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2005 No. 4.

THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY (DRIVING PERMITS) REGULATIONS, 2005.

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2005 No. 4. The Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Permits) Regulations, 2005.

(Under sections 36 (4) 59 (b), (e) (f) and (g) and section 178 of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, Cap. 361)

In exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for communication by sections 36(4), 59 (b), (e), (f) and (g) and 178 of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, these Regulations are made this 19th day of January, 2005.

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Permits) Regulations, 2005.

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(2) These Regulations shall come into force, for the districts of Kampala, Wakiso, Mpigi, Luwero, Nakasongola, Mukono and Kalangala on 15th January, 2005 and for the rest of the country, on such date as the Minister may by Notice in the *Gazette* appoint.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

“Act” means the Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998 Cap.361;

“computerised driving permit” means the type of driving permit introduced by these Regulations which is machine-read and whose features are as specified in the First Schedule;

“driving permit” includes a learner driving permit, a duplicate driving permit and a temporary driving permit;

“disability” means substantial functional limitation of daily life activities of an individual caused by physical, sensory or mental impairment and environmental barriers;

“extension” means the process of extending a driving permit to cover more groups of vehicles which the holder is permitted to drive;

“non-computerised driving permit” means the type of driving permit issued by the licensing officer immediately before the commencement of these regulations;

“temporary driving permit” means a document issued to a successful applicant for a driving permit or for the extension of a driving permit

allowing the applicant to drive a specified group of motor vehicles before the computerised driving permit is issued.

3. (1) There is established a computerised driving permit issue and management system.

(2) The computerised driving permit issue and management system shall replace the non-computerised driving permit system in existence immediately before the commencement of these Regulations.

4. (1) A computerised driving permit shall be in the form specified in the First Schedule.

(2) Computerised driving permits shall replace the non-computerised driving permits in existence immediately before the commencement of these Regulations.

5. (1) A successful applicant for a driving permit, or for the renewal or extension of a driving permit shall be issued with a computerised driving permit.

(2) An application for a computerised driving permit shall be in the form specified in the Second Schedule.

6.(1) An applicant for a driving permit or for the renewal or extension of a driving permit shall not be issued with a permit unless he or she is certified by a medical practitioner to be in good physical and mental health.

(2) Where the applicant is a person with a disability, the medical certification shall be done by a medical person with specialised knowledge relating to the disability of the applicant.

7. (1) Where the licensing officer is satisfied that an application under regulation 5 is correct in all respects and that the applicant has paid the prescribed fee, the licensing officer shall issue the applicant with a temporary driving permit.

(2) A temporary driving permit is valid for a period not exceeding twenty- eight days from the date of issue.

(3) A temporary driving permit shall be in the form specified in the Third Schedule.

8. The fees to be paid for a driving permit under these Regulations shall be as prescribed in the Fourth Schedule.

9.(1) For the purpose of issuing of driving permits, vehicles are grouped as specified in section 36 of the Act.

(2) A permit issued under a vehicle group other than one specified in section 36 of the Act shall be converted to its equivalent in accordance with the guidelines for conversion of vehicle groups specified in the Fifth Schedule.

10. (1) A holder of a non-computerised driving permit is eligible, on application to the licensing officer, to be issued with a computerised driving permit.

(2) Conversion of a non computerised driving permit to a computerised driving

permit shall only be possible if a period of five years has not lapsed from the time of issue or last renewal of a valid non-computerised driving permit.

(3) Where the five-year period referred to in sub-regulation (2) has lapsed, the holder of the non-computerised driving permit shall apply for a new driving permit in accordance with these Regulations.

11. For the avoidance of doubt, the non-computerised driving permit issue and management system in existence immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations, shall continue to operate in the districts for which the Minister has not yet appointed a commencement date under regulation 1(2) until the Minister appoints a commencement date for those districts.

12. The Second Schedule to the Traffic and Road Safety Regulations, S. I. 34238 is amended by revoking Forms VIII, X, XI, XII and XIV.

SCHEDULES.

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FORM OF COMPUTERISED DRIVING PERMIT

Reg. 4(1)

SECOND SCHEDULE

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B. CONVERSION FROM NON-COMPUTERISED DRIVING PERMITS TO COMPUTERISED DRIVING PERMITS

FIFTH SCHEDULE

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GUIDELINES FOR CONVERSION OF VEHICLE GROUPS FOR PURPOSES OF
ISSUING DRIVING PERMITS

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