

MOTOR VEHICLE AND SPEED LIMIT REGULATIONS

(SECTION 26(1), 31(10), 32(4) and 43(2))

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PART I REGISTRATION AND LICENSING

1. These regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicle and Speed Limit Regulations.

Citation.
GN 10/1961

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

Interpretation.

“Authority” means the Road Traffic Authority appointed under the Act;

“Act” means the Road Traffic Act;

“Controller” means the Controller of Road Traffic appointed under the Act and any interim Controller so appointed and includes any Deputy Controller who is authorised by the Controller or by the interim Controller to act on his behalf;

SI 60/1970

“invalid carriage” means a motor vehicle the weight of which unladen does not exceed five hundred-weight which is specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, for the use of persons suffering from some physical defect or disability, and which is used solely by such person;

“inspector” means the Inspector of Road Traffic appointed under the Act;

23 *cf* 1992,
s 3(1) (a)

“livery car” means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity for not more than twelve passengers, which is hired out by the owner for reward, for the purposes of being driven for the exclusive use of the hirer and which is driven by a chauffeur who is, or is employed by, the owner;

“motor cycle” means a motor vehicle with less than four wheels, the weight of which unladen does not exceed eight hundredweight;

“motor truck” means a motor vehicle which is so constructed as to show that its primary purpose is the conveyance of goods;

“motor vehicle” means a vehicle which is wholly or partially propelled by mechanical means and which is designed or adapted for use on roads;

23 *cf* 1992,
s 3(1) (a)

“omnibus” means every passenger vehicle having a seating capacity for more than twelve passengers, and any motor vehicle licensed as an omnibus which carries passengers for hire or reward:

Provided that a stretch-out which is lawfully being used as a tour car during the period of five years following the commencement of the Act, shall not be deemed to be an omnibus while it is being so used;

“owner” in relation to any motor vehicle means the person by whom or on whose behalf the vehicle is normally kept and used, and in the case of a vehicle which is the subject of a hiring agreement or hire purchase agreement, means the person in possession of that vehicle under the agreement;

“passenger vehicle” means a motor vehicle designed or adapted for the primary purpose of carrying passengers;

“police officer” includes any police officer, constable or other person having the powers of a police officer;

“private motor vehicle” means any motor vehicle other than an omnibus, a taxi-cab, a tour car, a livery car or a self-drive vehicle;

23 *cf* 1992,
s 3(1) (b)

“public service vehicle” means a motor vehicle designed or adapted for the carriage of passengers which is either —

- (a) an omnibus or a stretch-out;
- (b) a motor vehicle having a seating capacity for not more than nine passengers which is used as a self-drive vehicle; or
- (c) a motor vehicle having a seating capacity for not more than twelve passengers which is used as a livery car, taxi-cab or tour car;

“register” means the register or registers kept by the Controller under the Act, and

“registered” means registered in that register or those registers;

“regulations” means regulations made under the Act and in the manner provided by the Act;

“road” means any highway and any other road to which the public has access, and includes any part of a road and any bridge over which a road passes;

“Schedule” means the Schedule to these Regulations;

“self-drive vehicle” means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity for not more than nine passengers which is hired out by the owner for reward for the purpose of being driven and used by the hirer exclusively for his own purposes;

“stretch-out” means a conventional motor vehicle which has been elongated to increase the seating capacity to a maximum of eleven passengers;

“supervisor” means a supervisor of road traffic appointed under the Act;

“taxi-cab” means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity for not more than twelve passengers which stands or plies for hire and which is driven by the owner or by a person employed by the owner; *23 cf 1992, s 3(1)(a)*

“tour car” means a motor vehicle having a seating capacity for not more than twelve passengers which carries passengers for hire or reward on sight-seeing tours or on prearranged transfers and which is driven by the owner or by a person employed by the owner; *23 cf 1992, s 3(1)(a)*

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle.

Registration of
motor vehicles.

3. (1) The Controller shall establish and keep a register for the registration of motor vehicles (hereinafter referred to as the “Register”).

(2) The Controller shall establish and keep a register of motor vehicle drivers (hereinafter referred to as the “Drivers Register”).

Application for
registration.

4. The owner of a motor vehicle shall apply to the Controller for registration of such motor vehicle and shall furnish him with the particulars specified in Form I in the Schedule.

Form I.

Numbering of
motor vehicles
and issue of
licence.

SI 82/1975

5. The Controller, on receipt of such application, and the fee set out in the Schedule of the Act, shall forthwith assign a separate number to the motor vehicle and register it by making the required entries in the register and shall issue a licence to the owner.

Identification
plates.

SI 82/1975

6. (1) The Controller shall supply the owner of every registered motor vehicle with two identification plates which the owner shall cause to be affixed to the vehicle in an upright position, one in front of the vehicle and one in the rear so as to be clearly visible:

SI 36/1986

Provided that where the motor-cycle is a self-drive vehicle, the owner thereof shall cause one plate with the registered number of such motor-cycle to be affixed thereto at the rear of the seat in the manner aforesaid.

(2) Identification plates may be of different types according to different classes of motor vehicles and shall in the case of —

SI 114/2001

- (a) passenger vehicles, not being vehicles coming under subparagraphs (c), (f) or (h) bear a registered number;
- (b) motor-trucks, bear a registered number preceded by the letter “T”;
- (c) Government vehicles not falling within subparagraph (f), bear a registered number with the figures painted in white on a red background;
- (d) public service vehicles, bear a registered number preceded in the case of —
 - (i) a taxi-cab, by the word “Taxicab”;
 - (ii) a bus, by the word “Bus”;
 - (iii) a tour car, by the words “Tour car”;
 - (iv) a self-drive car, by the letters “S.D.”;

- (v) a livery vehicle, by the word “Livery”;
- (e) miscellaneous motor vehicles, other than vehicles coming under sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) and (f), bear a registered number preceded by the letter “M”;
- (f) passenger vehicles —
 - (i) in respect of which exemption from payment of a motor vehicle licence fee is granted by the proviso to section 31(3)(a) of the Act;
 - (ii) owned by Government and placed at the disposal of a Minister of the Government in connection with his functions as such;
 - (iii) owned by a Minister of the Government, a Senator or a Member of Parliament,

bear such distinctive markings as may be assigned to the vehicle by the Minister, and the Minister may assign different distinctive plates and markings to the motor vehicles of different persons or different categories of persons:

Provided that as respects a vehicle coming under subparagraph (f)(iii) no assignment shall be made by the Minister except upon an application to that effect by the owner; and until an assignment is made, subparagraph (a) shall apply;

- (g) motor vehicles imported under bond, except vehicles imported by tourists for periods not exceeding six months, bear a plate of a different and distinguishable colour from the plates of other motor vehicles belonging to the same class or category; *SI 114/2001*
- (h) passenger vehicles owned by the Government and granted to the holder of a judicial office in connection with his functions bear a registered number with the figures painted in white on a black background in the case of Judges of the Supreme Court and figures painted in blue on white background in the case of Judges of the Court of Appeal. *SI 114/2001*
SI 6/2006

7. Upon the registration of a motor vehicle, the Controller shall supply the owner thereof with a registration card in Form II of the Schedule to these Regulations. The registration card shall be produced by the owner to the Controller whenever any change in the registration or licensing of the motor vehicle is made. The Controller shall cause the necessary entries to be made on the registration

Registration
cards.
SI 83/1974
Form II.

card and return the registration card to the owner who will keep it in his possession.

Licences.

8. (1) The licence shall be carried in a holder, which must be of weatherproof construction.

(2) The holder shall be fitted with a stout cover, of glass or other transparent substance.

(3) The licence shall be so placed and carried that the number of licence, number of vehicle, description of vehicle, name of owner, date of issue of licence, date of expiry of licence, date fee paid, and signature of a responsible officer of the Road Traffic Department for and on behalf of the Controller are clearly visible at all times by daylight to a person standing on the left side of the said vehicle.

(4) The licence holder shall be affixed to a motor vehicle as hereinafter set out —

(a) in the case of a motor vehicle other than a motor cycle by affixing same on the left side of the windscreen of the said vehicle;

(b) in the case of a motor cycle by affixing same in a conspicuous position on the left side of the vehicle.

Lost plates.
G N 20/1961

9. Should any identification plate be lost, destroyed or become not easily distinguishable the owner of the motor vehicle shall immediately cause another plate to be affixed in lieu thereof.

Change of
ownership.

10. (1) If the ownership of a motor vehicle is changed, written notice of the change shall be given forthwith by the new owner to the Controller and an application shall also be made either to cancel the registration of the vehicle or to continue the existing registration under the new ownership.

(2) If an application is made to cancel the registration of the motor vehicle, and no application is made to continue the registration of the vehicle, the registration shall be cancelled accordingly; if an application is made to continue the existing registration the new owner shall furnish the necessary particulars as to the ownership and the Controller shall cause the necessary alterations to be made in the register and shall furnish the new owner with a new licence or endorse an existing licence in conformity with the altered entries in the register.

(3) If any circumstances (other than a change of ownership) occur in relation to any motor vehicle which affect the accuracy of any particulars entered in the

register, the owner shall forthwith inform the Controller and, on receipt of such information, the Controller shall forthwith cause the entries respecting that motor vehicle in the register to be amended accordingly and if necessary amend the licence in respect of such motor vehicle.

(4) The Controller may, in his discretion, supply any applicant with a copy of the entries relating to any specified motor vehicle, and the Commissioner of Police and any peace officer authorised by him shall have access to the register at all reasonable times. A copy of the entries in such register, purporting to be signed by the Controller, shall be received in evidence without further proof, unless it is shown such signature is not the signature of the Controller.

11. Any registration not complying with any of the provisions of these Regulations as to the registration or licensing of such motor vehicles shall be void.

Registration to comply with Regulations.

12. If the Controller is satisfied that a registered motor vehicle has been destroyed, broken up or permanently removed from The Bahamas or that the provisions of these Regulations as to the registration and licensing thereof have not been complied with, he shall cause the entries in the register with respect to such motor vehicle to be cancelled, and may, if he thinks fit, assign the same number to any other motor vehicle. No person shall be entitled to claim the return of any fee paid for any licence so cancelled.

Cancellation of registration.

PART II USE AND CONSTRUCTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

14. In calculating the area of a motor vehicle the measurements shall be made between the extreme projecting points of such vehicle.

Measuring motor vehicle.

15. (1) No person shall cause or permit a motor vehicle or trailer to be used on any public highway or shall drive or have charge of a motor vehicle or trailer when so used unless the conditions set forth in these Regulations are satisfied. The Inspector shall not issue a certificate of inspection for the licensing of any motor vehicle in such a condition as to render its use a contravention of these Regulations.

Use and construction of motor vehicle.

Form I

(2) No person shall use or permit a motor vehicle to be used on any public highway unless such motor vehicle has been previously inspected by the Inspector and a certificate to that effect obtained in Form I of the Schedule to these Regulations.

Dimensions and restrictions

16. (1) No motor vehicle shall exceed eight feet in width or thirty feet in length the measurements to be made between the extreme projecting points of such motor vehicle.

(2) No trailer shall exceed eight feet in width or thirty feet in length measured between the extreme projecting points of such trailer.

(3) No load on a motor vehicle or on a trailer shall project more than one foot beyond either side of the body of such motor vehicle or trailer.

Whenever the load upon any motor vehicle or trailer extends to the rear four feet or more beyond the body of such motor vehicle or trailer there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load, between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise, a red light or lantern plainly visible from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the sides and rear. At any other time there shall be displayed at the extreme rear end of the load a red flag or cloth at least sixteen inches square.

(4) No motor vehicle or trailer laden or unladen shall exceed twelve feet in height measured from the ground to the highest point of the vehicle or load.

(5) The Controller is hereby empowered to issue a special permit in writing authorising the use on any highway of a vehicle of a size exceeding the maximum size laid down in this regulation. Any such permit may be issued for a single occasion or for a certain period of time:

Provided that any motor vehicle which has been registered and licensed before the thirty-first day of October 1952 shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation so far as they relate to the dimensions of such motor vehicle.

(6) In pursuance of the provisions of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) of section 25 and paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 92 of the Act, no person shall use on any road any trailer constructed for use as a dwelling, office or workshop:

Provided that the Controller shall have the power to grant exemptions from the provisions of these Regulations in respect of any use of a road by any such trailer on a particular occasion.

17. (1) No motor vehicle or trailer shall be used on any public highway unless fitted with pneumatic tyres: Tyres

Provided that the Controller may, on the advice of the Director of Public Works, permit the use on such public highways, and subject to such conditions as he may think fit, of such vehicles fitted with solid tyres as he may be satisfied will not cause undue damage to the public highways.

(2) The tyres with which a motor vehicle or trailer is fitted shall be of sufficient size and in such condition as to ensure the safe operation of the vehicle on the public highways.

18. (1) Every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle shall be equipped with brakes adequate to control the movement of and to stop such motor vehicle under the conditions described in paragraph (7) of this regulation. there shall be two separate means of applying the brakes, each of which means shall be effective to two wheels on the same axle. If these two separate means of applying the brakes are connected in any way, then they shall be so constructed that failure of any one part of the operating mechanism shall not leave the motor car without adequate brakes. Brakes

(2) Every motor cycle shall be equipped with at least one brake adequate to control the movement of and to stop such motor cycle, which brake may be operated by hand or foot.

(3) Every trailer exceeding two hundredweight unladen must have a brake of such efficiency as to stop such trailer under the conditions described in paragraph (7) of this regulation.

(4) A trailer required to have a brake must carry a person competent to apply the same efficiently unless the application of either of the brakes on the motor vehicle towing such trailer brings simultaneously into action the brakes of the trailer or unless the brakes of the trailer can be applied from the motor vehicle by a person thereon independently of the brakes of the motor vehicle.

(5) A trailer must be attached to a motor vehicle in such manner as to stop simultaneously with the motor vehicle towing it.

(6) One of the means of brake operation on a motor vehicle shall consist of a positive connection from the operating lever to the brake shoes or bands and this brake shall be capable of holding the motor vehicle stationary under any condition of loading or on any up or down grade on which it is operated.

(7) Every motor vehicle or combination of motor drawn vehicles shall be capable, at all times and under all conditions of loading, of being stopped on a dry, smooth level road free from loose material, upon application of the service (foot) brake within the distances specified below. A motor vehicle not exceeding 7,000 lbs. when driven at a speed of 20 m.p.h. within 30 ft. A motor vehicle in excess of 7,000 lbs. gross weight when driven at a speed of 20 m.p.h. within 40 ft.

(8) All the brakes on a motor vehicle or on a trailer shall be maintained in good working order and shall be so adjusted as to operate as equally as practicable with respect to the wheels on opposite sides of the motor vehicle.

Windshields

19. (1) Every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage shall be fitted with a windshield so constructed that it affords ample protection to the driver of the motor vehicle and it shall be kept in such condition as to allow an unobstructed view to the front.

(2) All windshields and all side doors and windows on a motor vehicle where glass is used shall be constructed of “safety glass”. The term “safety glass” shall mean any product composed of material so manufactured, fabricated or treated as substantially to prevent shattering and flying of the glass when struck or broken.

SI 22/1980

(3) The glass of all windshields and all side doors and windows on a motor vehicle shall be of such transparency that it does not obscure the view of the interior of the vehicle and any person who drives a vehicle with any such glass so obscured as to hinder that view shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) No person shall drive any motor vehicle with any sign, poster or other non-transparent material upon the front windshield, side or rear windows of such vehicle other than the licence or other label required to be displayed by the law, if such sign or poster is of such a size or is placed in such position as substantially to obstruct the view of the highway from the driver's seat.

20. Every motor vehicle shall be equipped with a device for wiping rain or other moisture from the windshield, which device shall be maintained in good working order and be so constructed as to be controlled or operated by the driver of the motor vehicle.

Windshield
wipers.

21. Every motor vehicle shall be fitted with a mirror so located as to reflect to the driver a view of the highway to the rear of the motor vehicle.

Rear view
mirror.

22. Every motor vehicle shall at all times be fitted with a muffler in good working order and in constant operation, and no person shall use a muffler cutout, by-pass or similar device on a motor vehicle on a highway.

Muffler.

23. Every motor vehicle shall be fitted with a horn or other instrument approved of by the Controller. The horn or other instrument referred to in this regulation shall be for the purpose of giving warning of approach and at all times shall be fit for that purpose:

Horn.

Provided that every person driving or in charge of a motor vehicle when used on a highway shall not cause the horn or other instrument on such motor vehicle to be used between the hours of midnight and six o'clock in the morning, or more than necessary at any other time:

Provided further that this regulation shall not apply to the driver of any motor vehicle used by or under the direction of the Commissioner of Police on its way to or from a fire call.

24. (1) Every motor vehicle other than a motor cycle shall be equipped with two head lamps fitted one on each side of the front of the motor vehicle as near the sides as practicable.

Lights.

(2) The head lamps with which a motor vehicle is fitted shall, when lighted at night, illuminate with a white light objects at a distance of not less than five hundred feet and they shall be fitted with a device for dimming capable of being operated from the driving seat.

(3) Every motor cycle shall be fitted with one head lamp capable when lighted at night of illuminating with a white light an object at a distance of not less than five hundred feet.

(4) Every motor vehicle and every trailer shall be fitted with a rear lamp so constructed and placed as to illuminate with a white light by means of reflection, transparency or otherwise and to render easily distinguishable at a distance of not less than fifty feet the registered number attached to the rear of the motor vehicle or trailer and shall also exhibit a red light towards the rear.

(5) Every trailer when stationary upon a road during the period between one half-hour after sunset and one half-hour before sunrise shall carry such lights as will indicate clearly its position to traffic approaching from either direction.

Reverse.

25. A motor vehicle other than a motor cycle or an invalid carriage shall be capable of being so worked that it may travel under its own power either forward or backward.

Not to cause danger or annoyance.

26. A motor vehicle and all the fittings thereof shall be in such condition as not to cause danger or unnecessary annoyance to any person on the vehicle or on the highway.

Unnecessary noise.

27. A motor vehicle shall be so constructed and used as to prevent the making of unnecessary noise and so as to enable the driver to stop the action of the machinery so far as may be necessary for the prevention of noise, and the driver shall make prompt and effective use of all such means as are available for the prevention of noise.

Trailer identification plates.

28. (1) When a trailer is attached to a motor vehicle an identification plate similar to the identification plates required by these Regulations to be fixed to every licensed motor vehicle, and bearing the same registration number as the motor vehicle to which the trailer is attached, shall be fixed by the licensee at his own expense to the back of the trailer in such manner that the number is easily discernible from behind the trailer.

(2) The licence number may be printed on the rear of the trailer itself instead of on a plate:

Provided that that part of the trailer is painted black (or in the case of trailers owned by the Government, red) so as to resemble a plate complying with these Regulations, and that the figures are painted on such part in such manner as to be clearly discernible.

29. (1) A trailer shall be connected to the motor vehicle towing it by means of a rigid tow bar fitted with a safety hook. Such tow bar shall be fitted with wire gates or other protective screening to prevent persons riding on the tow bar.

Attachment of trailer.

(2) Safety chains shall also be coupled between all trailers and the motor vehicle towing them.

G N 20/1961

30. Any police officer may stop any motor vehicle with a view to ascertaining whether such motor vehicle is being used in contravention of the Road Traffic Act or any regulations made or permit issued thereunder, and in the event of the motor vehicle being used in such manner the police officer may take the motor vehicle and cause it to be detained until the motor vehicle can be identified.

Police officer may stop any motor vehicle.

31. (1) The Controller shall have the power to exempt from the provisions of any of these Regulations fire engines, steam and other rollers used for the making or repairing of roads and other heavy equipment used for some special purpose.

Exemptions.

(2) The Controller on the recommendation of the Director of Public Works or the Commissioner of Police, may grant in writing for a particular occasion or particular occasions a permit for the carriage by motor vehicles, trailer or other means of any specified freight or load which is incapable of being so placed on the motor vehicle or trailer as to conform to the provisions of these Regulations.

PART III REGISTRATON AND LICENSING OF PUBLIC SERVICES VEHICLES

32. (1) The Controller shall establish and keep a register for the registration of all public service vehicles, to be called the “Public Service Vehicle Register”, such register may be divided into such classes as the Controller deems appropriate.

Public service vehicle registers.

(2) The Controller shall establish and keep a register of all public service drivers' licences, such register to be known as the "Public Service Drivers Register".

SI 83/1974

(3) The Controller shall establish and keep a register of all applications for public service vehicle licences, such application shall be entered in the register in the order in which they are received by the Controller and the entries shall show the date of receipt. Such applications shall be in the form set out in Form III of the Schedule.

Form III.

Licences.

SI 83/1974

33. The owner of a motor vehicle to be licensed as a public service vehicle shall produce such vehicle, together with its registration card to the Controller who shall inspect it, its tools, spare tyres and equipment and upon being satisfied that the motor vehicle is fit and proper to be licensed as a public service vehicle, and on receipt of the fee set out in the Schedule of the Act, shall issue a registration and licence card and shall register the vehicle in the appropriate register and issue to the owner two appropriate registration plates.

SI 29/1967

Taxi-cabs.

34. (1) Every owner of a taxi-cab shall have the word "Taxi-cab" painted in neat easily distinguishable letters on the front door on each side of such taxi-cab.

(2) Every owner of a taxi-cab may have his name or his trade name painted on the aforementioned doors in neat letters and he may also display the word "Taxi-cab" or "Taxi" on the top of his taxi-cab, facing to the front in a proper bracket manufactured for that purpose, provided that any such painting or sign shall be subject to the approval of the Controller.

Photograph of
taxi-cab driver.

35. The driver of a taxi-cab shall cause to be affixed, as the Controller may direct, in the taxi-cab of which he is the driver a card bearing his photograph and his name and the number of his public service driver's licence. The photograph shall be the size and type of the usual passport photograph.

Number of
passengers.

36. (1) The number of passengers a public service vehicle is licensed to carry shall be exclusive of the driver of the vehicle.

(2) No licensed driver of a taxi-cab shall carry more than the number of persons which the taxi-cab is licensed to carry.

37. (1) No licensed driver of a public service vehicle shall smoke whilst employed in conveying passengers to or from any place.

Conduct of public service vehicle drivers.

(2) The licensed driver of a public service vehicle other than a self-drive vehicle shall, when the vehicle is parked in any place reserved for the parking or stopping of public service vehicles, remain with his vehicle and be ready to drive off without delay should he be required to do so by a person wishing to hire his vehicle or should he be required to move his vehicle for any other lawful cause.

38. Every application for a public service vehicle franchise shall be made to the Controller, at the office of the Authority where the applicant shall be supplied with the appropriate form on which to make the application.

Application for a franchise.

39. On receipt of an application for a public service vehicle franchise the Controller shall within seven days cause such application to be published in the *Gazette* and he shall bring the application before the Authority at its next public meeting following the lapse of four weeks from the date of the publication.

Publication of application.

40. Whoever commits an offence against any of the foregoing regulations shall on summary conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding eighty dollars.

Penalty.

GN 20/1961

PART IV SPEED LIMITS

41. (1) In the Island of New Providence, the speed limits for all motor vehicles on all roads shall be as specified in this regulation.

Speed Limit Regulations for New Providence.
SI 23/1968

(2) The speed limit of all motor vehicles shall be twenty-five miles per hour within the following limits:

- (a) on Shirley Street and Johnson Road;
- (b) within the limits bounded on the east from the Harbour to Shirley Street, by the east side of Church Street and from Shirley Street to Wulff Road, by the west side of Mackey Street; on the south by the south sides of Wulff Road and Poinciana Avenue; on the west by the east side of Nassau Street and on the north by the Harbour of Nassau.

¹(3) The speed limit for omnibuses having a seating

¹ Section 2(1) of S.I. 12 of 2002 states that “where works or repairs are being carried out on a public road the speed limit for all motor vehicles on such road shall be reduced to twenty miles per hour or such other speed as the Minister may by notice affix to such road”.

Section 2(2) of S.I. 12 of 2002 states that “[t]he speed limit specified in paragraph (1) shall be displayed at all times on the public road where the works or repairs are being carried out”.

capacity for more than twenty passengers and for motor trucks shall be thirty miles per hour and the speed limit for all other classes of motor vehicle shall be forty-five miles per hour within the following limits:

- (a) from the intersection of the Farrington Road and the road running westwardly from Oakes Field along Farrington Road, the Interfield Road and the Windsor Field Road to its intersection with the Western Road near Old Fort;
- (b) from the intersection of the Coral Harbour Road with the Windsor Field Road along the Coral Harbour Road to Adelaide Road;
- (c) on Carmichael Road and Adelaide Road.
- (d) on the Western Road from its junction with Windsor Field Road to the roundabout at Lyford Cay;
- (e) East/West Highway;
- (f) on Harold Road; and
- (g) on Baillou Hill Road South of Soldier Road.

SI 59/1989

²(4) In Paradise Island, the speed limit for all motor vehicles shall be fifteen miles per hour along such lengths or parts of any road where it is so indicated by traffic signs and, where it is not so indicated, the speed limit —

- (a) for omnibuses having a seating capacity for more than twenty passengers and for motor trucks shall be twenty miles per hour; and
- (b) for all other classes of motor vehicle shall be twenty-five miles per hour.

SI 31/1985
SI 59/1989

(5) The speed limit for all motor vehicles outside the limits specified in paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this regulation shall be thirty miles per hour save that —

SI 132/2001

- (a) on that part of West Bay Street —
 - (i) extending eastwards from the intersection of Windsor Field Road and West Bay Street to the westmost limits of the Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort and Spa; and
 - (ii) from The Bahamas Development Bank eastward to Nassau Street,

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the speed limit shall be thirty-five miles per hour; and

- b) from the western most property line of Sandals Royal Bahamian Resort and Spa extending eastward to The Bahamas Development Bank the speed limit shall be twenty-five miles per hour.

(6) The provisions imposing a speed limit on motor vehicles shall not apply to any vehicle on an occasion when it is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes if the observance of these provisions would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purposes to which it is being used on that occasion.

42. The Authority shall hold public sittings, one in the month of December, one in the month of March, one in the month of June, and one in the month of September in each year.

Meetings of the Authority.

The Authority may hold a public sitting at any time to hear any application which has been published by the Controller on a date not less than four weeks following the date of the last public sitting of the Authority.

SCHEDULE (Regulations 4 and 15)

FORM I

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

BAHAMA ISLANDS.

Full name of owner.....

Address of owner

Make Type Colour

Description of vehicle

Body..... Engine

Serial number

.....:Private:.....:Trade:

Measurement.....square feet:

.....square feet:

Insured with

Dated this day of 19.....

Signature of owner or agent.....

Inspected and passed under regulation 15 of the Motor Vehicle and Speed Limit Regulations.

Dated the day of 19.....

.....
Inspector of Road Traffic

No.....
Fee.....

Surname Given names.....

Year	Renewal Date	Year	Remarks
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1965		1975	
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SI 83/1974

**FORM II (Regulation 7)
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION BOOK**

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Registered No. Private or trade.....

Manufacturer Weight unladen

Type & Colour..... Annual Fee \$

Serial Nos. Date of Registration

Engine.....

Body..... For Controller.....

OWNERSHIP PARTICULARS	No.	LICENCES ISSUED Initials and Date
Name in full Address..... Street P.O. Box Signature of Owner		
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IMPORTANT NOTE

This Registration Book is an important document.

It should be carefully preserved and its loss reported immediately to the Police and the Controller of Road Traffic.

It should be presented with the examination certificate on each occasion when the vehicle is licensed.

In case of sale or transfer it should be presented to the Controller within fourteen days by the new owner for the transfer to be recorded.

If the vehicle is broken up or removed from The Bahamas this book should be returned to the Controller of Road Traffic.

SI 83/1974

**FORM III (Regulation 32)
FORM OF APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC SERVICE
VEHICLE UNDER THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT**

COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS

Full name of owner (Print)
Postal address of owner
Registration number of
 vehicle in Motor
 Vehicle Register
Type of Licence.....
Insured with
P.S.V. Reg. No.
No. of Passengers
Dated the day of 19
Signature of owner or his agent.....
Inspected and passed under regulation 33 of the Motor Vehicle and
Speed Limit Regulations.
Dated the day of 19
Controller

**ROAD TRAFFIC (ISSUE OF IDENTIFICATION
PLATES) (FEES) ORDER, 1990**

SI 6/1990

(SECTION 26)

[Commencement 29th December, 1989]

Citation **1.** This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Issue
of Identification Plates) (Fees) Order, 1990.

Fees **2.** The fee for a set of number plates, other than trade
plates, issued under section 26 of the principal Act shall be
\$12.00.

Fees for
replacement
plates **3.** The fees for number plates, other than trade plates,
issued in replacement of those issued under section 26 of
the principal Act shall be —
 (a) in the case of a single plate \$5.00; and
 (b) in the case of a set of plates \$10.00.