

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(CHAPTER 276)

Base Versions	Ordinance 26 of 1961	→	1970 REVISED EDITION Cap. 92	→	Reprint 1973	→	Reprint 1985	→	1985 REVISED EDITION Cap. 276
→	1994 REVISED EDITION Cap. 276	→	1997 REVISED EDITION	→	2004REVISED EDITION				
Amended By	17 of 1963	→	22 of 1966	→	36 of 1966	→	42 of 1967	→	28 of 1968
→	27 of 1970	→	6 of 1971	→	4 of 1973	→	21 of 1973	→	19 of 1974
→	5 of 1976	→	10 of 1977	→	29 of 1979	→	19 of 1980	→	21 of 1981
→	26 of 1981	→	7 of 1982	→	10 of 1984	→	28 of 1984	→	9 of 1985
→	18 of 1987	→	20 of 1989	→	7 of 1990	→	16 of 1991	→	3 of 1993
→	33 of 1993	→	8 of 1994	→	28 of 1995	→	11 of 1996	→	7 of 1997
→	5 of 1998	→	1 of 1999	→	45 of 1999	→	28 of 2001	→	21 of 2002
→	1 of 2003	→	S 304/2005	→	4 of 2006	→	1 of 2006	→	2 of 2007

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Road Traffic Act.

Interpretation

2. —(1) In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Authority" means the Land Transport Authority of Singapore established under the Land Transport Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 158A);

"bicycle" means a two-wheeled pedal cycle constructed or adapted for use as a means of conveyance;

"carriage of goods" includes the haulage of goods;

"cart" includes a wagon, handcart or trolley used or constructed for the carriage of goods;

"company" means any company as defined in the Companies Act (Cap. 50) and includes any company to which Division 2 of Part XI of that Act applies, any company formed in pursuance of any other Act or by royal charter or letters patent, a limited liability partnership and any other body corporate formed or incorporated by or under any written law;

"Deputy Commissioner of Police" includes any police officer not below the rank of sergeant authorised by the Deputy Commissioner of Police in writing by name or office to exercise the powers vested by this Act in the Deputy Commissioner of Police;

"diameter" , in relation to the wheel of a vehicle or trailer, means the overall diameter measured between the 2 opposite points on the surface of a tyre which are furthest apart;

"driver" —

(a) in relation to a trailer, includes a driver of a vehicle by which the trailer is drawn, and "drive" shall be construed accordingly;

(b) where a separate person acts as a steersman of a motor vehicle, includes that person as well as any other person engaged in the driving of the vehicle, and "drive" shall be construed accordingly; and

(c) includes the rider of a bicycle and any person propelling a tricycle or trishaw or pushing or pulling a cart, and "drive" shall be construed accordingly;

"driving licence" means a licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under the provisions of Part II;

"foreign driving licence" means a driving licence or permit (not being a provisional driving licence or permit) issued by a competent authority in another country between which and Singapore there is in force a treaty for the recognition of driving licences or permits issued in the countries which are parties to the treaty;

"goods" includes goods or burden of any description;

"goods vehicle" means a motor vehicle constructed or adapted for use for the carriage of goods or a trailer so constructed or adapted;

"Minister" means —

(a) except as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c), the Minister charged with the responsibility for transport;

(b) for the purposes of the whole of Parts II and III and sections 74(1) and (2), 75(1), 76(1), 112(1), (3) and (4), 113(1) and (2), 114(1), 116(2), 121(2) and 143(3) and (11), the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs; and

(c) for the purposes of sections 131B(7), 132(7), 133(7), 134, 135(2), 140(1) and (2), 142 and 142A(1), the Minister charged with the responsibility for transport or the Minister charged with the responsibility for home affairs, as appropriate;

"motor spirit" has the same meaning as in the Customs Act (Cap. 70);

"motor vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on roads;

"owner" , in relation to a vehicle which is the subject of a hiring agreement or hire purchase agreement, means the person in possession of the vehicle under that agreement;

"paid driver" means a person who drives a motor vehicle in return for a salary or other remuneration;

"park" means to bring a motor vehicle or a trailer to a stationary position and cause it to wait for any purpose other than that of immediately taking up or setting down persons, goods or luggage;

"parking place" has the same meaning as in the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214);

"police officer" includes all persons whomsoever employed for police duties in the Singapore Police Force constituted under the Police Force Act (Cap. 235);

"public place" means any place or premises, whether privately owned or not, to which the general public or any section of the general public is permitted to have access, whether on payment or otherwise;

"public service vehicle" means a vehicle used or kept for use for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward, other than a vehicle constructed for use on fixed rails or specially prepared ways;

"Registrar" means the Registrar of Vehicles or the Deputy Registrar or an assistant registrar appointed under section 9;

"road" means any public road and any other road to which the public has access, and includes —

(a) any road within Pulau Bukom;

(b) any road within the limits of any installation of the Singapore Armed Forces declared by the Minister by notification in the *Gazette* to be an installation to which this Act applies; and

(c) any bridge over which a road passes;

"rules" means rules made under this Act;

"security officer" means a licensed security officer within the meaning of the Private Security Industry Act (Cap. 250A) who is authorised by the Deputy Commissioner of Police or the Authority (as appropriate) under section 142B to regulate traffic under any provision of this Act;

"trailer" means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle;

"tricycle" means a three-wheeled pedal cycle constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods;

"use" means use on a road;

"vehicle" means any vehicle whether mechanically propelled or otherwise;

"weight unladen" means the weight of a vehicle inclusive of the body and all parts (the heavier being taken where alternative bodies or parts are used) which are necessary to or ordinarily used with the vehicle when working on a road but exclusive of any driver or attendant.

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(2) For the purposes of this Act, except section 38, a person is a resident of Singapore, or is deemed to have taken up residence in Singapore, if he resides in Singapore for a continuous period of 6 months and any temporary period or periods of absence during that period of 6 months is immaterial.

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