

**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 68)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION)
REGULATIONS**

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ROAD TRAFFIC (INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION) REGULATIONS

Commencement: 5th November 1979

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (International Circulation) Regulations.

Interpretation

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

“abroad” means any place outside Brunei Darussalam;

“1949 Convention” means the United Nations Convention on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on the 19th day of September 1949;

“Domestic Driving Permit” means a document issued under the law of a country which is a party to the 1949 Convention and authorising the holder to drive motor vehicles or a specified class or description of motor vehicle in that country;

“International Driving Permit” means a driving permit in the form prescribed in the 1949 Convention issued by the competent authority in Brunei Darussalam or the competent authority of a country which is a party to the Convention;

“registration certificate” means a certificate or book issued under the law of a country which is a party to the 1949 Convention and containing the serial number or registration number, the name or trade mark of the maker of the motor vehicle, the maker’s identification or serial number, the date of first registration and the full name and permanent place of residence of the owner.

Appointment of Registration Authority

3. His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan may, by notification published in the *Gazette*, appoint any Licensing Officer as a Registration Authority for the purposes of these Regulations.

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PART 2

BRUNEI DARUSSALAM MOTOR VEHICLES AND DRIVERS GOING ABROAD

Brunei Darussalam cars going abroad

4. Any person who desires to use abroad a motor vehicle registered in Brunei Darussalam must be in possession of a registration certificate and the motor vehicle must comply with the conditions prescribed in the 1949 Convention.

Brunei Darussalam drivers going abroad

5. (1) Subject to sub-regulation (2), a Registration Authority may issue for use abroad in a country which is a party to the 1949 Convention an International Driving Permit in the form set out in Schedule 1.

(2) An International Driving Permit shall not be issued to any person unless he satisfies the Registration Authority that —

(a) he is not under 18 years of age; and

(b) he is the holder of a driving licence authorising him to drive motor vehicles of the class or type which he would be authorised by the International Driving Permit applied for to drive.

(3) There shall be chargeable on the issue of an International Driving Permit a fee of \$15.

(4) No International Driving Permit shall be issued until the applicant has paid to the Registration Authority the fee prescribed by this regulation.

PART 3

MOTOR VEHICLES ARRIVING IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM FROM ABROAD

Application for International Circulation Permit

6. (1) Any person making only a temporary stay in Brunei Darussalam who brings a motor vehicle into Brunei Darussalam from a country abroad which is a party to the 1949 Convention and who desires to obtain an International Circulation Permit under these Regulations in respect of that vehicle shall apply to the Registration Authority by means of an application in the form set out in Schedule 2.

(2) The registration certificate in respect of the motor vehicle shall be forwarded with the application.

(3) No person shall be exempt under the provisions of regulation 18 from the payment of the fees for licences for motor vehicles, unless he is the holder of an International Circulation Permit.

Form of International Circulation Permit

7. (1) International Circulation Permit shall be in the form set out in Schedule 3.

(2) The International Circulation Permit shall be carried upon the motor vehicle in the same manner as if it were a licence for a motor vehicle issued under the provisions of section 8, and the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulations (Rg 1) in respect of the fixing and display of identification marks for such licence and the form of holder of the licence shall apply accordingly.

(3) The Registration Authority may, if it thinks fit, supply to the person to whom an International Circulation Permit is issued, if he desires, a holder for the permit and make a charge for it.

Registration certificate

8. (1) A registration certificate containing such particulars relative to the motor vehicle in respect of which it is issued as the Licensing Officer may from time to time direct shall be issued to every owner of a motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit is issued.

(2) The registration certificate shall be produced for inspection by the owner at any reasonable time upon request by a police officer or any officer authorised in writing in that behalf by the Licensing Officer.

Defacing of International Circulation Permit or registration certificate

9. (1) No person shall —

(a) deface or mutilate any International Circulation Permit or registration certificate;

(b) alter or obliterate any entry made therein;

(c) make any addition thereto; or

(d) make or exhibit any imitation thereof.

(2) If an International Circulation Permit or registration certificate issued by the Registration Authority under these Regulations has been lost, destroyed or accidentally defaced, the owner of the motor vehicle shall apply to the Registration Authority for the issue to him of a duplicate permit or registration certificate, as the case may be.

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(3) The Registration Authority, upon being satisfied as to such loss, destruction or defacement, and where the permit or registration certificate has been accidentally defaced, upon the surrender of the permit or registration certificate so defaced, may issue a duplicate on payment of a fee of \$2, and a duplicate so issued shall have the same effect as the original permit or registration certificate.

Issue of International Circulation Permit

10. Upon receipt by the Registration Authority of an application made in accordance with the provisions of regulation 6(1) for an International Circulation Permit, the Registration Authority to whom such application is made may, if it is satisfied that the owner is making only temporary stay in Brunei Darussalam and that the motor vehicle in respect of which the application is made has been brought by the owner into Brunei Darussalam from a country abroad which is a party to the 1949 Convention —

- (a) issue to the owner an International Circulation Permit;
- (b) before the issue of the International Circulation Permit, enter thereon —
 - (i) the registration letter or letters and registration number of the vehicle;
 - (ii) the date to which the International Circulation Permit is valid; and
 - (iii) a stamp or other sufficient mark indicating the Registration Authority by whom the permit is issued and the date of issue;
- (c) prepare and issue to such owner the registration certificate with the appropriate particulars entered thereon;
- (d) retain the application:

Provided that no International Circulation Permit shall be issued by the Registration Authority unless and until there has been produced to the Authority in respect of the motor vehicle a certificate of insurance, certificate of security or certificate of foreign insurance which complies with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third Party Risks) Act (Chapter 90) and which is valid for the period of the permit for which application has been made.

Identification marks of vehicles brought into Brunei Darussalam from abroad

11. The identification mark of a motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit is issued shall be —

- (a) the identification mark for international circulation issued in respect of the motor vehicle in the country of origin; or
- (b) where the country of origin has not allotted an identification mark, such identification mark as the Licensing Officer may determine.

Carrying of identification marks

12. (1) An identification mark as prescribed in regulation 11 shall be carried by the motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit has been issued and shall be exhibited in the same manner as if it were an identification mark assigned in accordance with section 5 and in conformity with the Road Traffic (Identification Marks) Regulations (Rg 14), in respect of the size, form, lettering and numbering of registration numbers:

Provided that if the identification mark or the plate on which it is exhibited does not conform as to form, colour, dimension, lettering, numbering or otherwise with the provision set out in the Road Traffic (Identification Marks) Regulations (Rg 14), it shall conform in these respects with the law of the country by which the identification mark of such motor vehicle was allotted except that in all cases the letters shall be in Roman characters and the figures in ordinary European numerals.

(2) A Registration Authority may if he thinks fit supply, at the request of the owner of a motor vehicle to which an identification mark is assigned under these Regulations, plates bearing the identification mark of the vehicle inscribed thereon and make a charge for them.

Validity of International Circulation Permits

13. An International Circulation Permit shall be valid for such period not exceeding 90 days from the date upon which the motor vehicle in respect of which such permit is issued was last brought into Brunei Darussalam from abroad.

Surrender of permits etc. on breaking up etc. of vehicle

14. If a vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit has been issued is broken up, destroyed or sold or otherwise transferred to a person other than the person to whom such permit was issued during the period for which such permit is valid, the person to whom such permit was issued shall —

- (a) forthwith inform the Regulation Authority by whom the permit was issued of such breaking up, destruction sale or other transfer, and, in the case of a sale or other transfer, of the name and address of the person to whom the motor vehicle has been so sold or transferred; and

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(b) at the same time, surrender to the Registration Authority the permit and registration certificate issued in respect of the vehicle.

Surrender of permit etc. on removal of vehicles from Brunei Darussalam

15. If on or before the expiry of an International Circulation Permit the motor vehicle in respect of which the permit has been issued is about to be removed from Brunei Darussalam to a place abroad, the person to whom such permit was issued shall forthwith or before such vehicle is removed, as the case may be, surrender the permit and registration certificate to the Registration Authority issuing such permit and certificate.

Identification marks to become void on breaking up etc. of vehicle

16. When any motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit has been issued is broken up, destroyed or removed to a place abroad or sold or otherwise transferred from the owner to some person in Brunei Darussalam, the identification mark assigned to the motor vehicle under regulation 11(a) shall become void.

Surrender of International Circulation Permit

17. At any time during the period of validity of his International Circulation Permit, any person may surrender the permit to the Registration Authority by whom it was issued and the permit shall thereupon cease to be valid.

Exemption from payment of fees

18. Any person who obtains an International Circulation Permit under, and otherwise complies with, these Regulations shall be exempt during the period for which such permit is valid from the fees payable in Brunei Darussalam in respect of that motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Regulations (Rg 1).

Application for licence on expiry of International Circulation Permit

19. (1) Any person to whom an International Circulation Permit has been issued in respect of a motor vehicle shall, before using that vehicle in Brunei Darussalam at any time after such permit has ceased to be valid, apply for and obtain a special licence under the provisions of this regulation:

Provided that the special licence may be expressed to expire not later than 90 days from the date of expiry of the International Circulation Permit.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, the Road Traffic Regulations (Rg 1) shall be modified as follows —

(a) if the owner satisfies the Licensing Officer of the registration area within which he is temporarily residing that the vehicle is not ordinarily kept within any registration area and that he has no principal place of business or permanent postal address in Brunei Darussalam, application for a licence may be made to the Licensing Officer and a licence issued by that Licensing Officer;

(b) the owner shall, together with his declaration, forward to such Licensing Officer the International Circulation Permit (unless already surrendered to the Registration Authority) and registration certificate issued to him;

(c) the identification mark to be assigned by the Licensing Officer shall, if the person making the application in pursuance of this regulation so desires, be the identification mark of the vehicle under regulation 11.

PART 4

DRIVERS ARRIVING IN BRUNEI DARUSSALAM FROM ABROAD

Holder of International Driving Permits or Domestic Driving Permit may drive motor vehicles

20. (1) It shall be lawful for any person, resident abroad and intending to make only a temporary stay in Brunei Darussalam, who holds an International Driving Permit or a Domestic Driving Permit, to drive in Brunei Darussalam a motor vehicle of any class or description that he is authorised by such permit to drive notwithstanding that he is not the holder of a driving licence issued under Part 4.

(2) Part 4 of the Road Traffic Regulations (Rg 1), does not apply to any person authorised to drive a motor vehicle under sub-regulation (1).

PART 5

GENERAL

Power of Registration Authority to authorise officers

21. Any officer authorised by the Registration Authority is empowered to perform any duty or exercise any power of the Registration Authority for the purpose of carrying these Regulations into effect.

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Records of vehicles and licences

22. The Registration Authority shall establish and maintain in such form as the Director may direct, records of motor vehicles in respect of which International Circulation Permits are issued under these Regulations.

Non-application of Regulations

23. These Regulations do not apply to any motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods for the purposes of any trade or business or for the carriage of passengers for hire and reward.

SCHEDULE 1

(regulation 5(1))

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRAFFIC
INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

Issued at

Date

Seal or stamp of
authority

(Signature of issuing authority)

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This permit is valid in the territory of all the Contracting States, with the exception of the territory of the Contracting State where issued, for the period of one year from the date of issue, for the driving of motor vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on page 3.

LIST OF THE CONTRACTING STATE

States where the 1949 International Driving Permit is recognised —

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Andora
- Angola (Portuguese) (Overseas Territory)
- Antigua (Eastward Is.)
- Argentina
- Australia
- Austria
- Bahamas
- Barbados (+ fee)

SCHEDULE 1

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Belgium
Bhutan
Bolivia (After 3 months)
Botswana (former Bechuanaland)
British Honduras (for 3 months)
Brunei Darussalam
Bulgaria
Burma
Burundi
Cameroon
Canada
Cayman Islands
Central African Republic
Ceylon
Chad
Chile
China (National Republic) (Formosa)
Congo (Brazzaville)
Costa Rica (for 30 days)
Cuba
Curacao (Netherlands Antilles)
Cyprus
Czechoslovakia
Dahomey
Denmark
Dominica (Leeward Is.)
Dominican Republic (for 6 months)
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Fiji
Finland
France (including French) (overseas departments and territories)
Gabon
Gambus (for 3 months)

SCHEDULE 1

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Germany (Democratic Rep.)
Germany (Fed. Republic)
Ghana
Gibraltar
Greece
Grenada (Windward Is.)
Guatemala
Guernsey
Guinea
Guyana (for 3 months)
Haiti
Honduras
Hong Kong
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Ivory Coast
Jamaica (for private vehicles)
Japan
Jersey
Jordan
Khmer Republic (former Cambodia)
Korea (Republic)
Kuwait
Laos
Lebanon
Lesotho (former Barcelona)
Liechtenstein
Luxemburg
Malagasy Republic
Malawi
Malaysia (Malaya, Sabah and Sarawak)

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Mali
Malta
Mauritania
Mauritius
Monaco
Montserrat (Leeward Is.)
Morocco
Mozambique (Portuguese East Africa)
Nepal (for 15 days)
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua (for 30 days)
Niger
Norway
Pakistan
Panama
Papua and New Guinea
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines (for 90 days)
Poland
Portugal (including Maderia, the Azores Cape Islands, Portuguese Guinea,
Sao Tome and Principe Macao and Portuguese Timor)
Qatar
Rhodesia
Romania
Rwanda
St. Christopher, Nevis and Anguilla (Leeward Is.)
St. Lucia (Windward Is.)
St. Vincent
San Marino
Saudi Arabia
Senegal (for private vehicles)
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore

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South Africa
South West Africa
Southern Yemen (former Aden)
Spain (including African territories)
Sudan
Surinam (Dutch, Guiana)
Swaziland
Sweden
Switzerland
Syria
Tanzania
Thailand
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago (for private vehicles)
Tunisia
Turkey
Uganda
United Kingdom (including the Ilse of Man)
U.S.S.R
United States of America
Upper Volta
Vatican City
Venezuela
Vietnam
Western Samoa
Yugoslavia
Zaire (former Congo Kinsham)
Zambia

It is understood that this permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or to the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country through which he travels.

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Particulars concerning the driver —

1. Surname
2. Other names
3. Place of birth
4. Date of birth*
5. Permanent place of residence

Motor vehicles for which the permit is valid —

Motorcycles, with or without a sidecar, invalid carriages and three-wheeled motor vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg (900 lbs). A

Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, at most eight seats, or those used for the transport of goods and having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs). B
Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.

Motor vehicles used for the transport of goods and of which the permissible maximum weight exceeds 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer. C

Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, more than eight seats, vehicle in this category may be coupled with a light trailer. D

Motor vehicles of categories B, C or D, as authorised above, with other than a light trailer. E

“Maximum load” means the weight of the load declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle.

“Permissible maximum weight” of a vehicle means the weight of the vehicle and its maximum load when the vehicle is ready for the road.

“Light trailers” shall be those of a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 750 kg (1,650 lbs).

EXCLUSION

Holder of this permit is deprived of the right to drive in

SCHEDULE 1

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(Country)

by reason of

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Exclusion

Place

(Countries)

Seal or stamp of authority

Date

Signature

Should the above space be already filled, use any other space provided for "Exclusion".

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A Seal or stamp of authority

Photograph

B Seal or stamp of authority

C Seal or stamp of authority

Seal or stamp of authority

D Seal or stamp of authority

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Signature of holder**

E Seal or stamp of authority

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EXCLUSION

(Countries)

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| I. | V. |
| II. | VI. |
| III. | VII. |
| IV. | VIII. |

* or approximate age or date of issue.

** or thumb impression.

SCHEDULE 2

(regulation 6(1))

APPLICATION FORM FOR INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT

DECLARATION AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF
INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT

I request that you will issue to me a permit for the motor vehicle describe below —

1. Description of motor vehicle (for example motor car, motorcycle etc.)
2. Make of motor vehicle
3. Chassis Number
4. Engine Number
5. Shape
6. Colour
7. Number of seats
8. Letters and numbers on the identification plates (if any)

I undertake to deliver the permit on or before its expiry to the Authority by whom it was issued; I declare that I intend to make only a temporary stay in Brunei Darussalam; I understand that if I use the motor vehicle on public roads in Brunei Darussalam at any time when I hold no valid International Circulation Permit, I shall become liable to the ordinary registration and/or licence fees and I declare that I have held no International Circulation Permit during the last 12 months except as follows —

Where issued

Approximate period for which used

Signature of owner

Name in full

(in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Passport No.

Date and place of issue

SCHEDULE 3

(regulation 7(1))

INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT

