

LAWS OF SEYCHELLES
CHAPTER 113
LICENCES ACT

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION: LICENCES (ROAD TRANSPORT) REGULATIONS

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Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Licences (Road Transport) Regulations.

Application for a vehicle licence

2. An application for a vehicle licence shall be made by the owner of that vehicle in the Form provided by the Authority.

Restriction on issue of licence

- 2A. No vehicle licence shall be issued under these Regulations unless the vehicle in respect of which an application is made -

- (a) has imported into Seychelles; or
- (b) has been assembled in Seychelles under a Motor Vehicle Dealer's licence.

Documents to accompany vehicle licence application

- 3.(1) An application under Regulation 2 in respect of a vehicle, other than a bicycle or tricycle, shall be accompanied by-

- (a) the certificate or document or registration of that vehicle or if the vehicle has not been registered, an application in the Form provided by the Authority for registration of the vehicle; and

- (b) in the case of a motor vehicle -

- (i) a certificate that the motor vehicle has, not more than 30 days before the application, been inspected, tested and certified to conform with the Road Transport Act and is sale for use;
- (ii) a document to ,the satisfaction of the Authority showing that there is a policy of insurance in force in respect of that vehicle on the date of the application.

- (c) Bill of Entry and Import Permit or documentary proof that the vehicle has been imported and sold to the applicant;

- (d) where the vehicle has been assembled in Seychelles, a declaration signed by the motor vehicle dealer that the vehicle has been assembled under such dealer's licence and sold to the applicant.

- (2) An application under regulation 2 in respect of a bicycle or tricycle shall be accompanied by -
- (a) a certificate or document of registration of the bicycle or tricycle and, if the bicycle or tricycle has not been registered, an application in the Form provided by the Authority for registration of the bicycle or tricycle;
 - (b) a certificate that the bicycle or tricycle is safe for use on the road issued by a police officer designated for the purpose by the Commissioner of Police or by a person authorised for the purpose by the Authority;
 - (c) a document to the satisfaction of the Authority that there is a policy of insurance in force in respect of the bicycle or tricycle covering the public for personal injury and for damage to their property.
- (3) The Authority shall not register a bicycle or a tricycle where the applicant for registration, being an individual, is a person under 18 years of age.
- (4) A registered owner of a bicycle or tricycle shall take out and keep in force in relation to the bicycle or tricycle a policy of insurance to the satisfaction of the Authority covering the public for personal injury or damage to their property.
- (5) In these Regulations -

"bicycle" means a two wheeled vehicle used for the conveyance of persons on any road within the meaning of the Road Transport Act and includes a tandem but does not include a motor cycle or a rickshaw;

"tricycle" means a three wheeled vehicle used for the conveyance of persons or goods on any road within the meaning of the Road Transport Act.

Application for a taxi licence

4. An application for a taxi licence shall be made by the owner of a taxi in the Form provided by the Authority.

Documents to accompany taxi licence application and bodies to be consulted

- 5.(1) An application under Regulation 4 shall be accompanied by -
- (a) the certificate or document of registration of the taxi or, if the vehicle is not registered as a taxi, an application for the registration of the vehicle as a taxi in the Form provided by the Authority together with the registration fee specified in the Schedule;
 - (b) a certificate signed by a medical practitioner that the applicant is physically fit to be the driver of a taxi and is not suffering from any disease or physical disability to cause the driving by him of a taxi to be dangerous to the public;

- (c) a certificate from the Commissioner of Police that the applicant has passed the special driving test under Regulation 50 of the Road Transport Regulations;
 - (d) a policy of insurance which, in addition to the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act, insures the applicant and any person using the vehicle in respect of liability up to not less than R150,000 which may be incurred by him or the persons using the taxi in respect of damage to the property of another person caused by or arising out of the use of the taxi in any place in which taxis are capable of being driven and is in force on the date of the application;
 - (e) a certificate from the holder of a garage owner licence that the vehicle is –
 - (i) suitable for use as a taxi; and
 - (ii) manufactured, equipped and in a safe condition for use as a taxi; and
 - (f) the current driving licence of the applicant.
- (2) A taxi licence shall be subject to the condition that the holder of the licence shall comply with the provisions of the Road Transport Act and the regulations made under that Act relating to taxis.
- (3) Before granting a taxi licence the Authority shall consult the Ministry responsible for Transport, the Ministry responsible for Defence and the taxi drivers' Association.

Application for motor vehicle driving licence

6. An application for a motor vehicle driving licence shall be made in the Form provided by the Authority.

Documents to accompany driving licence application

7. An application under regulation 6 shall be accompanied by
- (a) a certificate from the commissioner of police that the applicant is capable of driving and of fully controlling the vehicle in respect of which the application is made; and
 - (b) where a medical test is required, a medical certificate from the Director of Health Services or a medical practitioner approved by him about the applicant's physical fitness to drive the vehicle.

International certificate or permit

- 8.(1)An application for an international vehicle certificate shall be in the Form provided by the Authority and shall be accompanied by the vehicle licence granted under these Regulations.

- (2) An application for an international driving permit shall be in the Form provided by the Authority and shall be accompanied by the driving licence granted under these Regulations.
- (3) The Authority shall not grant a certificate or a permit on an application under this Regulation unless the Authority is satisfied that all conditions set out in the convention relating to the grant of the certificate or permit are fulfilled.
- (4) It shall be a condition of an international vehicle certificate that the vehicle shall carry a distinctive plate in accordance with the Road Transport Act affixed in a visible position to the back of the vehicle.
- (5) In this Regulation "convention" means any international convention relative to motor vehicle which has been ratified by Seychelles or to which Seychelles is a party.

Fees to accompany application

- 9.(1) An application under Regulation 2, Regulation 4, Regulation 6g or Regulation 8 shall, subject to sub-regulation (2) and subregulation (4), be accompanied by the fees set out in the Schedule for the licence.
 - (2) A person who was the holder of a licence and who applies, after the expiration of the licence, for the same type of licence shall, unless the Authority is satisfied that he had during the period between the expiration of his previous licence and his application, ceased to own the motor vehicle in respect of which he held his previous licence or drive a motor vehicle or operate a taxi in Seychelles, as the case may be, be liable in addition to the licence fee and any other penalty under the Act, to a surcharge equal to 10% of the licence fee for each month or part thereof which has elapsed from the date of the expiration of the previous licence and the date of the lodging of his application.
 - (3) Where an application is refused the Authority shall refund the licence fee and the surcharge to the applicant.
 - (4) The Director may, on application by a person applying for a taxi licence, allow the person to pay the fee set out in item 2(a)(viii) 8 of the Schedule by installments of not less than R700 per month over a period of twelve months and the first such installment shall become payable on the date of the application for the licence.
 - (5) The attachment or variation of a condition of a taxi licence or the suspension or revocation of a taxi licence shall not in any way whatsoever affect the obligation of the person who was granted the licence to pay the whole of the fee set out in Schedule 2 in respect of the licence.

Conditions applicable to all licences

10. A licence under these Regulations shall, in addition to any other conditions specify in these Regulations or by the Authority in the licence, be subject to the condition

that the holder of the licence shall comply with the provisions of the Road Transport Act and the made under that Act applicable to that licence.

Validity of licence

- 11.(1) A vehicle licence, other than a vehicle licence for a self-drive hire vehicle, is valid for a period of 12 months.
- (2) A taxi licence is valid -
- (a) in the case where the person pays the whole of the licence fee on the date of the application for the licence, for a period of 12 months;
 - (b) in the case where the person pays the licence fee in installments as provided in regulation 9, for a period of 12 months so long as he pays each installment when the installment becomes due and payable.
- (3) A self-drive vehicle licence is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of grant.
- (4) A motor vehicle driving licence is valid ~
- (a) for a period of 12 months, where it is issued for a period of 12 months; or
 - (b) for a period of 60 months, where it is issued for a period of 60 months from the date of grant.

Transferability of licence

- 12.(1) A vehicle licence, other than a self-drive motor vehicle licence, is transferable with the consent of the Authority.
- (2) A self-drive motor vehicle licence or a taxi licence is not transferable.

Duplicate licence plate

13. The Authority may on application in the Form Duplicate licence provided by the Authority and on payment of the prescribed fee, issue a duplicate copy of a licence issued under these Regulations where the licence has been lost, destroyed or defaced or where the writing on the licence has been altered by fading or otherwise.

Trades Tax exempted vehicles

- 13A.(1) The Comptroller of Trades Tax Imports shall inform the Authority -
- (a) whenever full or partial exemption from the trades tax is granted in respect of an imported vehicle, the particulars of such vehicle; and

- (b) whenever the trades tax falling due in respect of such a vehicle under Regulation 191 or 192 of the Trades Tax Regulations has been paid in full, the fact of such payment.
- (2) The Authority shall issue a vehicle licence in respect of a vehicle referred to in sub-regulation (1)(a) only after the Comptroller of Trades Tax Imports has informed the Authority that the trades tax thereon has been paid in full.
- 14(1) A motor dealer's vehicle licence or a vehicle licence for self-drive hire licence , is valid for a period of of 12 months .
- (2) A taxi licence is valid –
- (a) in the case where the person pays the whole of the licence fee from the date of the application for the licence for a period of 12 months
- (b) in the case where the person pays the licence fee I intalments provided in regulation 12 , for a period of 12 months so long as he pays such instalments when the instalment become due and payable,
- (3) A self drive vehicle licence is valid for a period of 6 months from the date of the grant.
- (4) A motor vehicle driving licence is valid of –
- (a) for a period of 12 months , where it is issued for a period of 12 months or
- (b) for a period of 60 months , where it is issued for a period of 60 months , from the date of the grant.

SCHEDULE 1

TRADES PLATE

SCHEDULE 2
FEEES

- 1.(a) Processing an application -
- (i) for a licence, other than a taxi licence for a bicycle or an

tricycle licence	R50
(ii) for a taxi licence	R100
(iii) for a bicycle or tricycle licence	NIL
(b) for registration of a public motor vehicle or a commercial motor vehicle	R100
(c) for registration of a private motor vehicle	R100
(d) for registration of a motor cycle	R100
(e) for registration of any other vehicle, not being a bicycle, tricycle or a vehicle in respect of which a registration fee is specifically provided for	R100
(ea)for registration of a bicycle or a tricycle	R10
(f) for change of registration number of a motor vehicle	R1000
(g) for transfer of the registration of a bicycle or tricycle	R10
(g)for reservation of a registration number for a period of two years	SCR2000

2. For the purpose of this Schedule –

“commercial vehicle” means a vehicle used or intended to be used for the conveyance of goods, either for hire or in connection with the trade or business of the owner of the vehicle;

“full electric motor vehicle (EV)” means a vehicle that operates solely on an electric motor, powered by a battery with a minimum capacity of 360 volts, charged by plugging into an external source of electric power;

“plug in hybrid electric motor vehicle (PHEV)” means a vehicle that operates either simultaneously or independently, on both a combustion engine and an electric motor, powered by a battery with a minimum capacity of 200 volts, charged by plugging into an external source of electric power

“private vehicle” means any vehicle not being a public or commercial vehicle;

“public vehicle” means a taxi, a self drive hire vehicle, a public omnibus and a private omnibus.

A. **Licence fee for commercial vehicle**

Category	Licence fee
1	2
(i) Tractor	R2.00 per kg subject to a minimum fee of R1,000

(ii)	Mobile crane	R2.00 per kg subject to a minimum fee of R1,000
(iii)	Tracked motor vehicle and other vehicles on wheels (not elsewhere specified) including excavator, loader handler, shovel, grader, digger, road roller and heavy duty vehicles	R2.00 per kg subject to a minimum fee of R5,000
(iv)	Commercial motor vehicles including trucks below 5 tonnes (other than those specified in subparagraph (iii) where the vehicles are used or intended to be used for the conveyance of goods in connection with the trade or business of the owner of the vehicle for hire	R2.00 per cc subject to a minimum fee of R1,000
(v)	Commercial motor vehicles being trucks above 5 tonnes (other than those specified in subparagraph (iv) where the vehicles are used or intended to be used for the conveyance of goods in connection with the trade or business of the owner of the vehicle for hire)	R2.50 per cc subject to a minimum fee of R1,000
(vi)	commercial full electric motor vehicle (EV)	R 1,000 per annum
(vii)	commercial plug in hybrid electric motor vehicle (PHEV)	R 1,500 per annum

B. Licence fee on private vehicle

Category		Licence Fee
1		2
(i)	Motor cycle with or without side car	R2.50 per cc subject to a minimum fee of R200
(ii)	Private vehicles (other than motor cycle, tracked motor vehicles, mobile cranes, tractors and taxis)	R2.50 subject to a minimum fee of R1,000
(iii)	fully electric motor vehicles (EV)	R 1,000 per annum
(iv)	plug in hybrid electric motor vehicles (PHEV)	R 1,500 per annum

C. Licence fee for public vehicle

Category	Licence fee
1	2

(i) Public Vehicle	R2.00 per cc subject to a minimum fee of R1,000
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D. Additional fees other than the above 2(A), 2(B) and 2(C)

Category	Licence fee
1	2
(i) Public Vehicle:- Taxi	R500 per annum
(ii) Self – drive hire motor vehicle other than motor cycle	R500
(iii) Trailer	R200
(iv) Bicycle or tricycle	Nil
(v) International Vehicle Certificate	R1,000

E. Motor vehicle driving licence

Category	Licence fee
1	2
(i) For 120 months	R500
(ii) International driving permit	R500

F. Motor dealer's vehicle licence

Category	Licence fee
1	2
(i) The licence and a general trade number	R2,000
(ii) For each additional general trade number	R300
(iii) Replacement of trade plate for each trade plate	R200

G. Other fees

Category		Licence fee
1		2
(i)	Replacement of self-drive vehicle identification plate	R100
(ii)	Duplicate licence for a bicycle or a tricycle	R10
(iii)	Duplicate licence, where not provided otherwise	R50
