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**MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. 2021- 2285**

**SUPPLEMENTAL IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS  
 OF REPUBLIC ACT NO. 10930**

**ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES AND RESTRICTIONS  
 ON THE VALIDITY OF DRIVER'S LICENSES**

In accordance with Section 23 of Republic Act No. 4136, otherwise known as the Land Transportation and Traffic Code, as amended by Republic Act No. 10930, the validity of driver's licenses has been extended subject to the restrictions that may be imposed by the Land Transportation Office. In line with this authority and the rule-making power of administrative agencies under Executive Order No. 292, the following guidelines and restrictions are promulgated to ensure that all holders of driver's licenses are physically and mentally fit during the prolonged validity of their driver's license.

**SECTION 1. COVERAGE**

This Supplemental Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) provides for additional guidelines for the issuance of driver's licenses and imposes additional restrictions for the enjoyment of the privilege to drive in relation to the extended validity of driver's licenses, which shall apply to all licensees eligible to the same.

**SECTION 2. ENTITLEMENT TO TEN-YEAR VALIDITY DRIVER'S LICENSE**

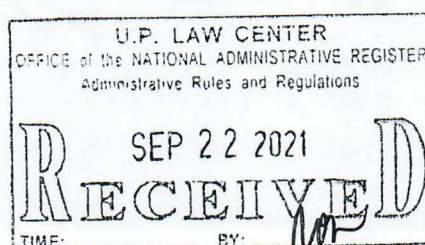
Any driver whose license is valid for at least five (5) years and who has not committed any violation of Republic Act No. 4136 and other traffic laws, rules, and regulations during the five (5)-year period shall be entitled to a renewal of such license for ten (10) year, subject to the restrictions as may be imposed by the LTO including those provided herein. Otherwise, he/she is only entitled to a five (5)-year driver's license.

Nonetheless, any person entitled to a 10-year validity license may choose to renew his/her driver's license for one that is valid only for 5 years.

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**SECTION 3. MANDATORY PERIODIC MEDICAL EXAMINATION DURING THE VALIDITY OF THE LICENSE**

- a. In addition to the medical examination performed during the application for new license and the renewal thereof, all driver's license holders shall undergo mandatory periodic medical examination(s) (PME) during the validity period of their license in any LTO-accredited medical clinic or government health facility to ensure their fitness for the extended duration of the license.
- b. For licensees who will be issued a 5-year validity driver's license, the PME shall be scheduled on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) birthdate from the issuance of the license. On the other hand, licensees who will be issued a 10-year validity driver's license shall undergo PMEs on the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) and seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) birthdates from the issuance of the license. In both instances, licensees may undergo the PME within sixty (60) days before the specified birthdate. An illustrative example of the PME scheme is attached as *Annex A*.
- c. All LTO-accredited medical clinics shall comply with Section 4(a)(2) of Republic Act No. 7432, as amended by Republic Act Nos. 9257 and 9994, which provides that senior citizen shall be entitled to the grant of twenty percent (20%) discount and exemption from the value-added tax on medical services, diagnostic and laboratory fees in all private hospitals, medical facilities, and outpatient clinics.
- d. Notwithstanding the frequency provided in the preceding subsections, the registered physician who performs the medical examination during the application for new license or renewal may prescribe a more frequent PME schedule considering the licensee's age, existing medical condition, medical history, previous injuries, and other physical or mental impairment/s that may worsen during the validity of the driver's license.
- e. The registered physician is primarily tasked to determine whether the licensee has developed any physical or mental condition or illness that is likely to interfere with the latter's ability to control and operate a motor vehicle safely and report his/her findings to the LTO. The licensee shall be examined in accordance with the medical examination guidelines set by the LTO under Memorandum Circular No. 2018-2157 and such other issuances subsequent thereto.
- f. When the physician determines that the licensee remains to be physically fit and medically qualified to drive a motor vehicle, the registered physician shall issue a completed medical certificate in the prescribed form reflecting his/her findings therein. The biometric finger scan of both the examining physician and the licensee shall be required before the medical certificate is electronically transmitted to the Land Transportation Management System. Additionally, the licensee's biometric fingerprint must match the fingerprint impression recorded in the LTO database.



- g. Philippine driver's license holders working or living abroad whose PME schedule falls during their stay abroad shall be exempted from the requirement under this section. However, should they return during or after the above-mentioned periods, they are required to subject themselves to a medical examination within thirty (30) days upon arrival to the Philippines before exercising their privilege to drive.
- h. The licensee shall be informed of his/her prescribed dates for the PME by indicating such dates in a written notice that comes with the issuance of the license.

The LTO shall also provide a system to notify the licensee thirty (30) and sixty (60) days before the scheduled PME. After the schedule has lapsed, the licensee who fails to undergo the PME shall be given a notice requiring his or her immediate compliance and stating the penalties for non-compliance.

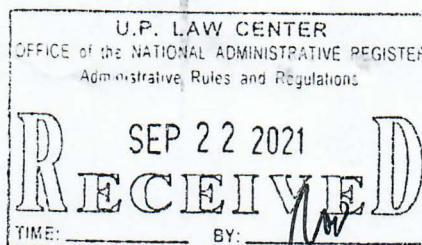
#### **SECTION 4. MANDATORY MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF DRIVERS INVOLVED IN ROAD CRASHES**

In addition to the periodic medical examination stated in the preceding section, a driver of a motor vehicle involved in road crash resulting in the loss of human life, physical injuries or substantial damage to properties shall be subjected to a medical examination to determine his/her physical and mental fitness to drive. The driver shall submit himself/herself for medical examination at any LTO-accredited medical clinics or government health facility within seventy-two (72) hours from the time of the road crash or from his/her release from detention or medical treatment, if applicable.

#### **SECTION 5. EFFECTS OF CHANGES IN THE LICENSEE'S PHYSICAL CONDITION TO THE DRIVER'S LICENSE**

If, upon on the findings of a physician, the physical condition of a licensee has changed in a manner where there is already a need to reclassify the license, restrict the driving privilege to a certain motor vehicle class and/or modify the conditions in his/her driver's license, the LTO shall cause the updating of his/her license details and the reprinting of the driver's license to reflect such changes.

If the physician determines that the licensee is no longer fit to drive because of a physical, neurologic, or cognitive impairment, the LTO shall immediately suspend the driver's license and subject the license card to physical storage until a specialist certifies that the licensee has clearly recovered to a state where he/she can safely operate a motor vehicle or that the loss or impairment has been adequately compensated. Such certification may include a recommendation to the LTO to impose conditions, limit the driving privilege and/or require the licensee to undergo a theoretical and/or practical examination in order to determine licensee's ability to operate motor vehicles.

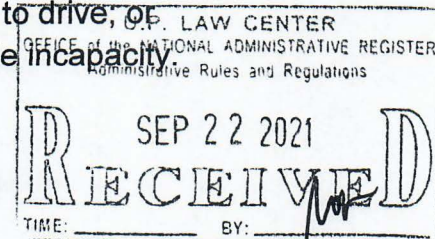


**SECTION 6. REPORTORIAL REQUIREMENT IN CASE OF TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT INCAPACITY**

It shall be the duty of a licensee to inform the nearest LTO Regional / District / Extension Office / Licensing Center in writing of his/her temporary or permanent incapacity and to surrender his/her driver's license for storage within six (6) months from the onset of the incapacity. A medical certificate issued by the licensee's examining physician stating the fact of such incapacity shall be required.

Based on the recommendation of the physician, the Assistant Secretary or the Regional Director may:

- a. Suspend the driver's license in case of temporary incapacity until the appropriate medical specialist/s certify his/her physical and mental fitness to drive;
- b. Revoke the driver's license in case of permanent or irreversible incapacity.



**SECTION 7. AUTHORITY TO REQUIRE MEDICAL EXAMINATION**

The LTO shall have the authority to require any driver who appears to have any physical or mental condition or illness that may present a driving risk to undergo medical examination in order to assess his/her fitness to drive. As such, whenever the LTO Assistant Secretary or Regional Director finds such driver and a review of the available records show that his/her condition has not been noted during the previous medical examinations by an LTO-registered physician, the LTO Assistant Secretary or Regional Director may order the driver to undergo medical examination to assist him/her in making the appropriate decision as to whether the driver will continue to enjoy the driving privilege or have such privilege restricted, suspended or revoked. However, qualified drivers who are able to demonstrate that their condition is stable and that they are able to compensate for their disability shall not be discriminated on the basis of such disability.

**SECTION 8. EFFECT OF FAILURE TO UNDERGO MEDICAL EXAMINATION OR REPORT INCAPACITY**

- a. Any driver who, without valid cause, fails or refuses to undergo any of the mandatory medical examinations provided under Sections 3 and 4 hereof within the prescribed period shall have his/her driver's license automatically suspended until he/she complies with such requirement. Accordingly, the penalty and demerit point/s applicable to the violation of driving with a suspended driver's license shall be imposed upon such driver for every instance he/she is found operating a motor vehicle on any public highway during the period of non-compliance.
- b. If a driver who was not subject to the sanctions provided in the preceding subsection was found during the renewal of his/her license to have omitted to undergo any of the medical examinations required under this issuance, such driver shall be penalized with a fine of One Thousand Pesos (P1,000.00) for every missed medical examination. In addition, any driver who failed to undergo a

required medical examination shall also be disqualified from renewing the license and driving any motor vehicle for a period of one (1) year from the payment of the fine.

- c. Any driver who refuses to undergo medical examination as provided in Section 7 hereof or who fails to report, without valid cause, his/her temporary or permanent disability within the prescribed period shall be considered an improper person to operate a motor vehicle under Section 27 of RA 4136. As such, the license of such driver shall be suspended or, after hearing, revoked at the discretion of the Assistant Secretary or the concerned Regional Director.
- d. The decision of the Regional Director, in all cases herein calling for the exercise of discretion, may be appealed, within fifteen (15) days from its receipt to the Assistant Secretary whose decision shall be final and unappealable.

### **SECTION 9. NEURO-PSYCHIATRIC EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF DRIVER'S LICENSE**

A person whose driver's license has been revoked shall undergo neuro-psychiatric assessment or examination to be conducted by any government-accredited facility before his/her driver's license may be reinstated. A psychological report with a clear recommendation for the restoration of driving privilege shall be submitted as an additional documentary requirement for the applicable license transaction and as proof of the person's mental fitness to operate a motor vehicle.

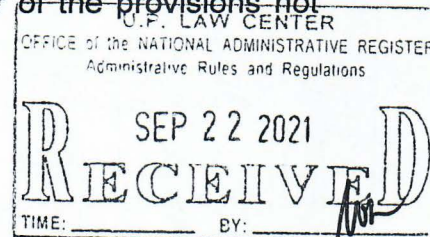
This provision generally applies to any person with revoked license who have been found to be an improper person to operate motor vehicles, or to have committed, or as an accessory to, any crime or act which endangers the public while operating or using a motor vehicle, as provided under Section 27 of RA 4136. Likewise, the same requirement applies to any person who has accumulated at least forty (40) demerit points and has been subject to an outright revocation of driver's license under Section 16 of the IRR of RA 10930, and those whose driver's license has been revoked for any other lawful reason except in cases where perpetual disqualification from being granted a license has been imposed.

### **SECTION 10. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE**

If any provision or part hereof is declared invalid, the remainder of the provisions not otherwise affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

### **SECTION 11. REPEALING CLAUSE**

All orders, guidelines, and memoranda that are in conflict herewith are deemed repealed or amended accordingly.



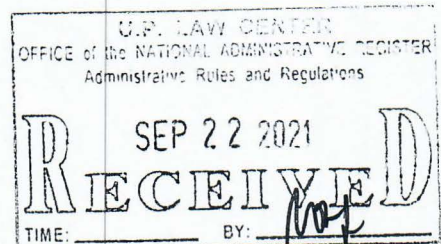
**SECTION 12. EFFECTIVITY**

These guidelines shall take effect immediately upon its publication in the Official Gazette or a newspaper of general circulation, and upon registration with the Office of the National Administrative Register at the University of the Philippines Law Center, U.P. Diliman, Quezon City.

Done this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.

Approved

*Edgar C. Galvante*  
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Assistant Secretary



**ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE OF THE PERIODIC  
MEDICAL EXAMINATION SCHEME**

Year	5-year Driver's License	10-year Driver's License
2021	Medical Examination (New/Renewal)	Medical Examination (Renewal)
2022		
2023		
2024	Periodic Medical Examination	
2025		Periodic Medical Examination
2026	Medical Examination (Renewal)	
2027		
2028		Periodic Medical Examination
2029	Periodic Medical Examination	
2030		
2031	Medical Examination (Renewal)	Medical Examination (Renewal)

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