

**Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicle, Road Service and Carrier's Licence) (Amendment)
Regulations 2024**

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THE ROADTRAFFIC 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 2024**.

2. In these regulations –

“principal regulations” means Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicle, Road Service and Carrier's Licence) Regulations 1964

3. The principal regulations are amended by deleting the words “Authority” and “Commissioner” wherever they appear and replacing them by the words “NLTA” and “Chief Commissioner”, respectively.

4. Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is amended by deleting the word “Secretary” and replacing it by the words “Chief Commissioner”.

5. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is amended by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph -

(2) The NLTA shall keep a copy of every licence that it issues.

6. Regulation 15 of the principal regulations is revoked and replaced by the following regulation -

15. (1) Where the holder of a licence intends to replace the motor vehicle in respect of which the licence is issued, he shall forthwith inform NLTA and produce the appropriate documents for his licence to be rectified. -

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where the holder of a licence ceases to be the owner of the motor vehicle in respect of which the licence is issued, he shall forthwith inform the Chief Commissioner accordingly and surrender his licence for cancellation.

(3) (a) Subject to subparagraph (b), where the holder of a licence ceases to be the owner of the motor vehicle in respect of which the licence is issued, he shall, within 6 months thereof, replace the motor vehicle by another motor vehicle

(b) The holder of a licence may, not later than 15 days after the expiry of the period specified in subparagraph (a), make an application to the NLTA, in such form as it may determine, for the extension of that period.

(c) An applicant under subparagraph (b) shall specify the reasons for the application.

(d) Where the NLTA is satisfied with the reasons provided under subparagraph ©, it may grant an extension of the period for not more than 4 successive periods of 3 months, against payment of a fee of 5,000 rupees for each 3 months' period.

(e) Where the holder of a licence ceases to be the owner of the motor vehicle in respect of which the licence is issued and fails to replace the motor vehicle by another motor vehicle within the period specified in subparagraph (a) or (d), the licence shall lapse on the expiry of that period.

7. The principal regulations are amended by inserting, after regulation 15, the following new regulation –

15A.(1) Where a person has been issued with a public service vehicle or carrier's licence, he shall call at the NLTA within 6 months from the date of the issue of the licence, along with the appropriate documents to implement the licence.

(2) (a) The holder of the licence may, not later than 15 days after the expiry of the period of 6 months under paragraph (1), make an application for the extension of that period.

(b) An applicant under subparagraph (a) shall specify the reasons for the application.

(c) Where the NLTA is satisfied with the reasons provided under subparagraph (b), it may grant an extension of the period for not less than 4 successive periods of 3 months, against payment of a fee of 5,000 rupees for each 3 month's period.

(d) Where the holder of the licence fails to implement the licence within the period specified in subparagraph (a) or (c), the licence shall lapse on the expiry of that period.

8. Regulation 20 of the principal regulations is amended -

(a) in paragraph (1), by deleting the words "public service vehicle licence" and replacing them by the words "public service vehicle licence or carrier's licence";

(b) in paragraph (2), by deleting the words "10 buses" and replacing them by the words "10 vehicles".

9. Regulation 21 of the principal regulations is amended by deleting the words "or of a certificate" and replacing them by the words "or certificate".

10. The Second Schedule to the principal regulations is amended -

(a) by deleting the words "**NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**" and replacing them by the words "**NATIONAL LANDTRANSPORT AUTHORITY**";

(b) by deleting the words "National Transport Authority" and replacing them by the words "National Land Transport Authority".

11. The Third Schedule to the principal regulations is amended -

- (a) by deleting the words "**NATIONAL TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**" wherever they appear and replacing them by the words "**NATIONAL LAND TRANSPORT AUTHORITY**";
- (b) by deleting the words "National Transport Authority" wherever they appear and replacing them by the words "National Land Transport Authority";
- (c) by deleting the word "Secretary" wherever they appear and replacing them by the words "Chief Commissioner".

12. The Fifth Schedule to the principal regulations is amended -

- (a) by deleting the heading and replacing it by the following heading -

APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLE

(CONTRACT BUS) LICENCE

SPECIAL ROUTE PERMIT)

- (b) by deleting the words "National Transport Authority" wherever they appear and replacing them by the words "National Land Transport Authority";
- (c) by deleting the word "Chairperson" and replacing it by the words "Chief Commissioner".

13. These regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on 1 October 2023.

Made by the Minister on 25 March 2024.