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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS, 2024**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 22 of 2024

REGULATIONS made by the Minister responsible for transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 112 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act, Chapter 230 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.

(Gazetted 1st February, 2024).

1. These Regulations may be cited as the

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and shall be read and construed as one with the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations, which are hereinafter referred to as the principal Regulations.

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p.65.

2. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 204 by inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit”.

Amendment of
regulation 204.

3. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 205 by—

Amendment of
regulation 205.

(a) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit” wherever it occurs;

(b) deleting the word “Department” and substituting it with the word “Board”; and

- (c) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”.

Amendment
of regulation
206.

4. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 206–

- (a) in sub-regulation (1), by–
 - (i) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”; and
 - (ii) deleting the word “Department” and substituting it with the word “Board”; and

(b) in sub-regulation (2), by–

- (i) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit”; and
- (ii) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”.

Repeal and
replacement
of regulation
207.

5. The principal Regulations are amended by repealing regulation 207 and replacing it with the following–

“Procedure for
consideration
of application.

207.–(1) The date of the meeting of the Board to consider applications, together with particulars of the applications to be considered, shall be published beforehand in three consecutive issues of the *Gazette*.

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2), when only applications for renewal of road service permits are to be heard, the date of the meeting of the Board shall be published in one issue of the *Gazette* and when only applications for temporary road service permits are to be

heard, the date of the meeting of the Board shall be published in one extraordinary issue of the *Gazette*.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2), it shall not be necessary for the Board to publish the date of its meeting when hearing an application for a temporary road service permit in the case of an emergency.

(4) In considering an application for a road service permit or a temporary road service permit, the Board shall have regard to the following—

- (a) the extent to which the proposed service is necessary or desirable in the public interests;
- (b) the needs of the area as a whole in which it is proposed to operate the service, including the provision of adequate, suitable and efficient transport services and the elimination of unnecessary or unremunerative services;
- (c) the suitability of the routes and the conditions of the roads upon which it is proposed to operate the service;
- (d) that the time table is not so arranged that the provisions of the Tenth Schedule to the Act are likely to be infringed;

- (e) the number of vehicles to be used on the service;
- (f) that the fares to be charged are reasonable;
- (g) that the fares are so fixed as to prevent wasteful competition with alternative means of transport on the proposed routes or any part of them;
- (h) any representations which may be made by persons who are already providing transport facilities along or near to the proposed routes or any part of them; and
- (i) any representations which may be made by any interested local authority.”.

Amendment of regulation 208.

6. The principal regulations are amended in regulation 208 by—

- (a) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit”; and
- (b) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”.

Amendment of regulation 209.

7. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 209 by—

- (a) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit”;
- (b) deleting the words “permit to be”; and

- (c) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”.

8. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 210 by–

Amendment of regulation 210.

- (a) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”;
- (b) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit” wherever it occurs; and
- (c) deleting the word “Department” and substituting it with the word “Board”.

9. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 211 by–

Amendment of regulation 211.

- (a) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit” wherever it occurs; and
- (b) deleting the word “Department” and substituting it with the word “Board” wherever it occurs.

10. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 212 by–

Amendment of regulation 212.

- (a) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit”;
- (b) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”; and
- (c) deleting the word “Department” and substituting it with the word “Board”.

11. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 213–

Amendment of regulation 213.

- (a) in sub-regulation (1), by deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”;
- (b) in sub-regulation (2), by deleting the word “Department” and substituting it with the word “Board”;
- (c) in sub-regulation (3), by deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”; and
- (d) in sub-regulation (4), by deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”.

Insertion of
new regulation
213A.

12. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting after regulation 213, the following new regulation—

“Temporary
road service
permits.

213A.—(1) The Board shall from time to time determine applications for temporary road service permits in accordance with these Regulations, and may issue a temporary road serviced permit—

- (a) where a road service permit has been suspended or revoked;
- (b) where the operator of a motor omnibus cannot fulfil the run;
- (c) in the case of an emergency as may be determined by the Board; or
- (d) in any other case where the Board considers it necessary.

(2) The following fees shall be paid to the Board for the issue of a temporary road service permit—

- (a) thirty dollars for motor omnibus having seating capacity of seven to twenty passengers;
- (b) seventy-five dollars for motor omnibuses having seating capacity for twenty-one to forty passengers;
- (c) one hundred dollars for motor omnibuses having seating capacity of forty-one or more passengers; and
- (d) fifteen dollars for a motor omnibus registered and licensed in a foreign country.

(3) A temporary road service permit issued under sub-regulation (1) shall not be transferable or assignable.

(4) A temporary road service permit issued under sub-regulation (2)(a)(b) or (c) shall be valid for a period not exceeding three months, and a temporary road service permit issued under sub-regulation (2)(d) shall be valid for one return passage only.

(5) Every owner or operator of an omnibus issued with a temporary road service permit under these Regulations shall, within one month prior to the expiration date of the permit, make an application to the Board for the renewal of the permit.”.

Amendment of regulation 214.

13. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 214 by–

- (a) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or a temporary road service permit”; and
- (b) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”.

Amendment of regulation 214A.

14. The principal Regulations are amended in regulation 214A–

- (a) in sub-regulation (5), by inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or temporary road service permit”; and
- (b) in sub-regulation (6), by–
 - (i) deleting the words “Department of Transport” and substituting them with the word “Board”; and
 - (ii) inserting after the words “road service permit”, the words “or the temporary road service permit”.

Negative resolution.

15. These Regulations are subject to negative resolution.

MADE by the Minister responsible for transport this 29th day of January, 2024.



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