

**Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicle, Road Service and Carrier's Licence)
(Amendment) Regulations 2022**

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THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

**Regulations made by the Minister under section 105 of
the Road Traffic Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the **Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicle, Road Service and Carrier's Licence) (Amendment) Regulations 2022**.

2. In these regulations -

"principal regulations" means the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicle, Road Service and Carrier's Licence) Regulations 1964.

3. The principal regulations are amended by inserting, after regulation 25, the following new regulation -

25A. (1) (a) The holder of a private carrier's licence may make an application to NLTA, in such form as it may determine, to lease the authorised vehicle to another person for any purpose, including for the carriage of goods, other than sugar cane, and subject to such conditions as the Authority may determine.

(b) Upon approval of the application by NLTA or the Commissioner, the owner of the authorised vehicle and the person to whom the authorised vehicle will be leased shall enter into a contract, in writing, specifying, with respect to both of them -

- (i) their names;
- (ii) their National Identity Card numbers or business registration card numbers issued under the Business Registration Act;
- (iii) their residential address;
- (iv) their telephone numbers and/or mobile numbers;
- (v) the date from which the vehicle is leased;
- (vi) the authorised signatures;
- (vii) the purpose for which the authorised vehicle is leased; and
- (viii) the period of the lease and the conditions attached thereto.

(c) The owner of the authorised vehicle shall -

- (i) forthwith provide a copy of the contract to the person to whom he leases the vehicle;
 - (ii) not later than 5 days after the date on which the lease for the authorised vehicle has been signed, provide a copy of the contract to NLTA; and
 - (iii) keep a copy of the contract for himself.
- (2) The person to whom the authorised vehicle is leased -
- (a) shall have in his possession, while making use of the authorised vehicle, a copy of the contract referred to in paragraph (1);
 - (b) shall not use the authorised vehicle other than for the purpose for which it is leased;
 - (c) shall not fit or cause to be fitted in the authorised vehicle any additional seat;
 - (d) shall not sublet the vehicle to any third party and
 - (e) shall submit a quarterly financial return, as required by the Chief Commissioner, to NLTA.
- (3) The holder of a private carrier's licence shall not transfer his licence to a lessee.
- (4) A person to whom the vehicle is leased shall cause to be displayed in a conspicuous position -
- (a) on the front but without obstructing the driver's view of the road or of traffic ahead; or
 - (b) on the rear side of the vehicle,
- a notice bearing the words "ON LEASE TO" in characters of not less than one inch in height.
4. The principal regulations are amended by inserting, after regulation 26, the following new regulation -
- 26A.** Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees.
5. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 July 2022.

Made by the Minister on 16 June 2022.