally as to the use of motor vehicles and trailers on roads, their construction and equipment and the conditions under which they may be used, and in particular, but without limiting that power, may make regulations with respect to any of the following matters—

- (a) the width, height and length of motor vehicles and trailers, the diameter of wheels, and the width, nature and condition of tyres of motor vehicles and trailers;
- (b) the maximum weight unladen and laden of motor vehicles and trailers, and the conditions under which the weights may be required to be tested;
- (c) the number and nature of brakes, and for securing that brakes, silencers and steering gear are efficient and kept in proper working order, and for empowering persons appointed by the Governor to test and inspect any such brakes, silencers or steering gear;
- (d) the appliances to be fitted for signalling the approach of a motor vehicle, or enabling the driver of a motor vehicle to become aware of the approach of another vehicle from the rear, and for securing that they are efficient and kept in proper working order;
- (e) the plates to be affixed to or particulars to be marked on motor vehicles and trailers;
- (f) the exclusion of any class of motor vehicle, or attachment;
- (g) the determination of the number of passengers a public service vehicle is adapted to carry and the number who may be carried;
- (h) the maximum speed at which a motor vehicle may be driven on any section of a road or as to the gear to be employed for reducing and checking the speed of a motor vehicle when approaching and descending gradients or as to other safety measures;
- (i) the training of drivers;
- (j) the wearing of helmets by persons on motor cycles and quadricycles for protection from injury in the event of accident, and the types of helmet to be so worn.

(2) Different regulations may be made as respects different classes or description of vehicles or as respects the same class or description of vehicles in different circumstances.

### **Offences relating to Construction and Use Regulations**

5. (1) If a motor vehicle or trailer does not comply with any regulations, applicable to the class or description of vehicles to which the vehicle belongs, as to the construction and equipment of such vehicles, any person who so uses the vehicle on any road or causes or permits the vehicle to be so used commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

(1A) The use on any road of a motor vehicle which was duly licensed before the commencement of this Ordinance is not, in so far as such vehicle may not comply with the regulations applicable to the construction of the class or description of vehicles to which it belongs, a contravention under subsection (1).

(2) If -

(a) a load, in excess of the maximum weight applicable to the class or description of vehicles to which the vehicle belongs, as fixed by regulations, is carried by a motor vehicle or trailer on any road; or

(b) a passenger is carried in a motor vehicle on any road in excess of the number which it is permitted to carry by the regulations applicable to the class or description of vehicles to which the vehicle belongs,

the driver of the vehicle and any person who causes or permits the vehicle to be so used commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

## **PART III**

### **REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS**

#### **Registration of motor vehicles and trailers**

6. An application for registration of a motor vehicle or trailer must be made to the Registrar to whom—the owner must provide, in the prescribed form, any information respecting the motor vehicle or trailer that is required.

#### **Particulars entered in form of application**

7. (1) Before registering any motor vehicle or trailer, the Registrar must verify all particulars entered in the form of application, and may, if he or she considers it necessary, cause the vehicle to be examined by an inspector to ensure that it conforms with the requirements of any regulation.

(2) The prescribed fee for the inspection of any motor vehicle or trailer under subsection (1) must be paid by the owner of the vehicle.

#### **Notification of change of ownership**

8. (1) If there is a change in ownership of a motor vehicle or trailer,

otherwise than by death of the owner or part owner, the change in ownership, whether in whole or in part, must be notified by the new owner or part owner to the Registrar in the prescribed form within 7 days of the change.

(2) On the death of the registered owner or part owner of a motor vehicle or trailer, the person entitled to the custody or use of the motor vehicle or trailer must within 7 days give notice in writing to the Registrar to that effect, and the new owner or part owner must effect registration within 7 days of obtaining possession or of the right of exercising ownership.

(3) A person who wilfully refuses or without lawful excuse neglects to notify the change in ownership of a motor vehicle within the prescribed period commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Amendment of register and licence**

9. On transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle or trailer the Registrar and Licensing Officer must, on payment of the prescribed fee, duly amend the register and the licence, and it is not necessary to issue a new licence.

### **Prohibition of use of motor vehicles and trailers without licences**

10. (1) A motor vehicle or trailer must not be used on any road unless it is licensed under this Ordinance.

(1A) If in the opinion of the Licensing Officer it is necessary for an unlicensed motor vehicle or trailer to be used on a road for the purpose of being examined by an inspector in accordance with section 11(2), or for the purpose of being prepared for, or driven to or from such an inspection, the Licensing Officer may grant a permit authorising the motor vehicle to be used on a road for the purpose of such examination at a time and subject to conditions the Licensing Officer specifies in the permit.

(2) If a motor vehicle or trailer is used in contravention of this section the driver of the vehicle and any person who causes or permits the vehicle to be so used commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Application for and issue of motor vehicle or trailer licence**

11. (1) An application for a motor vehicle or trailer licence must be made to the Licensing Officer.

(2) Subject to subsection (2A), a motor vehicle or trailer licence must not be granted or renewed unless—

- (a) the motor vehicle or trailer has been registered; and
- (b) the motor vehicle or trailer has, within the preceding 3 months, been examined by an inspector and the inspector has certified in the prescribed form that the vehicle or trailer complies with any regulations made under this Ordinance relating to the construction, equipment or use of motor vehicles or trailers and that its condition is not such as to cause danger to any person travelling in it or being upon any road.

(2A) In the case of a new motor vehicle or trailer being licensed for the first time the examination and certificate required by subsection (2) may, at the discretion of the Licensing Officer, be dispensed with.

(3) The prescribed fee for the examination of a motor vehicle or trailer under subsection (2) must be paid by the owner of it.

(4) A motor vehicle and trailer licence must be issued in the prescribed form.

(5) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer for which the grant or renewal of a licence is refused under this section may appeal against the decision of the Licensing Officer to the Governor in Council.

### **Duration of licence**

12. A motor vehicle or trailer licence must be taken out annually and is valid for 12 months from the date of issue.

### **Refund of licence fees**

13. If a motor vehicle is -

- (a) permanently condemned for further use under section 14;
- (b) exported from St Helena;
- (c) disused in the absence of the owner from St Helena; or
- (d) disused for any reason approved by the Governor,

a refund of 1/12 of the annual licence must be made to the owner in respect of each full month of the unexpired period of the licence, subject to the prior surrender of the licence to the Licensing Officer.

### **Suspension of motor vehicle licences for defects**

14. (1) The Licensing Officer must, if he or she has reason to believe that a motor vehicle or trailer is in such a condition as to be a source of danger to any person travelling in the vehicle or to other users of the road, or to be injurious to the roads, require examination of the motor vehicle or trailer by an inspector.

(2) If in the opinion of an inspector any defect in a vehicle is such as to be a source of danger to any person travelling in the vehicle or to other users of the road or to be injurious to the roads, the Licensing Officer must, suspend the licence of that vehicle; but if in the opinion of the inspector the defect is such as can be remedied and the licensee provides evidence to the satisfaction of the inspector that the defect is in the course of being remedied, the licence must not be suspended.

(3) The owner of a motor vehicle or trailer in respect of which the licence is suspended may appeal against the decision of the Licensing Officer to the Governor in Council.

### **Duplicate licences**

**15.** If a motor vehicle or trailer licence is lost, destroyed or rendered illegible, the Licensing Officer must issue a duplicate licence on payment of the prescribed fee.

## **PART IV LICENSING OF DRIVERS OF MOTOR VEHICLES**

### **Licensing of drivers, etc.**

- 16.** (1) It is an offence for a person to-
- (a) drive a motor vehicle on a road who is not the holder of a licence to drive a motor vehicle; or
  - (b) employ any person to drive a motor vehicle on a road who is not the holder of such a licence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

(2) Application for a licence to drive a motor vehicle must be made to the Licensing Officer.

(2A) Subject to the provisions of this Ordinance as to the fitness of applicants for licences, the Licensing Officer, except in the case of an applicant who is disqualified as hereinafter mentioned, must on payment of the prescribed fee grant a licence to any person who applies for it in the prescribed manner and makes a declaration in the prescribed form that the person is not, under this Ordinance, disqualified by reason of age or otherwise from obtaining the licence for which he or she is applying.

(3) Licences must be in the prescribed form, and if under this Ordinance the applicant is subject to any restrictions with respect to the driving of any class of motor vehicle, the extent of the restriction must be specified in the licence.

### **Recognition of foreign licences**

**17.** (1) A person may drive a motor vehicle in St Helena, without being the holder of a licence as mentioned in section 16, if the person—

- (a) has been in St Helena for less than 3 months in the preceding 12 months;
- (b) is the holder of a current valid foreign driving licence; and
- (c) is between the ages of 18 and 70 years.

(2) A person producing a foreign driving licence other than such a licence as is described in section 18(1)(a) to the Licensing Officer or to a police officer, must at the same time produce his or her passport for the purpose of verification of his or her signature.

### **Meaning of foreign driving licence**

**18.** (1) For the purposes of this Ordinance “**foreign driving licence**” means a document of any of the following types, namely—

- (a) a driving licence issued in Ascension or in Tristan da Cunha;
- (b) a driving licence issued in any other country or territory; or
- (c) an International Driving Permit:

(1A) A licence or permit as mentioned in subsection (1) must have been issued to

authorise the holder of it to drive a vehicle or vehicles of a class including the vehicle driven by the holder in St Helena; and any conditions subject to which any such licence or permit was issued must have been and be complied with.

(2) A foreign driving licence will not be recognised for the purposes of this Ordinance unless any writing or printing appearing on it is in English or is accompanied (either within the document or as a separate document) by a translation into English.

### **International Driving Permit**

19. In this Ordinance “**International Driving Permit**” means a driving permit or licence, issued pursuant to any international treaty or arrangement, being a treaty or arrangement designed or intended to enable the holder of such a permit or licence to drive motor vehicles in any of the countries or territories which are parties to the treaty or arrangement.

### **Duration of licence**

20. A licence to drive a motor vehicle must be taken out annually and is valid for twelve calendar months from the date of issue.

### **Provisions as to physical fitness of applicants for licences**

21. (1) On an application for the grant or renewal of a licence the applicant must make a declaration in the prescribed form as to whether the applicant is suffering from any disease or physical disability specified in the form, or any other disease or physical disability which would be likely to cause the driving by the applicant of a motor vehicle, being a vehicle of a class or description that the applicant would be authorised by the licence to drive, to be a source of danger to the public.

(2) If -

- (a) it appears to the Licensing Officer that there is reason to believe that any person who holds a licence to drive a motor vehicle is suffering from a disease or physical disability likely to cause the driving by the person of a motor vehicle, being a vehicle of any such class or description as the person is authorised by the licence to drive, to be a source of danger to the public; and
- (b) on enquiry into the matter the Licensing Officer is satisfied that the licence holder is suffering from such a disease or disability,

the licence must be revoked by the Licensing Officer and the licence holder must, on the request of the Licensing Officer, deliver the licence to him or her for cancellation.

(3) A person who is aggrieved by the refusal of the Licensing Officer to grant a licence or by the revocation of a licence under this section may within 14 days of such decision appeal to the Governor in Council in writing.

### **Provisions as to competence to drive and control a motor vehicle**

22. (1) Subject to subsection (1A), a driver’s licence must not be granted unless the applicant satisfies an examining officer and obtains from him or her a certificate of competence testifying to the applicant’s knowledge of the Highway Code and to his or her

competence to drive and control a motor vehicle of the class in respect of which the applicant desires to obtain a driver's licence.

**(1A)** Subsection (1) does not apply to any application for the renewal of a licence previously granted unless—

- (a) the Licensing Officer has reason to doubt the continued competence of the applicant to drive and control a motor vehicle of the class in respect of which the applicant desires to obtain a driver's licence; or
- (b) the applicant has attained the age of 70 and has failed to satisfy the Licensing Officer by medical evidence of his or her continued competence to drive and control a motor vehicle of the class in respect of which he or she desires to obtain a driver's licence.

**(2)** For the purpose of enabling the applicant for the grant of a licence to learn to drive a motor vehicle with a view to passing a test under this section, the Licensing Officer may, if so requested by the applicant and on payment of the prescribed fee grant the applicant a provisional licence to be in force for a period of 3 months, which licence must be in the prescribed form and granted subject to the prescribed conditions.

**(3)** A person to whom a provisional licence is granted under subsection (2) who fails to comply with any of the conditions subject to which it is granted commits an offence. Penalty: As provided section 64(2); and the court may order the withdrawal of the provisional licence.

**(4)** A person who is aggrieved by the refusal of the Licensing Officer to renew a licence under this section may within 14 days of such decision appeal to the Governor in Council in writing.

### **Disqualification for offences**

**23.** **(1)** A court before which a person is convicted of any criminal offence in connection with the driving of a motor vehicle may, and must if so required by this or any other Ordinance, order that the person be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for a period the court thinks fit.

**(2)** A person against whom an order is made under this section may appeal against it in the same manner as against any other sentence or order; and the court may, if it thinks fit, suspend the operation of the order pending determination of the appeal.

### **Provisions as to disqualifications and suspensions**

**24.** **(1)** If a person who is disqualified by virtue of a conviction or order under this Ordinance is the holder of a licence, the licence must be suspended for so long as the disqualification continues in force, and the licence so suspended is during the time of suspension of no effect.

**(2)** A person who, while disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence (whether by reason of an order of a court, or by age or other incapacity), drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle on a road or other public place commits an offence. Penalty: A fine of £2,500, or imprisonment for 18 months, or both;

and the court must make an order under section 23(1).

(3) Notwithstanding any enactment prescribing the time within which proceedings may be brought before a court of summary jurisdiction, proceedings for an offence under subsection (2) may be brought—

- (a) within a period of 6 months from the date of the commission of the alleged offence; or
- (b) within a period which exceeds neither 3 months from the date on which it came to the knowledge of the prosecutor that the offence had been committed nor one year from the date of the commission of the offence,

whichever period is the longer.

### **Surrender of licences**

25. (1) If a licence granted under section 16 of this Ordinance is revoked, the holder of it must, if so required by the Licensing Officer by notice in writing, surrender the licence to the Licensing Officer within 7 days after the day on which the notice is given.

(2) A person who fails to surrender a licence as required by subsection (1) commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Production of licences to police officers**

26. (1) A person driving or being in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place must, on being so required by a police officer, produce for examination the person's licence issued under section 16 or his or her foreign driving licence.

(2) If a licence granted under section 16 expires or is revoked, then, if the holder fails to satisfy an obligation imposed on the holder by section 25 of this Ordinance, a police officer may require the holder to produce the licence, and upon its being produced may take possession of it and deliver it to the Licensing Officer.

(3) A person required under subsection (1) or (2) to produce a licence who fails to do so within 5 days, beginning with the day next after that on which the production of the licence was so required, commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

(4) A person must not be convicted of an offence of failing to surrender or to produce a licence if it appears to the court, on the balance of probabilities, that the failure was due to the licence having been lost or to some other reasonable cause.

## **PART V DRIVING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND OFFENCES CONNECTED WITH DRIVING<sup>2</sup>**

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<sup>2</sup> See section 150 of the Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1975 as to pleas of guilty in absence in road traffic cases

### **Restriction on driving by young persons**

**27. (1)** A person under 18 years of age must not drive a motor vehicle on a road.

**(2)** A person under 21 years of age must not drive a motor vehicle on a road if the vehicle—

- (a)* exceeds a net weight of 5,000 lbs; or
- (b)* is designed or adapted to carry more than 8 persons (including the driver).

**(2A)** A vehicle that is an agricultural tractor is deemed not to be driven on a road within the meaning of subsection (2) while it is being so driven in the course of the internal operations of a farm.

**(3)** A person who drives, or causes or permits any person to drive, a motor vehicle in contravention of this section commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

**(4)** A person prohibited by this section by reason of his or her age from driving a motor vehicle or a motor vehicle of any class is disqualified from holding or obtaining any licence other than a licence to drive a motor vehicle the person is not by this section forbidden to drive.

### **Safety measures for control of speed**

**28. (1)** A person who drives a motor vehicle on a road in disregard of any regulation as to the maximum speed at which a motor vehicle may be driven on any section of a road or as to any other safety measures to be observed when approaching and descending gradients commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

**(2)** A person convicted of an offence under this section is, without affecting the power of the court to order a longer period of disqualification, liable to be disqualified for a period of 12 months from the date of conviction from holding or obtaining a licence.

**(3)** A person charged under this section with the offence of driving a motor vehicle of any class or description in excess of the maximum permitted speed is not liable to be convicted of the offence solely on the evidence of one witness to the effect that in the opinion of the witness the person charged was driving the vehicle at such greater speed.

### **Evidence of speed**

**29. (1)** If in any criminal proceedings the speed at which a motor vehicle travelled on any occasion is relevant, evidence of the speed of the vehicle as indicated or determined on that occasion by a prescribed measuring device when tested, sealed and used in the prescribed manner is, without affecting any other mode of proof and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, proof of speed of the motor vehicle on that occasion.

**(2)** A certificate in the prescribed form to the effect that a device referred to in

subsection (1) has been tested and sealed in the prescribed manner, signed or purporting to be signed by a person authorised to do so by regulations is, without affecting any other mode of proof and in the absence of evidence to the contrary, proof that the device has been so tested and sealed.

### **Causing death by reckless or dangerous driving**

**30.** (1) A person who causes the death of another person by driving a motor vehicle on a road recklessly or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition and use of the road, and the amount of traffic which is actually at the time, or which might reasonably be expected to be on the road, commits an offence triable on indictment.

Penalty: A fine of £5,000 or imprisonment for 5 years, or both.

(2) A person convicted of an offence under this section is, without affecting the power of the court to order a longer period of disqualification, liable to be disqualified for a period of 2 years from the date of conviction from holding or obtaining a licence.

(3) A charge under this section is deemed to include a charge under section 32.

### **Reckless or dangerous driving**

**31.** (1) A person who drives a motor vehicle on a road recklessly, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition, and use of the road, and the amount of traffic which is actually at the time, or which might reasonably be expected to be, on the road, commits an offence.

Penalty:

- (a) on conviction on indictment - a fine of £500 or imprisonment for 2 years, or both;
- (b) on summary conviction - a fine of £250 or imprisonment for 4 months, or both, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction a fine of £500 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.

(2) On a second or subsequent conviction under subsection (1) the convicting court must order that the offender be disqualified from holding or obtaining a licence unless the court, having regard to the lapse of time since the date of the previous or last preceding conviction or for any other special reason, thinks fit to order otherwise (but this provision does not affect the right of the court to disqualify an offender on a first conviction).

(3) A charge under this section is deemed to include a charge under section 32.

(4) If a person is convicted of aiding, abetting, counselling or procuring, or inciting the commission of an offence under subsection (1) and it is proved that the person was present in the vehicle at the time of the commission of the offence, the offence of which the person is convicted is, for the purpose of the provisions of this Ordinance relating to disqualifications for holding or obtaining licences, an offence in connection with the driving of a motor vehicle.

(5) If upon the trial of a person for an offence against section 30 the jury are not satisfied that the person's driving was the cause of the death but are satisfied that the person

is guilty of driving as mentioned in subsection (1), they may convict the person of an offence under this section.

(6) Upon the trial of a person who is indicted for manslaughter in connection with the driving of a motor vehicle by the person, the jury, if satisfied the person is guilty of an offence under this section, may find the person guilty of that offence.

### **Careless driving**

**32.** (1) A person who drives a motor vehicle on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

(2) A person convicted of an offence under subsection (1) is, without affecting the power of the court to order a longer period of disqualification, liable to be disqualified for a period of 12 months from the date of conviction from holding or obtaining a licence.

### **Mobile telephones, hand-held radios and any other hand-held communication devices**

**32A.** (1) A person must not drive a vehicle on a road while holding a telephone, a hand-held radio or any other hand-held communication device in any way while the vehicle is in motion.

(2) A person does not contravene subsection (1) if, at the time of the alleged contravention the person is -

- (a) performing duties as a member of the Police Service, the Fire Service or any other emergency service; or
- (b) using the telephone or radio to call the police, fire, ambulance or other emergency service in response to a genuine emergency, and it is unsafe or impracticable for the person to cease driving in order to make the call.

(3) A person who fails to comply with subsection (1) commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £1000.

### **Driving whilst unfit through drink or drugs**

**33.** (1) A person who, when driving or attempting to drive a motor vehicle on a road or other public place, is unfit to drive through drink or drugs commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £500 or imprisonment for 18 months, or both.

(2) A person who, when in charge of a motor vehicle which is on a road or other public place (but not driving the vehicle), is unfit to drive through drink or drugs commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £250 or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

(3) On convicting a person of an offence under this section, the court must make an order of disqualification (that is, an order of the type described in section 23) for a period of at least 12 months; unless, for special reasons established by evidence upon oath in any particular case, the court considers that it would be appropriate to order disqualification for a

shorter period or to refrain from making an order of disqualification (but no fact or circumstance may be held to be a ‘special reason’ unless it relates to the commission of the offence, as distinct from a fact or circumstance concerning the offender.)

(4) A police officer may arrest without warrant a person committing an offence under this section.

(5) A person convicted of an offence under subsection (2) who has been previously convicted of an offence under subsection (1) is to be treated for the purposes of subsection (2) as having previously been convicted under that subsection.

(6) In this section “**unfit to drive through drink or drugs**” means under the influence of drink or drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of a motor vehicle.

### **Pillion riding**

34. (1) Subject to subsections (2) and (3), it is lawful for not more than one person, in addition to the driver, to be carried on any motor cycle or quadricycle.

(2) In the case of a motor bicycle, subsection (1) applies only if the motor cycle is fitted with a carrier approved by an examiner appointed under this Ordinance.

(3) In the case of a motor cycle to which a sidecar is attached, it is lawful for one person to be carried in the sidecar in addition to any other person allowed to be carried on that motor cycle under this section.

### **Requirements as to employment of attendants**

35. (1) If a motor vehicle is drawing a trailer or trailers on a highway, one person, in addition to the driver of the vehicle, must be carried either on the vehicle or on a trailer for the purpose of attending to the trailer or trailers.

(2) A person who causes or permits a motor vehicle or trailer to be driven or drawn in contravention of subsection (1) commits an offence.  
Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Duty to give name and address and to stop, and power of arrest in certain cases**

36. (1) It is an offence for the driver of a motor vehicle who is alleged to have committed an offence under this Ordinance as to reckless or dangerous driving or careless driving, on being so required by any person having reasonable ground for so enquiring, to -

- (a) refuse to give his or her name and address; or
- (b) give a false name or address.

(2) A police officer may arrest without warrant the driver of a motor vehicle who within the officer’s view commits any offence under this Ordinance as to reckless or dangerous driving or careless driving, unless the driver is known to the police officer or gives his or her name and address or produces his or her licence.

(3) A person who is -  
 (a) driving a motor vehicle on a road; or  
 (b) riding on a road a bicycle or tricycle not being a motor vehicle,  
 must stop the same on being so required by a police officer in uniform.

(4) A person who contravenes subsection (3) commits an offence.  
 Penalty: A fine of £50.

### **Restriction on prosecutions under the preceding sections**

37. (1) A person who is prosecuted for an offence under an provision of this Part relating respectively to the maximum speed at which motor vehicles may be driven, to the checking of speed and other safety measures to be taken, to reckless or dangerous driving, or to careless driving must not be convicted unless either—

- (a) the person was warned at the time the offence was committed that the question of prosecuting him or her for an offence under some one or other of those provisions would be taken into consideration;
- (b) within 14 days of the commission of the offence a summons for the offence was served on the person; or
- (c) within the said 14 days a notice of the intended prosecution specifying the nature of the alleged offence and the time and place where it is alleged to have been committed was served on that person or the person registered as the owner of the vehicle at the time of the commission of the offence.

(2) The requirement of subsection (1) does not apply if, at the time of the offence, or immediately afterwards, an accident occurs because of the offence.

(3) Failure to comply with the requirement in subsection (1) is not a bar to the conviction of an accused person if the court is satisfied that—

- (a) that neither the name and address of the accused nor the name and address of the registered owner, if any, could with reasonable diligence have been ascertained in time for a summons or a notice to be served or sent in compliance with the requirement; or
- (b) that the accused by his or her own conduct caused or contributed to the failure.

(4) If a person is prosecuted on indictment—

- (a) for an offence to which subsection (1) does not apply; or
- (b) for an offence to which that section does apply, but as respects which the requirement of that section has been satisfied,

that subsection does not affect any power of a court on the charge for that offence, if the person is found not guilty of it, to find the person guilty of an offence under section 31 or 32.

### **Duty to stop in case of accident**

38. (1) If in any case, owing to the presence of a motor vehicle on a road, an accident occurs whereby damage or injury is caused to any person, vehicle or animal, or whereby any damage is caused to any property not belonging to the driver or person in control of the vehicle, the driver of the motor vehicle must stop and, if required so to do by any person having reasonable grounds for so requiring, give his or her name and address, and

also the name and address of the owner and the identification marks of the vehicle.

(2) If in the case of an accident as mentioned in subsection (1) the driver of the motor vehicle for any reason does not give his or her name and address to a person as there mentioned, the driver must report the accident to a police station or to a police officer as soon as reasonably practicable and in any case within 24 hours of the occurrence of the accident.

(3) In this section, “**animal**” means any horse, cattle, ass, mule, sheep, pig, goat or dog.

(4) A person who fails to comply with this section commits an offence.  
Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

## **PART VI ALCOHOL OFFENCES AND TESTING**

### **Interpretation**

**38A.** For purposes of this Part—  
“**approved device**” means either an approved screening device or an approved measuring device;  
“**approved measuring device**” means a device approved as a measuring device under section 42(1);  
“**approved screening device**” means a device approved as a screening device under section 42(1);  
“**prescribed limit**” has the meaning given to that term by section 43.

### **Alcohol offences**

**39.** (1) A person who, on any road or other public place, drives or attempts to drive any motor vehicle, having consumed so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his or her breath, blood or urine exceeds the prescribed limit commits an offence.  
Penalty: A fine of £2,500 or imprisonment for 18 months, or both.

(2) A person who, on any road or other public place, is in charge of any motor vehicle, having consumed so much alcohol that the proportion of it in his or her breath, blood or urine exceeds the prescribed limit commits an offence.  
Penalty: A fine of £2,000 or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

(3) Without affecting subsection (1), a person who drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle on a road or other public place, when unfit to drive through drink or drugs commits an offence.  
Penalty: A fine of £5,000 or imprisonment for 3 years, or both.

(4) Without affecting subsection (2), a person who is in charge of a motor vehicle on a road or other public place, when unfit to drive through drink or drugs commits an offence.  
Penalty: A fine of £2,000 or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

(5) A person is deemed for the purposes of this section not to have been in charge

of a motor vehicle if the person proves—

- (a) that at the material time the circumstances were such that there was no likelihood of his or her driving the vehicle while the level of alcohol in his or her body exceeded the prescribed limit; and
- (b) that he or she had not driven the vehicle on a road or public place between the time of his or her consumption of the alcohol and the material time,

and in this subsection **“the material time”** means the time of the alleged offence.

(6) In this section **“unfit to drive through drink or drugs”** means under the influence of drink or drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of a motor vehicle.

### **Breath tests and other specimens**

**40. (1)** A police officer who has reasonable cause (other than the mere fact that a person has been observed to leave premises in which it is known that alcohol has been consumed by persons in them) to suspect that a person—

- (a) has committed or is committing an offence under this Part; or
- (b) was driving or in charge of a motor vehicle at a time when the vehicle was involved in a road traffic accident,

may require that person to supply a specimen of breath for analysis using an approved screening device.

(2) If an approved screening device is not readily available to a police officer who is entitled to a requirement as mentioned in subsection (1), the officer may require the person of whom he or she is entitled to make the requirement to accompany the officer to a police station or other place where an approved screening device or an approved measuring device is available for use.

(3) If the result of an analysis of breath under subsection (1) leads a police officer to suspect that the person who supplied the specimen might be guilty of an offence against this Part, the officer may arrest the person; and whether or not the officer arrests the person, he or she may require the person to supply a further 2 specimens of breath for analysis using an approved measuring device.

(4) A police officer who is entitled to require a person to provide a specimen of breath for analysis using an approved screening device may, if an approved measuring device is available for use at the location where that requirement would otherwise be made, instead of making that requirement, require the person to supply 2 specimens of breath for analysis using an approved measuring device.

(5) If it appears to any police officer who is entitled to require any person to supply a specimen of breath for the purposes of this section that, by reason of—

- (a) the inability of the person to comply with such a requirement; or
- (b) the unavailability of an approved device or a reliable approved device; or
- (c) any other cause,

it is not practicable to require such a specimen to be provided, the officer may require the person to accompany the officer to a police station or hospital, and there to provide either a specimen of blood or a specimen of urine (the decision as to which type of specimen to

require being made by the officer) for analysis.

(6) A specimen of blood must not be taken for the purposes of this section except by or under the direct supervision of a public officer employed at the General Hospital in Jamestown who is qualified to take blood samples.

(7) If it appears to a police officer of the rank of inspector or above (“**the senior officer**”) that a person whom a police officer has power to require to provide a specimen of breath under subsection (1)(b), arising out of an accident in which injury was caused to any person other than the suspect, is in any building, vehicle or other closed place, and that access to that place cannot be gained by any other means without allowing an opportunity for the ends of justice to be defeated -

- (a) the senior officer may order the use of such force as is reasonably necessary in order to gain access to such closed place; and
- (b) the use of such force is a lawful use of force.

### **Failure to provide specimen**

**41. (1)** It is an offence for a person, without reasonable cause, to fail to -

- (a) supply any specimen of breath, blood or urine which the person has been required to provide under section 40; or
- (b) accompany a police officer to a police station, hospital, or other place when required so to do under that section.

Penalty: A fine of £2,500 or imprisonment for 18 months, or both.

(2) In this section “**fails**” includes “refuses”.

(3) A person fails to provide a specimen if the person fails to supply it in a manner and quantity suitable for the purpose for which it is required.

### **Approved devices**

**42. (1)** The Governor in Council may make rules for the purpose of declaring any device to be an approved screening device or an approved measuring device for the purposes of this Ordinance.

(2) A court must not entertain any argument relating to the suitability or reliability of any approved device.

(3) A device is sufficiently described, in any rules made under this section, if it is described by a trade or other name by which it is known or marketed.

(4) Rules made under this section may contain provisions regulating the manner in which any approved device is to be operated.

### **Prescribed limit**

**43.** The prescribed limit referred to in section 39 is whichever is appropriate of the following limits, namely—

- (a) 50 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath; or

- (b) 115 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood; or
- (c) 153 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine.

## Evidence

**44. (1)** In every case of an offence alleged to have been committed against section 39, evidence of the result of any analysis of any specimen of breath, blood or urine taken under section 40 is admissible in evidence, and the court must, subject to subsection (1A), presume that the proportion of alcohol in the defendant's breath, blood or urine at the time of the alleged offence was not less than the proportion revealed by such analysis.

**(1A)** The presumption under subsection (1) must not be made if the court is satisfied (by evidence on oath) that the defendant consumed such an amount of alcohol, after he or she ceased to drive or be in charge of the vehicle, as would be likely to account for the amount by which the result of such analysis exceeded the prescribed limit.

**(2)** Evidence of the proportion of alcohol in a specimen of breath may be given by the police officer who operated the approved device by which the specimen was analysed or by the production of a certificate of the kind described in subsection (3)(a), but a person must not be convicted unless it is proved—

- (a) that 2 separate specimens of breath were analysed by an approved measuring device; and
- (b) that the lower of the 2 results disclosed a proportion of alcohol in the specimen which exceeded the prescribed limit.

**(3)** Evidence of the proportion of alcohol or drug in a specimen of breath, blood or urine may, subject to subsections (5) and (6), be given by the production of a document or documents purporting to be whichever of the following is appropriate, that is to say—

- (a) a statement automatically produced by the approved measuring device by which the proportion of alcohol in a specimen of breath was measured and a certificate signed by a police officer (which may but need not be contained in the same document as the statement) that the statement relates to a specimen provided by the accused at the date and time shown in the statement; or
- (b) a certificate signed by an approved analyst as to the proportion of alcohol or any drug found in a specimen of blood or urine identified in the certificate.

**(4)** Subject to subsections (5) and (6), evidence that a specimen of blood was taken from the accused by a public officer referred to in section 40(6) may be given by the production of a document purporting to certify that fact and to be signed by such public officer.

**(5)** Subject to subsection (6)—

- (a) a document purporting to be such a statement or such a certificate (or both such a statement and such a certificate) as is mentioned in subsection (3)(a) is admissible in evidence on behalf of the prosecution in pursuance of this section only if a copy of it either was handed to the accused when the document was produced or has been served on him or her not later than 7 days before the hearing; and
- (b) any other document is so admissible only if a copy of it has been served on the accused not later than 7 days before the hearing.

(6) A document purporting to be a certificate (or so much of a document as purports to be a certificate) is not so admissible if the accused, not later than 3 days before the hearing or within any further time the court in special circumstances allows, has served notice on the prosecutor requiring the attendance at the hearing of the person by whom the document purports to be signed.

(7) In this section “**approved analyst**” means a person appointed by the Governor by notice in the *Gazette* to be an approved analyst for the purposes of this section.

### **Further provisions as to specimens**

45. (1) Every specimen of blood or urine provided by a person under this Part must be divided into 2 approximately equal parts, and—

- (a) subject to paragraph (b), only one part of it is to be analysed, and the other part (“**the retained part**”) is to be preserved until the conclusion of all proceedings for any offence in connection with which the specimen was provided;
- (b) the court which tries any alleged offence upon the trial of which the prosecutor relies upon evidence of the result of the analysis of a specimen of blood or urine provided under this Part, may (if it appears to be in the interest of justice so to do) order that the retained part is to be analysed, and adjourn the hearing to enable such analysis to be carried out;
- (c) a court which makes an order under paragraph (b) may order that the analysis be carried out by or under the supervision of any medical officer the court thinks fit, and a medical officer to whom such an order is addressed must comply with it and send a report of the result of the analysis, as soon as practicable, to the Clerk of the Peace.

(2) A specimen of urine must be provided within one hour of being required, and after the provision of a previous specimen of urine (such previous specimen being discarded).

### **Hospital patients**

46. If a person is at a hospital as a patient, a police officer must not require the person to provide any specimen of breath, blood or urine for the purposes of this Part unless the medical officer in charge of the patient’s treatment has been notified of the officer’s intention to require the specimen and has confirmed that such a requirement would not be prejudicial to the health or treatment of the patient.

### **Power of arrest**

46A. A police officer may arrest without warrant a person whom the officer reasonably suspects of committing an offence against any of sections 39(3), 39(4), or 41(1).

### **Mandatory disqualification**

47. (1) Subject to subsection (2), on convicting any person of an offence under this Part, the court must (in addition to any other sentence or order) make an order of disqualification (that is, an order of the type described in section 23) for a period of at least 12 months; or, if the offender has, within the period of 5 years preceding the date of the offence been convicted of such an offence, for a period of at least 3 years.

(2) If, for special reasons established by evidence upon oath in any particular case, the court considers that it would be inappropriate to make an order as mentioned in subsection (1), the court may order disqualification for a shorter period than that otherwise required, or refrain from making an order of disqualification; but no fact or circumstances may a “special reason” unless it relates to the commission of the offence, as distinct from a fact or circumstance concerning the offender.

## **PART VII RIDING OF PEDAL CYCLES AND RELATED OFFENCES**

### **Reckless and dangerous cycling**

**48.** A person who rides a bicycle or tricycle, not being a motor vehicle, on a road recklessly, or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, including the nature, condition and use of the road, and the amount of traffic which is actually at the time, or which might reasonably be expected to be, on the road, commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £50, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction, a fine of £100 or imprisonment for 3 months, or both.

### **Careless or inconsiderate cycling**

**49.** A person who rides a bicycle or tricycle, not being a motor vehicle, on a road without due care and attention or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £20, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction a fine of £50.

### **Cycling when under the influence of drink or drugs**

**50.** (1) A person who, when riding a bicycle or tricycle, not being a motor vehicle, on a road or other public place, is unfit to ride through drink or drugs commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £25, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction a fine of £50 or imprisonment for 3 months, or both.

(2) A police officer may arrest without warrant a person committing an offence under subsection (1).

(3) In this section “**unfit to ride through drink or drugs**” means, as regards a person riding a bicycle or tricycle, under the influence of drink or drugs to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of it.

### **Restriction on carriage of persons on bicycles**

**51.** (1) It is not lawful for more than one person to be carried on a road on a bicycle not propelled by mechanical power unless it is constructed or adapted for the carriage of more than one person.

(2) If a person is carried on a bicycle in contravention of subsection (1), each of

the persons carried commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £10, or in the case of a second or subsequent conviction a fine of £20.

## **PART VIII MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Restrictions on towing and tampering with motor vehicles**

**52. (1)** A person who, than with lawful authority or reasonable cause, takes or retains hold of or gets on to a motor vehicle while in motion on any road, for the purpose of being drawn or carried, commits an offence.

Penalty: (a) On a first conviction - a fine of £50;

(b) On a second or subsequent conviction - a fine of £100.

**(2)** A person who, while a motor vehicle is on a road or on a parking place, otherwise than with lawful authority or reasonable cause gets on to the vehicle or tampers with the brake or other part of its mechanism commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Taking motor vehicle without owner's consent**

**53. (1)** A person who takes and drives away any motor vehicle without having the consent of the owner of it or other lawful authority commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £500 or imprisonment for 18 months, or both.

**(2)** A person who acts in the reasonable belief that he or she had lawful authority for the taking and driving away of a vehicle, or that the owner would, in the circumstances of the case have given consent, if the owner had been asked for it, is not liable to be convicted of an offence under subsection (1).

### **Highway Code**

**54. (1)** The Governor in Council must as soon as may be practicable after the commencement of this Ordinance prepare a code ("**the Highway Code**") for the guidance of persons using roads and may from time to time revise the code by revoking, varying, amending or adding to its provisions.

**(2)** A failure on the part of any person to observe any provision of the Highway Code does not of itself render that person liable to criminal proceedings of any kind, but any such failure may in any proceedings (whether civil or criminal, and including proceedings for an offence under this Ordinance) be relied upon by any party to the proceedings as tending to establish or negative any liability which is in question in those proceedings.

### **Highway Authority**

**55. (1)** There is to be a Highway Authority for the purposes of this Ordinance.

**(2)** The Governor may appoint a person or persons to be the Highway Authority; but if no such person is appointed, the Council Committee for the time being having responsibility for highways is the Highway Authority.

### **Powers and duties of Highway Authority**

**56.** (1) (a) The Highway Authority may at any time by notice restrict or prohibit the use of any road or any part of any road by vehicles or by vehicles of any particular class or description if owing to the likelihood of danger to the public it appears necessary that such restriction or prohibition should come into force without delay.

(b) So long as the restriction or prohibition is in force, a notice must be kept posted in a conspicuous manner at each end of the part of the road to which the order relates, and at the points at which it will be necessary for vehicles to diverge from the road.

(c) A person who uses or permits the use of a vehicle in contravention of any restriction or prohibition imposed by a notice under this section commits an offence.

Penalty: For a first conviction a fine of £10, and for a second or subsequent conviction a fine of £20.

(d) Any person aggrieved by a restriction or prohibition imposed under this section may appeal to the Governor in Council whose decision is final.

(2) Subject to and in conformity with any general or other directions given by the Governor in Council, the Highway Authority may cause traffic signs to be placed on or near any road.

(3) The Highway Authority may enter any land and exercise any other powers necessary for the purpose of the exercise and performance of its powers and duties under this section.

(4) In this section “**traffic signs**” includes warning sign-posts, direction posts, signs, road markings or other devices for the guidance or direction of persons using roads.

### **Penalties for neglect of traffic signs**

**57.** If a police officer is engaged in the regulation of traffic on a road, or a traffic sign has been lawfully placed on or near any road in accordance with section 61, it is an offence for a person driving or propelling a vehicle to—

(a) neglect to stop the vehicle or to make it proceed in or keep to, a particular line of traffic when directed so to do by the police officer in the execution of his or her duty; or

(b) fail to comply with the indications of the sign.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Leaving vehicles in dangerous positions**

**58.** A person in charge of a vehicle who causes or permits the vehicle or any trailer drawn by it to remain at rest on any road in such a position or in such condition or in such circumstances as to be likely to cause danger to other persons using the road commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Provisions with respect to stretching of ropes, etc. across highway**

**59.** It is an offence for a person, for any purpose, to place or cause to be placed

any rope, wire or other apparatus across a highway or any part of it in a manner likely to cause danger to persons using the highway, unless the person proves that he or she had taken all necessary steps to give adequate warning of the danger.

Penalty: As provided section 64(2).

### **Governor in Council may make regulations**

- 60.** The Governor in Council may make regulations—
- (a) prescribing the number, nature and use of brakes, including skid pans and locking chains, in the case of vehicles drawn by horses or other animals, or any class or description of such vehicles, when used on roads, and for securing that such brakes are efficient and kept in proper working order, and for empowering persons authorised by or under the regulations to test and inspect any such brakes, whether on a road or elsewhere;
  - (b) prescribing the appliances to be fitted to bicycles or tricycles, not being motor vehicles;
  - (c) respecting the removal from roads of vehicles which have broken down and of the loads carried by them, or of vehicles which have been left in a dangerous position on a road;
  - (d) prescribing the fees payable for a licence and provisional licence to drive a motor vehicle;
  - (e) to revise the provisions of the Highway Code by adding varying or amending them;
  - (f) prescribing the maximum and minimum fares that may be charged by public service vehicles plying for hire;
  - (g) prescribing the fees payable on registration of a motor vehicle or trailer;
  - (h) prescribing the fees payable for a licence for a motor vehicle or trailer;
  - (i) prescribing the fees generally;
  - (j) prescribing the signs which may be used for the purposes of section 61, and the meaning of each sign so prescribed; and
  - (k) generally for carrying into effect the provisions of this Ordinance.

### **Regulation of traffic by signs**

**61. (1)** The Highway Authority may, after consulting the Director of Police, cause prescribed signs to be erected on or near any road, for the purpose of regulating the use of roads by vehicles, and (without limiting that power) such signs may prescribe—

- (a) the maximum speed at which vehicles may be driven;
- (b) the direction in which vehicles may or may not travel;
- (c) the classes of vehicle which may or may not use the road or part of the road;
- (d) the priority or precedence of vehicles at road junctions;
- (e) the parts of roads on which vehicles may or may not be parked or allowed to stand, or the maximum period of time for which vehicles may be parked or allowed to stand.

**(2)** Section 56(3) applies to the erection of signs under this section.

**(3)** A person who drives or uses a vehicle in contravention of any instruction, prohibition, or restriction conveyed by means of a sign erected under this section commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £100.

### **Provisions as to regulations**

**62.** A person who acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with, any regulation made by the Governor in Council under this Ordinance, contravention of or failure to comply with which it is not made an offence under any other provision of this Ordinance, commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £150.

### **Forgery, etc. of licences and certificates**

**63.** It is an offence for a person -

- (a) for the purpose of obtaining the grant of any licence to himself or herself or any other person knowingly to make a false statement; or
- (b) for the purpose of obtaining the issue of a certificate of competence to make a false statement or withhold any material information.

Penalty: A fine of £100 or imprisonment for 6 months, or both.

### **Prosecution and penalties for offences**

**64.** (1) Except as otherwise expressly provided, all offences under this Ordinance are to be prosecuted in the Magistrates' Court.

(2) A person convicted of an offence under this Ordinance for which no special penalty is provided is liable -

- (a) on a first conviction - to a fine of £100;
- (b) on a second or subsequent conviction - to a fine of £300, or to imprisonment for 6 months, or to both.

(3) If the driver of a vehicle is alleged to **have committed** an offence under this Ordinance—

- (a) the owner of the vehicle must give such information as the owner may be required, by or on behalf of the Director of Police, to give as to the identity of the driver, and, if the owner fails to do so, the owner commits an offence unless the owner shows to the satisfaction of the court that the owner did not know and could not with reasonable diligence have ascertained who the driver was; and
- (b) any other person must, if required by or on behalf of the Director of Police give any information which it is in the person's power to give and which may lead to the identification of the driver, and, if the person fails to do so, the person commits an offence.

Penalty: As provided in subsection (2).

### **Provisions applicable to vehicles and persons in Crown service**

**65.** (1) Subject to subsection (2) -

- (a) this Ordinance applies to vehicles and persons in the public service of the Crown; and
- (b) for the purpose of proceedings for an offence in connection with any such vehicle against a person other than the driver of the vehicle, the person nominated for

the purpose by the department in whose service the vehicle is used is deemed to be the person responsible unless it is shown to the satisfaction of the court that the driver only was responsible.

(2) The Governor in Council may by order direct that provisions of this Ordinance do not apply to members of the armed forces of the Crown or to vehicles used for naval military or air force purposes or to any class of such members or vehicles.

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## **ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**

### **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS**

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### Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic Regulations, 1985.

### Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—
  - “**agricultural trailer**” means a trailer owned by a person engaged in agriculture or forestry and not used on the road to convey burden other than agricultural or forestry produce or articles required for agriculture or forestry;
  - “**approved type of protective helmet**” means a helmet which conforms as respects its shape, construction and other qualities to the requirements of one of the following specifications, that is to say—
    - (a) British Standard 2001 as amended to 1964; or
    - (b) British Standard 1869:1960 as amended by Amendment No. 1, published 29th May, 1963;
  - “**bus**” means any passenger-carrying vehicle other than a motor car;

- “field testing officer”** means a police officer who is trained and qualified in the use of a radar device;
- “hours of darkness”** means the period from half an hour after sunset to half an hour before sunrise;
- “industrial tractor”** means a motor tractor (not being a Land Tractor) of unladen weight not exceeding 7370 Kg and designed and used primarily for work off roads or on roads only in connection with road construction or maintenance and so constructed as to be incapable of a speed of 20 mph on the level;
- “invalid carriage”** means a motor vehicle the weight of which unladen does not exceed 5 cwt and which is specially designed for and used solely by persons suffering from some physical defect or disability;
- “land implement”** means any implement or machinery used with a land tractor for purposes of agriculture, forestry, grass cutting, land levelling, dredging or similar operations including any trailer carrying only necessary gear or equipment of the towing vehicle;
- “land tractor”** means a tractor of unladen weight not exceeding 7370 Kg, designed and used primarily for work on land in connection with agriculture, grass cutting, forestry, land levelling, dredging or similar operations which is—
- (a) the property of a person engaged in agriculture or forestry or a contractor engaged in the business of carrying out such operations on farms or forestry estates; and
  - (b) not constructed or adapted to carry a load other than—
    - (i) water, fuel, accumulators and other equipment used for propulsion and loose tools and equipment;
    - (ii) a fixed implement used for farm or forestry estates in connection with such operation;
- “motor car”** means a motor vehicle (not being a motor cycle, quadricycle or invalid carriage) which is constructed to carry a load or not more than 6 passengers and the weight of which unladen does not exceed 35 cwt;
- “pedal cycle”** means a pedal bicycle or pedal tricycle not being in either case equipped for propulsion by mechanical power;
- “radar device”** means a speed measuring device prescribed by regulation 8;
- “taxi”** means a mechanically propelled vehicle, licensed as a Public Service Vehicle, designed for the carriage of not more than 6 persons including the driver, standing or plying for hire;
- “testing officer”** means the manufacturer of a radar device, the manufacturer’s duly appointed agent or a suitably qualified technician offering appropriate evidence of technical and professional competence in the testing of radar devices.

## **Exemptions**

3. (1) The provisions of these Regulations relating to the construction and equipment of vehicles do not apply to any private motor car, quadricycle or motor cycle brought into St Helena by a person resident abroad which is not intended to remain and does not remain in St Helena for a period exceeding six months if the Licensing Officer has given to the person written permission for the use of such motor car, quadricycle or motor cycle.

(2) If the Licensing Officer certifies that any vehicle is of such an exceptional kind that it is proper to permit its use on a road without compliance with all the provisions of these Regulations that would otherwise apply to its use, the Governor may notwithstanding those provisions permit its use subject to conditions the Governor thinks fit.

## **PART II GENERAL**

### **Speed limits**

**4. (1)** No vehicle may be driven on any road at a speed exceeding 30 miles an hour.

**(2)** No vehicle other than a private motor car, a public service vehicle of which the net weight does not exceed 35 cwt, a quadricycle or a motor cycle may be driven on any road at a speed exceeding 20 miles an hour.)

**(3)** No vehicle may be driven at a speed exceeding 20 miles an hour—

*(a)* on any road in Jamestown;

*(b)* on the road between the Salvation Army Hall at Half Tree Hollow and the top of Jacob's Ladder;

*(c)* on the road between Longwood Gate and the water tank approximately 400 yards from Hutt's Gate Corner;

*(d)* on the road between Longwood Gate and the entrance to the Diplomatic Wireless Service residential area;

*(e)* on the road between Two Gun Saddle and the Community Centre, Jamestown;

*(f)* on the road between Mount Pleasant and the Chapel;

*(g)* on the road between the top of Jacob's Ladder and China Lane, Jamestown.

**(4)** No vehicle may be driven at a speed exceeding 15 miles an hour—

*(a)* ...

*(b)* on the road between Rupert's Bay and the junction with Side Path;

*(c)* on the road between the Chapel and Blarney Bridge;

*(d)* on the road between Thompsons Wood Hill and Thompsons Wood;

*(e)* on the road between Thompsons Wood Hill junction and Redgate;

*(f)* on the road between Rosemary Plain and Thompsons Hill;

*(g)* on the Constitution Hill Road between Briars corner of the wall and the junction with Drummonds Point Road.

### **Power of police to stop, test, etc**

**5. (1)** Any police officer in uniform may test and inspect on any road, or, subject to the consent of the owner of the premises and of the owner of the vehicle, on any premises where the vehicle is, any brakes, silencers or steering gear fitted to a motor vehicle or trailer.

**(2)** Any police officer in uniform who has reasonable cause to believe that a motor vehicle is being used in contravention of the Ordinance or these Regulations or has been concerned in an accident may order that the motor vehicle must -

*(a)* be stopped until it has been examined by an inspector of motor vehicles appointed under section 3 of the Ordinance; or

*(b)* be produced to such an inspector for inspection.

### **Travelling on running board**

6. No person may be carried on the running board of a motor vehicle.

### **Towing of cycles**

7. No person riding a motor cycle or pedal cycle may permit himself or herself to be drawn by a motor vehicle.

## **PART III SPEED MEASURING DEVICES**

### **Radar devices**

8. The following radar device is prescribed as a speed measuring device for the purpose of section 29(1) of the Ordinance—

The Muniquip T3.

### **Testing of radar devices**

9. (1) A radar device must be submitted to a testing officer at least once in every 12-month period for the purpose of inspection and calibration.

(2) The testing of a radar device must be such as will ascertain with respect to the speed computing components of the radar device that—

- (a) the circuit is in accordance with the manufacturer's circuit design, including any modification to that design by the manufacturer or the testing officer; and
- (b) the radar device is in a satisfactory electrical condition and, in particular, that any maintenance which has been carried out has been carried out satisfactorily.

(3) The testing of a radar device must be such as will indicate that the device is properly calibrated. A visible sticker showing the date of calibration must be attached to the radar device by the person who carried out such calibration.

(4) The testing officer must, after completing the testing of a radar device in accordance with this regulation, complete a test certificate in the form set out in regulation 13 to the effect that the device has been properly tested and is in a satisfactory operational condition.

### **Sealing of radar device**

10. If a radar device is found to be in a satisfactory condition after being tested, the testing officer must seal the device by placing an appropriate security seal across a part of the device that if opened will cause the breaking of the seal.

### **Field testing of radar device**

11. Before using a radar device to determine the speed of any particular vehicle, a field testing officer should perform the following tests—

- (a) the radar device should be tested against a vehicle fitted with a suitably calibrated speedometer;
- (b) the area in which the radar device is to be used should be tested for possible

- sources of radio interference; and
- (c) a tuning fork should be struck and vibrated in front of the aerial of the radar device. The reading on the device should correspond with the reading on the fork.

### **Use of radar device**

**12. (1)** The prescribed manner of use of the radar device for the purpose of section 29(1) of the Ordinance is, in the case of the Muniquip T3 radar device, as follows—

- (a) if in the opinion of a police officer, a vehicle is considered to be exceeding the speed limit, the radar device should be pointed at the vehicle and a reading taken;
- (b) the reading should be observed for at least 3 seconds and during that period the reading should be steady. An erratic series of numbers would indicate that an erroneous reading has been taken, and that the measurement was invalid;
- (c) if the reading is considered correct, the trigger in the handle of the radar device should be squeezed, and the speed reading fixed on the display.

**(2)** A radar device must not be used unless it has been tested in accordance with regulation 9 within 12 months before the occasion of its use and a satisfactory test certificate issued.

### **Certificate as to testing and sealing of radar device**

**13. (1)** A certificate referred to in section 29(2) of the Ordinance is in the prescribed form if it states—

“The radar device bearing number [number of device] has been tested in accordance with regulation 9 of the Road Traffic Regulations, 1985 on [date of test] and has been found to operate correctly in accordance with those Regulations. The device has also been properly sealed in accordance with regulation 10.

Dated:

(Signature)  
Testing Officer”.

**(2)** In accordance with the provisions of section 29(2) of the Ordinance, a testing officer is ~~deemed to be~~ an authorised person for the purpose of these Regulations.

### **Interference with radar devices**

**14.** A person must not, without proper authority, wilfully interfere with the time measuring or speed computing components of a radar device or any seal affixed to such a device.

## **PART IV DRIVING LICENCES**

### **Definition of “driving licence”**

**15.** In this Part of these regulations “**driving licence**” means a licence granted under Part V of the Ordinance.

### **Signature of driving licence**

**16.** Every person to whom a driving licence is granted must forthwith sign it with his or her usual signature. If the person fails to do so, or if on production of the driving licence to any person entitled to demand production of the licence it does not bear the person's usual signature, the person commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £10.

### **Duplicate driving licence**

**17. (1)** If the Licensing Officer is satisfied that any original driving licence has been lost or defaced -

- (a) the Licensing Officer must on the payment of the prescribed fee issue to the person to whom the original licence was granted a duplicate of it containing any endorsements of the original licence; and
- (b) such duplicate has the same effect as the original licence.

**(2)** A person to whom a duplicate driving licence has been issued because an original driving licence has been lost who finds the original licence during the currency of it must return the original licence to the Licensing Officer.

### **Provisional licence**

**18.** A provisional licence must only be granted subject to the conditions that until the holder of it has passed the appropriate test—

- (a) except when the holder is undergoing a test, the holder must, in the case of a vehicle which is constructed or adapted to carry more than one person (other than a motor cycle without a sidecar or a quadricycle), use it only under the supervision of a person who is present in the vehicle with the holder and who holds, and has held for at least 2 years, a driving licence (not being a provisional driving licence) authorising that person to drive a vehicle of the same class as the vehicle being driven by the holder of the provisional licence;
- (b) the holder must not, in the case of a motor cycle without a sidecar or a quadricycle, carry a passenger unless that passenger holds, and has held for at least 2 years, a driving licence (not being a provisional licence) authorising that person to drive either a motor cycle or a quadricycle;
- (c) the holder must comply with any further requirements relating to the driving of motor vehicles stated in the provisional licence;
- (d) the vehicle while being driven by the holder must clearly display in a conspicuous position on the front and on the back of the vehicle a distinguishing mark in the form of a letter L in red on a white ground, which letter must be not less than 4 inches high.

## **PART V**

### **REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS**

#### **Definition of "licence"**

**19.** In this Part, "**licence**" means a licence for a motor vehicle or trailer issued

under section 16 of the Ordinance.

### **Number of passengers in public service vehicle**

**20.** (1) The maximum number of passengers permitted to be carried in a public service vehicle must not exceed the number, exclusive of the driver, specified by the manufacturer of the vehicle, or, if no such number was specified or if the vehicle was not constructed by the manufacturer for the carriage of passengers, a number the Licensing Officer determines.

(2) In this regulation “**passengers**” includes any 2 persons who are not less than 2 nor more than 12 years of age, and does not include any infant of less than 2 years of age.

### **Indication on public service vehicle of maximum number of passengers**

**21.** At the rear of every public service vehicle licensed to carry passengers there must be clearly marked with letters not less than 3 inches high the number of passengers that the vehicle is licensed to carry.

### **Registration mark**

**22.** (1) The Licensing Officer must assign a registration mark to every motor vehicle for which a licence is granted, and no motor vehicle other than a vehicle which is the property or is provided for the use of the Governor may be used on any road unless its registration mark is exhibited in conformity with this regulation.

(2) The registration mark must be exhibited on a flat plate or on a flat unbroken surface forming part of the vehicle, and, except in the case of a motor cycle, quadricycle or invalid carriage, the plate or surface must be rectangular.

(3) The registration mark must be exhibited on the front and back of the vehicle.

(4) (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), the registration mark of every motor vehicle must be exhibited so that in normal daylight the characters of the front and rear registration marks are easily distinguishable by an observer directly in front of or behind the vehicle, as the case may be, who is not less than 10 feet and, in the case of a motor cycle, quadricycle or invalid carriage, not more than 60 feet and in every other case not more than 75 feet from the registration mark observed.

(b) It is not necessary for a motor cycle, quadricycle or invalid carriage to display a front registration mark and in no case may such a vehicle carry a number plate which could cause injury to any person by reason of its projection.

(c) Subject to regulation 70, whenever during the hours of darkness a motor vehicle is upon a road -

- (i) a lamp must be kept burning and so contrived as to illuminate, by means of reflection, transparency or otherwise, every letter and figure of the registration mark exhibited on the back of the motor vehicle (or on the rearmost vehicle attached to the back of the motor vehicle as the case may be) and to render them easily distinguishable in the absence of fog by an observer directly behind the vehicle who is not less than 10 feet, and in the case of a motor cycle, quadricycle or invalid carriage not

more than 50 feet and in every other case not more than 60 feet from the registration mark; and

- (ii) the lamp must be on the motor vehicle or such rearmost vehicle as the case may be.

(5) (a) Unless the registration mark is so constructed that it can be illuminated by transparency or translucency, it must be formed of white, silver or light grey letters and figures upon a black surface and every letter or figure must be indelibly inscribed or so attached to such surface that it cannot readily be detached from it. If the letters and figures are exhibited on a flat plate, the plate may be constructed of cast or pressed metal having raised letters and figures.

(b) If the registration mark is so constructed and used that it is illuminated by transparency or translucency, the letters and figures must all, when so illuminated during the hours of darkness, appear white against a black background.

(c) Notwithstanding sub-paragraphs (i) and (ii) of this paragraph, a registration mark may lawfully be exhibited in accordance with this paragraph, in which case it must be exhibited on a plate which is constructed of reflex reflecting material, being a plate which complies with the requirements laid down by the British Standard Specification for Reflex Reflecting Number Plates published on 11th September 1972 under the number B.S. AU 145a and is of a type in respect of which there has been issued by the Secretary of State a certificate that a plate of that type complies with those requirements, and in such a case—

- (i) the registration mark, if it is displayed on the front of the vehicle, must be formed of black letters and figures upon a white background and if it is displayed on the back of the vehicle must be formed of black letters and figures upon a yellow background;
- (ii) that part of the plate which comprises the said background must be constructed of reflex reflecting material which must at all times be maintained in a clean and efficient condition;
- (iii) no reflex reflecting material may be applied to any part of the said letters or figures; and
- (iv) there must be legibly and permanently marked on the plate the specification number B.S. AU 145a to indicate that it complies with the British Standards Specification mentioned above.

(d) Subject to paragraph (e) of this sub-regulation, the letters and figures must be 3½ inches high, every part of every letter and figure must be ⅝ inch broad, the total width of the space taken by every letter or figure except the figure 1 must be 2½ inches and the space between adjacent letters or figures must be half an inch.

(e) In the case of a motor cycle, quadricycle or invalid carriage the dimensions prescribed in paragraph (d) of this sub-regulation may be halved.

(f) if a motor vehicle is not licensed for a continuous period of 3 years from the date of first issue or the renewal of its licence, whichever is the later, the Licensing Officer may at his or her discretion reallocate the registration mark assigned to such motor vehicle upon giving the owner of it 7 days prior notice in writing.

## PART VI CONSTRUCTION AND USE

### Speed indicator

23. (1) There must be fitted to every motor vehicle, other than one mentioned

in sub-regulation (2), an instrument so constructed and in such a position as at all times readily to indicate to the driver of the vehicle within a margin of accuracy of 10% whether he or she is driving at a speed in excess of that permitted by these Regulations.

- (2) Sub-regulation (1) does not apply to—
- (a) a land tractor;
  - (b) an invalid carriage;
  - (c) a motor cycle the cylinder capacity of the engine of which does not exceed 100 cubic centimetres;
  - (d) a vehicle which is incapable by reason of its construction of exceeding a speed of 12 miles an hour on a level road under its own power.

### **Provision of reverse gear**

24. Every motor vehicle of which the weight unladen exceeds 8 cwt must be capable of being so worked that it may travel either forwards or backwards.

### **Driver's view**

25. Every motor vehicle must be so designed and constructed that the driver of it while controlling the vehicle can at all times have a full view of the road and traffic ahead of the vehicle.

### **Driving mirror**

26. Every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle must be equipped with a mirror so constructed and fitted to the vehicle as to assist the driver, if he or she so desires, to become aware of traffic to the rear of the vehicle.

### **Safety glass**

27. The glass of windscreens and windows facing to the front on the outside of any motor vehicle must be of safety glass.

### **Windscreen wiper**

28. An efficient automatic windscreen wiper must be fitted to every any motor vehicle which is so constructed that the driver cannot, by opening the windscreen or otherwise, obtain an adequate view to the front of the vehicle without looking through the windscreen.

### **Instrument for warning of approach**

29. (1) Every motor vehicle must be fitted with an instrument capable of giving audible and sufficient warning of its approach or position:

(2) An instrument required by sub-regulation (1) must not consist of a siren, gong or bell, except in the case of a motor vehicle used for fire-brigade, ambulance or police purposes.

### Silencer

**30. (1)** Every vehicle propelled by an internal-combustion engine must be fitted with a silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance suitable and sufficient for reducing so far as is reasonable the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases from the engine.

- (2)** With the approval of the Governor the Licensing Officer may appoint—
- (a)* a method of measuring the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases from an internal-combustion engine; and
  - (b)* a level of noise above which such noise so measured is not deemed to be reduced as far as is reasonable.

### Smoke and visible vapour, construction

**31.** Every motor vehicle must be so constructed that no avoidable smoke or visible vapour is emitted from it.

### Stop light

**32. (1)** Every stop light fitted to a motor vehicle or trailer must be fitted at the rear of the vehicle and when in operation must show a red or amber light.

**(2)** Every light shown by a stop light must be diffused by means of frosted glass or other adequate means and must be a steady light.

### Maximum dimensions

- 33. (1)** The dimensions of a motor vehicle must not exceed the following:
- |                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Overall width                         | 8 feet 6 inches.  |
| Overall length                        | 25 feet.          |
| Wheelbase                             | 13 feet 7 inches. |
| Height, exclusive of hood or covering | 11 feet 6 inches. |

**(1A)** The Licensing Officer may give permission in writing, subject to any conditions he or she imposes, for the use of a motor vehicle of greater dimensions than those set out in sub-regulation (1).

- (2)** In this regulation—
- “**overall length**” of a vehicle means the length exclusive of any starting handle and of any hood when lowered;
- “**overall width**” means the width measured between vertical planes parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the extreme projecting points of the vehicle, exclusive of any mirror conforming with the provisions of regulation 26.

### Maximum overhang

**34. (1)** The overhang of a motor vehicle must not exceed 7/24ths of the overall length.

(2) In this regulation, “**overhang**” means that part of the overall length of a vehicle measured by a line from the centre of the rear axle along the longitudinal axis of the vehicle to the rear of the vehicle exclusive of any hood when lowered.

### **Brakes of certain types of motor vehicle**

**35.** (1) Every motor vehicle other than a land tractor, industrial tractor, motor cycle or invalid carriage must be equipped with an efficient braking system or efficient braking systems, in either case having 2 means of operation so designed and constructed that notwithstanding the failure of any part (other than a fixed member or a brake-shoe anchor pin) through or by means of which the force necessary to apply the brakes is transmitted there is available for application by the driver, to not less than half the number of the wheels of the vehicle, brakes sufficient under the most adverse conditions to bring the vehicle to rest within a reasonable distance.

(1A) In the event of a failure as mentioned in sub-regulation (1) it is not necessary for brakes to be available for application by the driver, in the case of a vehicle having less than 4 wheels, to more than one wheel.

(2) The application of one means of operation of brakes must not affect or operate the pedal or hand lever of the other means of operation.

(3) No braking system is to be rendered ineffective by the non-rotation of the engine.

(4) All the brakes of a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle or invalid carriage which are operated by one of the means of operation must be capable of being applied by direct mechanical action without the intervention of any hydraulic, electric or pneumatic device.

(5) In the case of a motor vehicle (other than a land tractor, industrial tractor, motor cycle, quadricycle or invalid carriage) in which any brake is capable of being applied by more than one means of operation, all the wheels must be fitted with brakes all of which are operated by one of the means of operation.

(5A) If means of operation of brakes are provided in addition to those prescribed by this regulation, such additional means of operation may be disregarded for the purpose of sub-regulation (5).

(6) One at least of the means of operation of brakes must be capable of causing brakes to be applied directly and not through the transmission gear to not less than half the number of the wheels of the vehicle.

### **Brakes of motor cycle**

**36.** (1) Every motor cycle must be equipped with an efficient braking system or efficient braking systems, in either case having 2 means of operation so designed and constructed that notwithstanding the failure of any part (other than a fixed member or a brake-shoe anchor pin) through or by means of which the force necessary to apply the brakes

is transmitted there is available for application by the driver to at least one wheel of the vehicle brakes sufficient under the most adverse conditions to bring the vehicle to rest within a reasonable distance.

(2) The application of one means of operation of brakes must not affect or operate the pedal or hand lever of the other means of operation.

### **Brakes of invalid carriage**

37. Every land tractor, industrial tractor and invalid carriage must be equipped with an efficient braking system, the brakes of which act on at least 2 wheels of the vehicle, so designed and constructed that the application of the brakes will bring the vehicle to rest within a reasonable distance.

### **Brakes of trailer**

38. (1) Except as provided in sub-regulation (2), every trailer exceeding 2 cwt in weight unladen must have an efficient braking system, the brakes of which are capable of being applied when the trailer is being drawn—

- (a) to at least 2 wheels in the case of a trailer having not more than 4 wheels;
- (b) to at least 4 wheels in the case of a trailer having more than 4 wheels; and
- (c) to at least half the number of wheels of the trailer,

so constructed that—

- (i) the brakes can be applied either by the driver of the drawing vehicle or by some other person on that vehicle or the trailer, unless the trailer does not exceed one ton in weight unladen or is a living van not exceeding 2 tons in weight unladen and in either case the brakes of the trailer automatically come into operation on the overrun of the trailer;
- (ii) the brakes are capable of being set so as effectively to prevent 2 at least of the wheels from revolving when the trailer, whether it is attached to the drawing vehicle or not, is not being drawn.

(2) Sub-regulation (1) does not apply to any broken-down vehicle which is being drawn by a motor vehicle in consequence of the breakdown, or to any land implement, land implement conveyor, agricultural trailer, wheeled cement mixer or mobile air compressor that is being towed to or from a site of work by a land tractor or industrial tractor at a speed of not exceeding 10 mph, or by a motor lorry or land rover at a speed not exceeding 15 mph.

(3) Every agricultural trailer other than a land implement, or land implement conveyor, must be provided with an efficient system of brakes that either automatically comes into operation on the overrun of the trailer or is capable of being actuated by the driver of the drawing vehicle.

(4) Every agricultural trailer must be provided with brakes that are capable of preventing at least 2 of the wheels from revolving whether it is attached to the drawing vehicle or not.

### **Mudguards**

39. Every motor vehicle and every trailer must be provided with wings or other

similar fittings to catch, so far as practicable, mud or water thrown up by the rotation of the wheels, unless adequate protection is afforded by the body of the vehicle.

### **Pneumatic tyres**

**40.** Every wheel of a motor vehicle or trailer must be equipped with a pneumatic tyre.

### **Indication on vehicle of speed limit**

**41.** On every motor vehicle of which the speed is restricted by regulation 4(2) there must be exhibited in a conspicuous position at the rear of the vehicle a disc not less than 8 inches in diameter which complies in all respects with the following requirements—

- (a) it must be fixed in a vertical position facing squarely to the rear and be kept clean and unobscured so as to be plainly visible from behind the vehicle;
- (b) the surface facing the rear must be either black or white, and if black must display on it the number 20 in white and if white must display on it the number 20 in black, and for the purpose of this requirement “white” includes silver and light grey;
- (c) each figure of the said number must be 3½ inches in height and 2½ inches in total width and every part of each figure must be 5/8 of an inch broad.

### **Maximum weight of motor vehicle**

**42. (1)** No motor vehicle having a gross weight laden in excess of 14 tons may be used on any road.

**(2)** In this regulation “**gross weight laden**” means the net weight of a motor vehicle together with the weight of goods or passengers carried by the vehicle.

### **Maximum weight of trailer**

**43.** No trailer, agricultural trailer or land implement with a net weight in excess of 5 tons and/or a gross laden weight of 10 tons may be used on any roads.

### **Danger from condition of vehicle, distribution of passengers and load, etc.**

**44. (1)** Every vehicle and all parts and accessories of any vehicle must at all times while the vehicle is used on a road be in such a condition, and the number of passengers carried by, and the weight, distribution, packing, and adjustment of the load of, the vehicle must at all times be such, that no danger is caused or is likely to be caused to any person on the vehicle or on a road.

**(1A)** In the case of a public service vehicle the provisions of sub-regulation (1) with regard to the number of passengers carried are complied with if the number does not exceed that for the time being permitted by these Regulations.

**(2)** The load carried by any vehicle must be so secured that danger is not likely to be caused to any person on a road by reason that the load or any part of it may fall from the vehicle.

(3) No vehicle may be used for any purpose for which it is so unsuitable as to cause or be likely to cause danger to any person on the vehicle or on a road.

#### **Maintenance of speed indicator**

45. (1) Every instrument for indicating speed provided in compliance with these Regulations must—

- (a) at all material times be maintained in good working order; and
- (b) be kept free from any obstruction which might interfere with the observation of any indication given by the instrument.

(2) It is a defence to proceedings taken in respect of the maintenance of an instrument for indicating speed to prove that—

- (a) the defect occurred in the course of the journey during which the contravention was detected; or
- (b) at the time when the contravention was detected steps had already been taken to have the defect remedied with all reasonable expedition.

#### **Maintenance of transparent material**

46. All glass or other transparent material fitted to a motor vehicle must be maintained in such condition that it does not obscure the vision of the driver while the vehicle is being driven on a road.

#### **Maintenance of brakes and steering**

47. Every windscreen wiper required by these regulations to be fitted to a motor vehicle, every part of every braking system and of the means of operation of the system fitted to a motor vehicle or trailer and all steering gear fitted to a motor vehicle must at all times, while the motor vehicle or trailer is used on a road, be maintained in good and efficient working order and be properly adjusted.

#### **Cut-out and maintenance of silencer**

48. (1) No person may use or cause or permit to be used on a road any vehicle propelled by an internal-combustion engine so that the exhaust gases from the engine escape into the atmosphere without first passing through the silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance required by these Regulations to be fitted.

(2) Every such silencer, expansion chamber or other contrivance must at all times while the vehicle is used on a road be maintained in good and efficient working order, and must not have been altered in such a way that the noise caused by the escape of the exhaust gases is made greater by the alteration.

#### **Maintenance of tyres**

49. (1) Except as provided in sub-regulation (2), no person may use or cause or permit to be used on a road any motor vehicle or trailer a wheel of which is fitted with a pneumatic tyre, if—

- (a) the tyre is unsuitable having regard to the use to which the motor vehicle or trailer is being put or to the types of tyres fitted to its other wheels;
- (b) the tyre is not so inflated as to make it fit for the use to which the motor vehicle or trailer is being put;
- (c) the tyre has a break in its fabric, or has a cut in excess of one inch or 10% of the section width of the tyre, whichever is the greater, measured in any direction on the outside of the tyre and deep enough to reach the body cords;
- (d) the tyre has any lump or bulge caused by separation or partial failure of its structure;
- (e) the tyre has any portion of the ply or cord structure exposed;
- (f) if the tyre is fitted to a wheel of a ~~motor vehicle, being a~~ motor cycle of which the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 50 cubic centimetres, the tread of the tyre does not show throughout at least 3/4 of the breadth of the tread and round the entire outer circumference of the tyre a pattern the relief of which is clearly visible;
- (g) if the tyre is fitted to the wheel of any other motor vehicle or any trailer, the tread pattern (excluding any tiebar) of the tyre does not have a depth of at least 1 mm. throughout at least 3/4 of the breadth of the tread and round the entire outer circumference of the tyre.

**(1A)** Sub-regulation (1) does not apply -

- (a) to a motor cycle that has 3 wheels, the unladen weight of which does not exceed 2 cwt and which is incapable of exceeding a speed of 12 miles per hour on the level under its own power; or
- (b) to a pedestrian controlled vehicle which is a works truck.

**(2)** Sub-regulation (1) does not apply to a land locomotive, land tractor, land implement or land implement conveyor, or to an agricultural trailer which is being drawn by a land tractor, and nothing in that sub-regulation or in sub-regulation (3) applies to a broken down vehicle or to a vehicle proceeding to a place where it is to be broken up, in either case being drawn by a motor vehicle at a speed not exceeding 20 miles per hour.

**(3)** No person may use or cause or permit to be used on a road any motor vehicle or trailer a wheel of which is fitted with a recut pneumatic tyre.

**(4)** Without affecting sub-regulations (1) and (3), all the tyres of a motor vehicle or trailer must at all times while the vehicle or trailer is used on a road be maintained in such condition as to be fit for the use to which the vehicle or trailer is being put, and as to be free from any defect which might in any way cause damage to the surface of the road or danger to persons on or in the vehicle or to other persons using the road.

### **Emission of smoke, etc.**

**50.** Every motor vehicle must be maintained in such a condition, and must be so driven and used on a road, that there is not emitted from it any smoke, visible vapour or oily substance, the emission of which -

- (a) could be prevented or avoided by the taking of any reasonable steps or the exercise of reasonable care; or
- (b) might cause damage to any person or any property or endanger the safety of any person in consequence of any harmful content in the emission.

**Noise due to defects**

**51.** No person may use or cause or permit to be used on a road any motor vehicle or trailer which causes any excessive noise either directly or indirectly as a result of—

- (a) any defect (including a defect in design or construction), lack of repair or faulty adjustment of the motor vehicle or trailer or any part or accessory of the motor vehicle or trailer; or
- (b) the faulty packing or adjustment of the load of the motor vehicle or trailer.

**Noise due to careless use**

**52.** No motor vehicle may be used on a road in such a manner as to cause any excessive noise which could have been avoided by the exercise of reasonable care on the part of the driver.

**Interference with wireless telegraphy**

**53.** Every motor vehicle must be fitted with apparatus to suppress any interference with wireless telegraphy that might be caused by the operation of the vehicle.

**Stopping of machinery of stationary vehicle**

**54.** (1) The driver of every motor vehicle must, when the vehicle is stationary otherwise than through enforced stoppage owing to the necessities of traffic, stop the action of any machinery attached to or forming part of the vehicle, so far as may be necessary for the prevention of noise.

(2) Sub-regulation (1) does not apply so as to prevent the examination or working of the machinery if any such examination or working is rendered necessary by any failure or derangement of the machinery or if the machinery is required to be working for some ancillary purpose.

**Limitation of audible warning in Jamestown**

**55.** Except in an emergency for the avoidance of accident, no person may in Jamestown during the period from 7.00 p.m. to 7.00 a.m. sound any audible instrument fitted to a motor vehicle.

**Use of audible instrument on stationary vehicle**

**56.** When a motor vehicle is stationary on a road no person may, except for the avoidance of accident, use or permit to be used any audible instrument fitted to the motor vehicle.

**Leaving of vehicle on gradient**

**57.** A person in charge of a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle must not leave it on a road in such circumstances that it is liable to be moved by the force of gravity, unless a brake has been so set as to prevent such movement and the reverse gear or the lowest forward

gear has been engaged.

### **Position of driver**

**58.** A person while driving a motor vehicle must not be in such a position that he or she has not proper control over the vehicle or does not retain a full view of the road and traffic ahead.

### **Unnecessary reversing**

**59.** A person must not, except in the case of a road roller or other road plant engaged in the construction, maintenance or repair of roads, cause a motor vehicle to travel backwards for a greater distance or time than is requisite for the safety or reasonable convenience of the occupants of the vehicle or of other traffic on the road.

### **Obstruction by vehicle**

**60.** A person in charge of a vehicle must not cause or permit the vehicle to stand on a road so as to cause any unnecessary obstruction of the road.

### **Parking at night**

**61. (1)** A person must not, except with the permission of a police officer in uniform, cause or permit any motor vehicle to stand on any road during the hours of darkness otherwise than with the left or near side of the vehicle as close as may be to the edge of the carriageway.

**(2)** Sub-regulation (1) does not apply to—

- (a)* any motor vehicle whilst it is being used for fire brigade, medical or police purposes;
- (b)* any motor vehicle whilst it is being used in connection with the repair of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of water or electricity or of any telephone or telegraph wires, cables, posts or supports, or the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
- (c)* any motor vehicle standing on a part of the road specially set aside for the parking of vehicles.

### **Number of persons on motor cycle and quadricycle**

**62. (1)** Subject to sub-regulations (2) and (3), not more than one person in addition to the driver may be carried on any motor cycle or quadricycle, and if any person is so carried he or she must—

- (a)* sit astride the motor cycle or quadricycle; and
- (b)* in the case of a motor bicycle, sit on a proper seat securely fixed behind the driver's seat and with proper supports or rests for the feet.

**(2)** In the case of a motor cycle to which a sidecar is attached, one person may be carried in the sidecar in addition to any other person allowed to be carried on that motor cycle under this regulation.

(3) No child under the age of 8 years may be carried on a motor cycle or quadricycle.

### **Projecting loads**

**63.** (1) Subject to sub-regulations (2) and (3), no load may be carried on any motor vehicle or trailer if the load projects more than one foot laterally beyond the overall width of the vehicle or if the total width of the load exceeds 9 feet.

(2) The Director of Police may authorise by permit in writing, subject to any conditions he or she imposes, the carriage by any motor vehicle or trailer of an article, which must be specified in the permit, which cannot be carried in accordance with sub-regulation (1).

- (3) A permit granted under sub-regulation (2) -
- (a) is valid for one journey only;
  - (b) must be carried by the driver of the load to which it refers; and
  - (c) must be produced by the driver on demand to any police officer.

### **Mascots**

**64.** No mascot may be carried by a motor vehicle in any position where it is likely to strike any person with whom the vehicle comes into collision if the mascot is liable to cause injury to that person by reason of any projection on it.

### **Equipment of pedal cycle**

- 65.** Every pedal cycle must be fitted with—
- (a) a bell capable of giving audible and sufficient warning of its approach;
  - (b) 2 independent braking systems one of which operates on the front wheel or both front wheels if it has two front wheels and the other of which operates on the rear wheel or one of the rear wheels if it has 2 rear wheels.

### **Number of persons on pedal cycle**

**66.** No pedal cycle may be used on any road for the carriage of more than one person or, if it is suitably equipped for the carriage of 2 persons, of more than 2 persons.

## **PART VII VEHICLE LIGHTING**

### **Lamps and reflectors**

- 67.** (1) Subject to regulation 70 every vehicle on a road must during the hours of darkness carry—
- (a) 2 lamps one on either side of the centre line of the vehicle, each showing to the front a white light visible from a reasonable distance;
  - (b) one lamp on the off side of the centre line of the vehicle, showing to the rear a red light visible from a reasonable distance,

and every such lamp must, while the vehicle is on a road during the hours of darkness, be kept properly trimmed, lighted and in a clean and efficient condition.

(2) Every vehicle on a road must during the hours of darkness carry on the off side of the centre line of the vehicle an unobscured and efficient red reflector facing to the rear.

(3) If a vehicle carries more than one lamp showing to the rear a red light or more than one red reflector facing to the rear, one such lamp or reflector must in either case be carried on the near side of the centre line of the vehicle.

### **Colours of lights**

68. (1) No vehicle may, except with the permission of the Director of Police, show any light other than a white light to the front.

(2) No vehicle may show any light other than a red light to the rear, but this sub-regulation does not apply to lamps carried for the purpose of internal illumination or of illuminating a number plate or to any device for giving signals to overtaking traffic or to a light which is being used for the purpose of enabling the vehicle to travel backwards.

### **Special provisions as to lights on certain types of vehicle**

69. The regulations 67 and 68 apply to bicycles, tricycles and invalid carriages and to vehicles drawn by horses or other animals, subject to the following modifications—

- (a) on bicycles not having a sidecar attached to them, whether propelled by mechanical power or not, on tricycles not propelled by mechanical power, on invalid carriages and on vehicles drawn by horses or other animals, only a single lamp showing a white light to the front instead of 2 such lamps need be carried;
- (b) on bicycles not having a sidecar attached to them, whether propelled by mechanical power or not, and on tricycles not propelled by mechanical power, no lamp need be carried if the bicycle or tricycle is being wheeled by a person on foot as near as possible to the near side of the carriageway.

### **Lights on stationary vehicle**

70. These regulations do not require the lighting of any lamp on a vehicle if the vehicle is stationary and—

- (a) is in a parking place prescribed by or in accordance with these Regulations; or
- (b) is as near as is practicable to the near side of the road and either the road is lighted by street lamps or the vehicle carries on either side of the centre line of the vehicle 2 unobscured and efficient white reflectors facing to the front and 2 unobscured and efficient red reflectors facing to the rear; or
- (c) is a pedal bicycle.

### **Dazzle**

71. Any lamp fitted to a vehicle and having a dazzling effect must be provided with means of eliminating such effect, and such effect must be eliminated when the vehicle is approached by other persons using the road or is proceeding along a road sufficiently lighted

by street lamps.

## **PART VIII MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Attendants for agricultural trailers, etc.**

**72.** The requirements of section 35 of the Ordinance with regard to drivers and attendants do not apply to a land implement, land implement conveyor, agricultural trailer, wheeled air compressor or cement mixer that is being drawn by a land tractor or an industrial tractor.

### **Restriction on the use of pedal cycles**

- 73.** A person must not ride a pedal cycle on any of the following roads—
- (a) Longwood Road: between Two Gun Saddle and the Briars;
  - (b) Side Path and Napoleon Street: between the Briars and Main Street;
  - (c) Half Tree Hollow and Ladder Hill: between the Salvation Army Hall and China Lane;
  - (d) “W” Road: between Francis Plain Ridge Gate and White Gate.

### **Persons on motor cycles and quadricycles to wear helmets**

**74.** Every person driving or riding on a quadricycle or motor cycle on a road must at all times while the vehicle is in motion wear a properly fitting approved type of protective helmet which must be properly fastened.

### **Motor vehicles to keep to left of white lines**

- 75.** Where the highway authority has, by means of continuous white lines marked on the surface of the road, separated a part of the road for the use of traffic moving in one direction from a part of the road for the use of traffic moving in the other direction—
- (a) no person may stop a motor vehicle or trailer on any length of such road between the 2 ends of such marking; and
  - (b) every motor vehicle must be so driven as to keep that continuous white line on the right or off side of the vehicle and of any trailer drawn by such vehicle.

### **Pedestrian crossings**

**75A. (1)** The Highway Authority may where appropriate mark roads with thick white lines and signs to indicate that the place so marked is a pedestrian crossing.

**(2)** All motor vehicles and pedal cycles must stop and give way to any person crossing or about to cross a road at a pedestrian crossing.

### **School crossings**

**76. (1)** The driver of a motor vehicle must stop the vehicle when required to do so by a person displaying in the road a sign bearing the words “STOP-CHILDREN CROSSING” and must not proceed until any child waiting to cross the road has done so.

- (2) A person must not display a sign referred to in sub-regulation (1) unless—
- (a) the person is authorised to do so by the Director of Police; and
  - (b) it is necessary to do so to allow a child to cross the road safely.

### Prescribed fees

77. The prescribed fees for—
- (a) the registration and any amendment of the registration of a motor vehicle or trailer;
  - (b) a licence for a motor vehicle or trailer;
  - (c) a driving licence, provisional driving licence, and duplicate driving licence;
  - (d) a certificate of competence to drive;
  - (e) an inspection and reinspection of roadworthiness for a vehicle,
- are as set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulation.

### Prescribed forms

78. The forms of licences and other documents issued or used for the purposes of the Ordinance are those set out in the Third Schedule to these regulations.

## FIRST SCHEDULE

*Repealed*

## SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 77)

### FEES

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1 Licence for motor vehicle	
1.1 Private motor vehicle—	
1.1.1 seating capacity six or less (including driver)	42.40
1.1.2 seating capacity exceeding six	54.50
1.2 Private motor lorry—	
1.2.1 5,000 lbs net weight or less	66.50
1.2.2 over 5,000 lbs net weight	84.70
1.3 Public service vehicle—	
1.3.1 5,000 lbs net weight or less	66.50
1.3.2 over 5,000 lbs net weight	84.70
1.4 Motor cycle—	
1.4.1 250cc engine capacity or less	24.20
1.4.2 over 250cc engine capacity	30.30
1.4.3 with sidecar	30.30
1.5 Quadricycle	30.30
1.6 Special vehicle (not included in item 1.7) including—	36.30
agricultural wheeled tractor	
road roller	
forklift	
crawler tractor	
1.7 Motor vehicle with gross weight exceeding 10 tons	

	(other than road roller)	84.70
1.8	Mobile crane	84.70
2	Licence for trailer	30.30
3	Licence for wheeled loader	84.70
4	Driving licence	
4.1	Issue of driving licence	12.10
4.2	Issue of provisional driving licence	12.10
4.3	Issue of duplicate driving licence	9.10
5	Certificate of competence	
5.1	Examination fee	12.10
5.2	Issue of certificate of competence	6.00
6	Registration of motor vehicle	12.10
7	Amendment of registration on change of ownership	6.00
8	Vehicle inspection fee	
8.1	Original inspection:	
	8.1.1 Vehicles (other than cranes):	
	(a) any truck with a gross combination mass of over 3,500 kilograms (7,716 lb)	25.00
	(b) all other vehicles	20.00
	8.1.2 Cranes:	
	(a) not exceeding a lifting capacity of 20 tonnes	75.00
	(b) exceeding a lifting capacity of 20 tonnes	200.00
8.2	Re-inspection within 3 months of failure to pass original inspection:	
	8.2.1 Vehicles (other than cranes):	
	(a) Any truck with a gross combination mass of over 3,500 kilograms (7,716 lb)	15.00
	(b) All other vehicles	10.00
	8.2.2 Cranes:	
	(a) not exceeding a lifting capacity of 20 tonnes	37.50
	(b) exceeding a lifting capacity of 20 tonnes	100.00

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### THIRD SCHEDULE

(Regulation 78)

#### FORMS

Form A:	Application for registration of motor vehicle or trailer
Form B:	Notification of change of ownership of motor vehicle or trailer
Form C:	Notification of custody or use of motor vehicle or trailer
Form D:	Roadworthiness certificate
Form E:	Notification of refusal of a roadworthiness certificate
Form F:	Motor vehicle or trailer licence
Form G:	Application for licence to drive a motor vehicle
Form H:	Driving licence
Form I:	Certificate of competence
Form J:	Provisional driving licence

Form A

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**  
(Section 6)

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER**

To the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

Name of Owner .....

Make of Vehicle .....

Description of Vehicle (tourer, saloon, lorry or otherwise) .....

Capacity of Vehicle for conveyance of passengers or goods .....

Year of Manufacture .....

Chassis No .....

Horsepower ..... Tare .....

Overall width ..... Overall length .....

Wheel base ..... Overhang .....

Height (exclusive of hood or covering) .....

If desired to convert for carriage of passengers, state proposed seating capacity .....

Remarks (if any) .....

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I hereby certify that the foregoing particulars are correct in every respect.

Date .....

Signature of Owner.

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Form B

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**  
(Section 8(1))

**NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP OF MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER**

To the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

I hereby notify you that on (a) ..... I became the owner/part owner of the motor vehicle/ trailer, Registered No....., formerly registered in the name of (b) ....., by reason of (c) .....

(d) My ownership in the vehicle consists of ..... share.

Date .....

Signature of Owner or Part Owner.

- (a) Insert date vehicle acquired by new owner or part owner.
- (b) Insert name of former owner.
- (c) State how vehicle (or share in vehicle) acquired, e.g. purchase, gift, exchange, etc.
- (d) To be completed in case of part ownership only.

Form C

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**  
(Section 8(2))

**NOTIFICATION OF CUSTODY OR USE OF MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER**

To the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

I hereby notify you that on (a) ..... I became entitled to the custody and/or use of the motor vehicle/trailer, Registered No....., formerly registered in the name of (b) ....., by reason of the death of the owner of it.

*(Note: If not entitled to full ownership, give below particulars of rights of ownership or possession)*

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Date .....

.....  
Signature of person entitled to Custody or Use.

- (a) Insert date.
- (b) Insert name of previous owner or part owner.

Form D

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**  
(Section 11(2))

**ROADWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE**

Name of owner .....

Address .....

- Registration number
- Make and Model
- Engine Capacity
- Type of body
- Year of make
- Recorded mileage

Please delete as applicable.

- 1. Lighting
  - a) Are all necessary lights and reflectors fitted? Yes/No
  - b) Are all lights in working and correctly aligned? Yes/No

## 2. Brakes

- a) Is the handbrake effective? Yes/No
- b) State effectiveness of footbrake. Good/Satisfactory/Unserviceable
- c) Is there a margin for adjustment of (i) handbrake? Yes/No  
(ii) footbrake? Yes/No
- d) Are all brake hoses and cables sound? Yes/No
- e) Is there any leakage from the system? Yes/No

## 3. Tyres

	State condition of each tyre	State depth of tread remaining, in millimetres
a)	N/S front	Good/Satisfactory/Unserviceable ..... mm
b)	O/S front	Good/Satisfactory/Unserviceable ..... mm
c)	N/S rear	Good/Satisfactory/Unserviceable ..... mm
d)	O/S rear	Good/Satisfactory/Unserviceable ..... mm
e)	Spare	Good/Satisfactory/Unserviceable ..... mm

## 4. Steering

- a) Is the steering (i) free from undue play? Yes/No  
(ii) operating freely? Yes/No
- b) Is the front wheel alignment correct? Yes/No
- c) Are all steering connections sound (including king pins)? Yes/No

## 5. Petrol System

- a) Are all the petrol connections sound? Yes/No
- b) Are petrol pipes or flexible hoses sound? Yes/No
- c) Is there any leakage from the system? Yes/No

## 6. Electrical System

- a) Is the insulation of all wiring sound? Yes/No
- b) Are there any defects suggesting the risk of fire from electrical breakdown? Yes/No
- c) Do the indicators horn and windscreen wipers operate correctly? Yes/No

## 7. General

- a) State present condition of road spring, shackles and shock absorbers
- b) What corrosion can be detected  
(i) in load bearing members and panels?  
(ii) in external panels?  
(iii) interior?
- c) Does the vehicle appear to have been well maintained? Yes/No
- d) Does the vehicle conform to the manufacturer's original specification? Yes/No  
If 'No' give details including full particulars of increased performance, if applicable.
- e) Details of any faults not mentioned above which require attention (including worn parts needing replacement now or in the near future).

I certify that the above motor vehicle complies with the requirements of the Road Traffic Regulations and that its condition is not such as to cause danger to any person travelling in it or being upon any road.

Date .....

Signature of inspector.

Form E

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**  
(Section 11(2))

**NOTIFICATION OF REFUSAL OF A ROADWORTHINESS CERTIFICATE**

Name of Owner .....

Address .....

- Registration number
- Make and Model
- Engine Capacity
- Type of body
- Year of make
- Recorded mileage

The motor vehicle of which the Registration Number ..... having been examined under section 11(2) of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985, it is hereby notified that a Roadworthiness Certificate in respect of the vehicle is refused on the grounds that at the date of the examination the statutory requirements prescribed by regulations made under the said section were not complied with for the following reasons—

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Date .....

Signature of inspector.

Form F

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**  
(Section 11)

**MOTOR VEHICLE OR TRAILER LICENCE**

Licence is hereby granted to ..... subject to the provisions of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985 and any regulations made under it, to use on any road the motor vehicle/trailer described below, until the ..... day of ....., 20.....

Description of Motor Vehicle or Trailer  
 Registered No ..... Chassis No .....  
 Type of Vehicle ..... Make .....  
 Maximum number of passengers permitted .....  
 Fee paid .....  
 Date .....

Signature of Licensing Officer

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Form G

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**  
 (Sections 16 and 21)

**APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE**

*The Applicant should answer all the questions on this form and submit it, together with his present licence (if any) and the prescribed fee, to the Licensing Officer.*

1. From what date do you want the licence to run?
2. What is your surname? (answer in BLOCK CAPITALS)
3. What are your full Christian names? (answer in BLOCK CAPITALS and insert Mr. Mrs., or Miss etc. as the case may be).
4. What kind of licence do you want? (State class or classes of motor vehicle you wish to drive—see note 1. If you have not previously held a driving licence, insert “Provisional”).
5. What is your age? (If over 21 write “Over 21”).
6. Has any court over the last three years ordered a conviction to be endorsed on your licence? This includes an order for disqualification. (Answer “Yes” or “No”. If “Yes”, give date and particulars).
7. Are you disqualified by any Court from holding or obtaining a driving licence? (Answer “Yes” or “No”).
8. Have you ever been refused a driving licence or had one revoked by any licensing authority? (Answer “Yes” or “No”. If “Yes”, name the licensing authority and give date).
9. Do you suffer from epilepsy, or from sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting (Answer “Yes” or “No”).
10. Can you read at a distance of 25 yards in good daylight, with glasses if worn, a motor car number plate containing not less than three letters or figures? (Answer “Yes” or “No”).
11. Are you without hand or foot, or are you suffering from any defect in movement, control or muscular power of either leg or arm? (Answer “Yes” or “No”).

12. Are you suffering from any other disease, mental or physical, or disability which would be likely to cause the driving by you of a motor vehicle to be a source of danger to the public? (Answer “Yes” or “No”)

13. Have you studied the St Helena Highway Code? (Answer “Yes” or “No”).

14. Do you understand that (subject to statutory exceptions) it is an offence to use a motor vehicle on a road unless covered by insurance against third party risks?— see note 2. (Answer “Yes” or “No”).

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers given above are true. (see note 3).

Date .....

Signature of Applicant.

Note 1 Classes of Motor Vehicles—

A—Private motor cars

B—Private motor lorries

C—Public Service Vehicles of net weight not exceeding 5,000 lbs (2,273 kg)

(Note: This class includes all cars, taxis, landrovers and transit buses)

D—Public Service Vehicles of net weight exceeding 5,000 lbs (2,273 kg)

(Note: This class includes trucks and certain heavy buses)

E—Motorcycles up to and including 250cc

F—Motorcycles over 250cc

G—Motor tricycles and motor cycle combinations

H— (1) Agricultural wheeled tractors towing trailers

(2) Road rollers

(3) Forklifts

J— (1) Crawler Tractors

(2) Wheeled loaders

(3) Mobile cranes

(4) Any vehicle or mobile equipment of gross weight in excess of 22,000 lbs (10 tonnes) with the exception of road rollers covered by class H(2)

K—Quadricycles

Note 2 A person who uses a motor vehicle on a road without there being in force a policy of insurance against third party risks as required under the provisions of the Motor Vehicle (Third Party Insurance) Ordinance, 1962, is liable to a fine not exceeding £50 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months, or to both such fine and imprisonment and is also liable to be disqualified for holding a driving licence (Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) Ordinance, 1962, section 3).

Note 3 An applicant who, for the purpose of obtaining a licence, knowingly makes any false statement is liable to a fine not exceeding £100 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both such fine and imprisonment (Road Traffic Ordinance, section 63).

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**

(Section 16)

**DRIVING LICENCE**

No. ....  
..... of .....,  
St Helena, is hereby licensed to drive motor vehicles of Class/Classes .....  
from ..... to ....., inclusive.  
Fee .....  
.....  
Licensing Officer,  
St Helena.  
Usual Signature of Licensee .....

Form I

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**

(Section 22(1))

**CERTIFICATE OF COMPETENCE**

I hereby certify that I have tested ..... over the  
prescribed route as to his/her competence to drive a motor vehicle of the class or description  
stated below and as to his/her knowledge of the Highway Code and that I have satisfied  
myself that he/she is competent to drive and control a motor vehicle of the class stated below  
and possesses an adequate knowledge of the Highway Code.

Class or description of Vehicle—

Date .....  
.....  
Signature of Examiner

Form J

**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**

(Section 22(2))

**PROVISIONAL DRIVING LICENCE**

No. ....  
..... of ....., St  
Helena, is hereby licensed to drive a motor vehicle of Class .....  
from ..... to ....., inclusive subject to the conditions  
endorsed hereon.

Fee .....

.....

Licensing Officer,  
St Helena

Usual Signature of Licensee .....

Conditions

1. The holder of a provisional licence when driving any motor vehicle which the holder is not qualified by test to drive, must carry the prescribed “L” plates at the front and back of the vehicle.

2. The licensee must be accompanied by a supervisor when driving a vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than one person (other than a motor cycle without a sidecar or a quadricycle). The supervisor must hold a current annual licence to drive the class of vehicle being driven by the provisional licence holder and must have passed the driving test and held licences to drive for not less than 2 years.

3. When driving a motor cycle without a sidecar, but which is constructed or adapted to carry more than one person, or a quadricycle, the licensee must not carry any pillion passenger except where that passenger is a licence holder as in paragraph 2 above.

4. The licensee must not take charge of the steering wheel on Ladder Hill or Side Path or when approaching and passing blind corners and dangerous bends, declivities or animals unless or until the instructor is satisfied as to the ability of the licensee to avoid injury or damage to life and property.

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**LOCAL TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, 1985**

(Section 60)

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**PART I  
PRELIMINARY**

**Citation**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Local Traffic Regulations, 1985.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—  
“**the island**” means that part of the roundabout, situated approximately in the centre of it, the surface of which has been painted white;  
“**Market Street**” is deemed to commence at the Canister and terminate at the General Hospital;  
“**the roundabout**” means all the area of road situated in front of the Canister in Jamestown, bounded by a single continuous white line painted on the road surface;  
“**the sea front**” means that area of roadway between the gates at the customs shed and West Rocks;  
“**the Wharf**” means that area of roadway between the gates at the Customs Shed and the landing steps.

**PART II  
PARKING**

**Parking areas in Jamestown**

3. The areas within the limits demarcated on the roadway in Jamestown—
  - (a) in Main Street;
  - (b) in Castle Square;
  - (c) in Barracks Square;
  - (d) on the Sea Front;
  - (e) on the Wharf;
  - (f) in Market Street;
  - (g) in Henry’s site at the rear of the Canister;
  - (h) in Napoleon Street,
are parking places for vehicles.

**Taxi parking**

4. The area within the limits demarcated on the land opposite E. J. Benjamin Stores in Market Street is reserved exclusively for the parking of taxis which are then and there available for hire.

**Temporary parking spaces**

5. Whenever on any special occasion the Director of Police considers it necessary for the proper regulation of traffic, he or she may, with the approval of the Highway Authority, designate any place to be a temporary parking place.

### **Restriction on parking**

**6. (1)** It is an offence for any person in charge of a motor vehicle to cause or permit the motor vehicle, or any trailer drawn by it, to remain at rest on any portion of any road where a sign has been lawfully erected and placed indicating that parking of motor vehicles is prohibited on that section of the road, or where a continuous yellow line has been placed along the side of the carriageway.

- (2)** Sub-regulation (1) does not apply to any vehicle—
- (a)* while it is being used for fire brigade, medical or police purposes;
  - (b)* while it is been used in connection with the repair of any road, or any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of water or electricity, or of any telephone wires, cables, posts or supports, or the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - (c)* that is temporarily parked for the purpose of loading or off loading goods or taking up or setting down passengers, for a period reasonably required to effect such purpose.

## **PART III DIRECTION OF TRAFFIC**

### **One way traffic in Jamestown**

**7.** No vehicle in Jamestown may proceed along any side of the rectangle of which 2 of the sides are formed by China Lane and St John's Church Road otherwise than in a clockwise direction.

### **Direction of travel**

**8.** No vehicle may be driven on any part of the roundabout otherwise than in such a direction that the whole of the island is always to the right of the vehicle, except in case of emergency (or cases of vehicles which by reason of their size, construction or load cannot otherwise negotiate the roundabout).

### **Traffic restrictions on the Shy Road**

**9. (1)** This regulation applies to that part of the Shy Road between Button-Hole Corner and Ladder-Hill Road.

**(2)** No vehicle having a gross weight exceeding 4,000 pounds may be used on the road to which this regulation applies.

**(3)** No vehicle may be driven on the road to which this regulation applies otherwise than in an uphill direction.

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## **ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**

### **ROAD TRAFFIC (SIGNS) REGULATIONS, 1995**

(Section 60)

### Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Signs) Regulations, 1995.

### Prescribed signs

2. (1) The signs set out in the Schedule are prescribed signs for the purposes of section 61 of the Ordinance.

(2) A sign referred to in sub-regulation (1) has the meaning set out in respect of that sign under the heading “Requirement of sign” in the Schedule.

### Definitions

3. In these Regulations—  
 “park” means to leave a vehicle standing if the vehicle is not actually engaged in taking up or setting down a person or goods;  
 “stand” means to leave a vehicle standing if the vehicle is actually engaged in taking up or setting down a person or goods.

## SCHEDULE (Regulation 2)

### PRESCRIBED SIGNS

#### Diagram

#### Number

#### Sign

#### Description of sign

#### Requirement of sign

1



Octagonal shape, bearing the word STOP in capitals in white letters on a red background.

(i) Every vehicle must stop before crossing the transverse line shown in the diagram 17, or if that line is not clearly visible, before entering the major road in respect of which the sign shown in diagram 1 has been provided.  
 (ii) No vehicle may proceed past the transverse line shown in diagram 17 or if that line is not clearly visible, enter the major road in respect of which the sign shown in diagram 1 has been



provided, so as to be likely to cause danger to the driver of any other vehicle on the major road or to cause that driver to change the speed or course of his vehicle so as to avoid an accident.

2

Triangular in shape with its vertex pointing downwards; has a red border on a white background.

- (i) Every vehicle must give way to traffic on the major road in respect of which the sign has been provided.
- (ii) No vehicle may proceed past the double transverse lines shown in diagram 18 or enter the major road in respect of which the sign shown in diagram 2 has been provided, so as to cause danger to the driver of any other vehicle on the major road or to cause that driver to change the speed or course of his vehicle so as to avoid an accident.

3



Circular in shape, bearing a horizontal white band across part of its diameter, on a red background.

No vehicle may enter the road on which the sign shown in diagram 3 is displayed, from the direction in which the sign is visible.

4



Circular in shape, bearing a black symbol and a red diagonal line on a white background with a red border.

No vehicle may turn left along the road at the junction on which the sign is displayed.

5



Circular in shape, bearing a black symbol and a red diagonal line on a white background with a red border.

No vehicle may turn right along the road at the junction on which the sign is displayed.

6



Circular in shape, bearing black numerals, indicating the maximum speed permitted in miles per hour, on a white background with a red border.

No vehicle may be driven along any road beyond the point at which the sign is displayed at a speed in excess of the limit indicated on such sign, unless a sign has been subsequently displayed cancelling such restriction.

7



Circular in shape, bearing black figures and the letter T to denote tonnes, on a white background with a red border

No vehicle may be driven along any road beyond the point at which the sign is displayed with a gross weight in excess of the limit indicated by the sign.

8



Circular in shape, bearing a white arrow on a blue background

Every vehicle must proceed

ahead only.

9



Circular in shape, bearing a white arrow on a blue background

Every vehicle must proceed only in the direction indicated by the arrow.

10



Circular in shape, bearing a white arrow on a blue background

Every vehicle must turn left at the junction.

11



Circular in shape, bearing a white arrow on a blue background

Every vehicle must turn right at the junction.

12



Circular in shape, bearing a white arrow pointing in a downward direction towards the left or the right on a blue background

Every vehicle must pass on the side of the obstacle as indicated by the arrow.

13



Circular in shape, bearing 3 white arrows shown in a clockwise direction.

- (i) Every vehicle must travel on the roundabout in a clockwise direction.
- (ii) Every vehicle must give way at the transverse broken line shown in diagram 19 to traffic already on the roundabout.
- (iii) Every vehicle approaching the roundabout must give way to traffic approaching immediately from the right.
- (iv) No vehicle is permitted to stop, stand or park on the roundabout.

14



Rectangular in shape with its height greater than its width, bearing a white arrow on a blue background.

All vehicles must proceed in one direction along the road on which the sign shown is displayed from the direction in which the sign is visible.

15



White continuous longitudinal line painted on the surface of the road.

No vehicle may cross or straddle a white continuous longitudinal line painted on the surface of the road except when directed to do so by a policeman or so as to avoid a stationary obstruction.

16



White broken longitudinal line painted on the surface of the road.

Vehicles may cross or straddle a white broken longitudinal line but should do so only when it is safe to do.

17



White continuous transverse line painted on the surface of the road.

(i) Every vehicle must stop before crossing the transverse line shown in diagram 17.  
 (ii) No vehicle may proceed past the transverse line shown in diagram 17 so as to be likely to cause danger to the driver of any other vehicle on the major road or to cause that driver to change the speed or course of his or her vehicle so as to avoid an accident.

18



Double white transverse line painted on the surface of the road

(i) Every vehicle may give way at the transverse line shown in diagram 18 to traffic on the major road.  
 (ii) No vehicle may proceed past the transverse line shown in diagram 18 so as to be likely to cause danger to the driver of any other vehicle on the major road or to cause that driver to change the speed or course of his or her vehicle so as to avoid an accident.

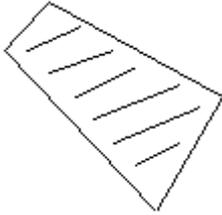
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White broken transverse line painted on the surface of the road.

Every vehicle must give priority at the transverse line shown in diagram 19 to the traffic from the right before entering the mini roundabout.

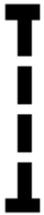
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White parallel oblique stripes framed by a continuous line painted on the road surface.

No vehicle may enter the area of road contained by the marking shown in diagram 20.

21



Yellow broken longitudinal line painted along the edge of the road.

Unless otherwise provided by markings on the road or by adjacent signs a vehicle must not be parked (except for the purpose of loading or unloading) on that side of the road on which is painted the marking shown in diagram 21 within the length of the markings.

22



Yellow continuous longitudinal line painted along the edge of the road.

A vehicle must not be parked any time on the side of the road on which is painted the marking shown in diagram 22 within the length of such marking, and a vehicle must not be allowed to stand on that part of the road to which such marking applies between the hours of 7.30 am and 9.30 am and between 2.30 pm and 4.30 pm on any day which is a normal public service working

day.

23



Yellow continuous double lines painted along the edge of the road.

A vehicle must not park or stand at any time on that side of the road on which is painted the marking shown in diagram 23 within the length of such marking.

24

RESERVED  
NAME OF  
PUBLIC  
OFFICER

White wording within a marked parking space.

No vehicle other than the vehicle used by the named public officer is to be parked in the marked parking during normal public service working hours.

25

RESERVED  
NAME OF  
GOVERNMENT  
AGENCY

White wording within a marked parking space.

No vehicle other than a vehicle used by the named Government agency is to be parked in the marked parking place.

26



Black bicycle on a white background with a red border and bar.

No bicycle may be ridden along any road beyond the point at which the sign is displayed unless a sign cancelling the restriction is

displayed.

27



Black bicycle on white background with a red border.

End of restriction on riding bicycle on the road.

28



Rectangular in shape with the height greater than the width with a red border and red words on a white background, the words reading "NO PARKING" and -  
(a) with the words and figures indicating when the sign is to operate; and  
(b) with or without other words, figures or symbols for any other purpose.

A vehicle must not be parked contrary to the directions specified on the sign.

29



Rectangular in shape with the height greater than the width with a red border and red words on a white background, the words reading "NO STANDING" and—  
(a) with the words and figures indicating when the sign is to operate; and  
(b) with or without other words, figures or symbols for any other purpose.

A vehicle must not stand contrary to the directions specified on the sign.

**LION ALCOLMETER AND LION INTOXILYZER (APPROVAL) RULES, 2008**  
(Section 42)

**Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Lion Alcolmeter and Lion Intoxilyzer (Approval) Rules, 2008.

**Approved screening devices**

2. The devices respectively known and marketed as the “Lion Alcolmeter 500” and the “Lion Alcolmeter S-D2” are approved screening devices for the purposes of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985.

**Approved measuring device**

3. The device known and marketed as the “Lion Intoxilyzer 8000” is an approved measuring device for the purposes of the Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985.

**Revocation**

4. *Omitted*

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**ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, 1985**

**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATIONS, 1985**

**PERMISSION TO USE VEHICLES TO LAUNCH SEA RESCUE  
BOATS, 2016**  
(Regulation 3(2))

The Licensing Officer has certified that the three launching dollies used by the Sea Rescue Service to launch the sea rescue boats are of such exceptional kind that it is proper to permit their use on a road without compliance with all the provisions of the regulations that would otherwise apply to their use. The Governor therefore permits their use subject to the following conditions:

1. The launching dollies will be used only in connection with the launching or maintenance of the Sea Rescue Boats.
2. The launching dollies will be used only on the road that runs between the Sea Rescue facility in Ruperts to the Slip Way also located in Ruperts.
3. The launching dollies will be towed at a maximum speed of 5 miles per hour.
4. When being towed, the launching dollies will have a member of staff at the rear of the dolly as a safety marshal.
5. The launching dollies will be subject to weekly safety inspections as to the general condition for the task for which they are being used.

