

**MOTOR CAR (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION)
ORDER**

(SECTION 92)

[Commencement 1st June, 1946]

*GN 62/1940
SI 61/1969
SI 16/1970
SI 45/1985*

1. This Order may be cited as the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order. Short title.
2. This Order, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.
 - “Act” mean the Road Traffic Act;
 - “motor car” has the same meaning as is ascribed to “motor vehicle” in the Act;
 - “convention” means an International convention relative to motor cars and traffic.
3. Any person resident in The Bahamas who desires to use a motor car registered and licensed in The Bahamas in any other country or state which shall have adhered to any convention to which The Bahamas has adhered, shall apply to the Controller of Road Traffic in Form I of the Schedule to this Order for an International Certificate and Identification Plates in respect of the motor car for which it is required. Such an International Certificate and Identification Plates shall be supplied by the Controller of Road Traffic. Adherence to convention by resident of The Bahamas.

Form I.
4. (1) The applicant must satisfy the Controller of Road Traffic before the issue of an International Certificate and Identification Plates, that the motor car complies with the requirements of the convention and for such purpose the Controller of Road Traffic may require the motor car for which the certificate and plates are required to be examined and a report made thereon. Applicant must satisfy Controller of Road Traffic.
 - (2) The fee payable for the International Certificate shall be twenty five dollars. *SI 45/1985*
5. Every applicant to receive a certificate, etc., under paragraph 4 of this Order, must carry, in a visible position in the rear of such motor car, the distinguishing letters “BS” written on the Identification Plate. These letters must be painted on an oval plate 30 cms. wide by 18 cms. high in black on a white ground. The letters must be at least 10 cms tall and their strokes of a width at least 15 mms. In so Issue of certificate, etc.

far as concerns the motor cycle the distinctive sign provided for will measure only 18 cms. horizontally and 12 cms. vertically. The letters will measure 8 cms. in height and 10 mms. in width.

Controller of Road Traffic to keep register of certificates.

6. The Controller of Road Traffic shall keep a register of all International Certificates issued by him and of all motor cars being used in The Bahamas under the authority of International Certificates issued in other countries.

Certificate re motor car issued outside The Bahamas.

7. (1) The owner of any motor car in respect of which an International Certificate and Identification Plates have been issued elsewhere than in The Bahamas, under any convention to which The Bahamas shall have adhered, may whilst such certificate remains valid, be exempted from any requirement to register or hold a licence in respect of such motor car in The Bahamas for a period not exceeding three months.

(2) In such case it shall be necessary only to present such certificate to the Controller of Road Traffic for proper recording and endorsement; thereupon the same shall be effective in The Bahamas in accordance with subparagraph (1) of this paragraph.

Sale of motor car brought into The Bahamas in accordance with convention.

8. If any person possessing an International Certificate sells or otherwise disposes of his motor car in The Bahamas, such disposal or sale shall immediately be notified to the Controller of Road Traffic and any failure to do so shall render such person and the purchaser of such motor car liable to prosecution for a breach of section 31 (1) of the Act and the motor car to seizure by the police. If such person remains in The Bahamas with his motor car beyond the period of three months, he shall be treated in all respects as a resident.

Issue of International Driving Permit to resident.
Form II.

9. Where a person in The Bahamas desires to drive a motor car in any other country which shall have adhered to any International Convention as aforesaid he shall apply to the Controller of Road Traffic in Form II of the Schedule to this Order for an International Driving Permit. The applicant must comply with the requirements of the said convention and shall, in addition to such other particulars as may be required by the Controller of Road Traffic, satisfy him that he holds a valid driver's licence issued in The Bahamas and that he is ordinarily resident in The Bahamas. The Controller of Road Traffic shall have

power to issue International Driving Permits in accordance with any convention as aforesaid on payment of the sum of twenty five dollars to the Treasurer of The Bahamas. Such permits shall, unless suspended by a court, remain in effect for twelve months from the date of issue.

10. The holder of an International Driving Permit issued elsewhere than in The Bahamas and in accordance with the provisions of any convention with respect to the International Circulation of Motor Cars to which The Bahamas shall have adhered, shall whilst such permit remains valid, be exempted from any requirement to hold a drivers licence to drive a motor car within The Bahamas. Such permit shall only be valid for the duration endorsed thereon.

Holders of International Driving Permits issued outside The Bahamas

11. The Controller of Road Traffic shall keep a special register in which he shall record the particulars of all drivers' permits endorsed or issued by him. Endorsement shall be effected by impressing his office stamp upon the permit and signing and dating same.

Controller of Road Traffic to keep register of drivers' permits

12. No motor car in respect of which an International Certificate, etc., has been issued elsewhere than in The Bahamas shall be used in The Bahamas for hire or trade purposes.

Motor car in The Bahamas in accordance with convention not to be used in trade

SCHEDULE

FORM I (Order 3)

APPLICATIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE AND IDENTIFICATION PLATES

I beg to apply for authorization to use my Motor Car/Cycle/Truck upon the roads of in accordance with the provisions of the International Convention 1926 and I attach Certificate of the Motor Vehicle Examiner.

.....
Signature of Applicant.

.....
Date.

PARTICULARS OF MOTOR VEHICLE

OWNER OR HOLDER:

Surname
Other Names
Home Address
Present Address

Class of Vehicle
Name and Maker of Chassis
Type of Chassis
Serial No. of Type or Makers No. of Chassis

ENGINE:

No. of Cylinders
Engine No.
Stroke
Bore
Horse Power

BODY:

Shape
Colour.....
No. of Seats

Weight of Vehicle unladen (in kilog).....
Weight of Vehicle fully laden (in kilog) if exceeding 3,500 kilog.
Identification Mark on plates

This is to certify that I have examined the motor vehicle above described and that it is in a fit condition to be used in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 of the International Convention relative to Motor Traffic, 1926.

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Motor Vehicle Examiner.

**FORM II (Order 9)
APPLICATION FOR DRIVING PERMIT**

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON MOTOR TRAFFIC
APRIL 1926

Controller of Road Traffic.
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Sir,

I beg to apply for an International Permit to drive a Motor Vehicle in ¹..... as under:

¹ Here state country for which permit is desired

- ¹ (a) A Motor Vehicle where maximum weight fully laden does not exceed 3.500 kilog.
- ² (b) A Motor Vehicle where a maximum weight fully laden exceeds 3.500 kilog.
- ³ (c) A Motor Cycle with or without Side-Car.

I enclose one photograph of myself and give the following further particulars.

Surname

Other names

Place of Birth

Date of Birth

Home address

⁴ I am the holder of a local Licence No.which is submitted herewith for your information.

I am,
Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

.....

N.B.: Permits are not issued to anyone under 18 years of age (Article 6).

ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMIT) (ST. GEORGE’S CAY AND RUSSELL ISLAND) REGULATIONS, 2000

66/2000

(SECTION 92)

[Commencement 3rd August, 2000]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Speed Limit) (St. George’s Cay and Russell Island) Regulations, 2000.

Citation.

2. The provisions of these Regulations shall apply to St. George’s Cay and Russell Island and shall be in addition to any of the provisions of the regulations made under the Road Traffic Act, which are applicable to the said islands.

Application.

Ch. 220.

¹ Strike out those not required.
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⁴ Where local licence is not held, applicant must be examined.