

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CITY PERMITS FOR VIKRAM/ AUTO- RICKSHAWS IN DEHRADUN

State: Uttarakhand

Details of licensing procedures are as follows:

The permits are regulated as per the Motor Vehicle Act 1988.

Permit Procedure:

To apply for a permit an, applicant has to fill form no. SR-21 (under section 66 of Motor Vehicle act), and must submit to the regional transport authority (RTA), who has the right to accept or reject the application. The authority shall not ordinarily refuse to grant an application for permit of any kind made at any time under this Act. Regional Transport Authority, State Transport Authority or any prescribed authority refuses an application for the grant of a permit of any kind under this Act, shall give to the applicant in writing its reasons for the refusal of the same and an opportunity of being heard in the matter. Once the authority grants the permit, vehicle is checked as per rules for fitness and once the registration is done, permit is issued which is valid for a particular area. Regarding the licensing of Vikrams is concerned, the RTO has decided not to issue any more new vikram permits to control pollution in the dehradun municipality since year 1998. It is not some particular number that caused the alarm ringing but it is a general steps taken towards controlling pollution.

Authority:

Regional Transport Authority

Fees:

As per the Motor Vehicle act 1988.

Duration of Permit:

5 years.

Renewal Procedure:

The procedures are as of a new permit.

Conditions of Permit:

Section 84 of Motor Vehicle Act 1988 gives the conditions. There are certain other conditions apart from these standard conditions, which are set by the RTA. They are:

1. The routes set by the authority for Vikrams and Auto-rickshaws are as follows:
(a) Vikrams can move anywhere in the radius of 25kms from the concerned center(except hilly areas) ; (b) Auto-rickshaw can move anywhere in the radius of 16kms from the dehradun center(except hilly areas)
2. The authority prohibits all Vikrams operating in different areas others than the city area to run in the city area.
3. In order to control pollution, scrubbers are put in all vikrams other than the EURO vehicles (vehicles which abide by the EURO emission norms to control pollution] and it is also mandatory for auto-rickshaws to put catalytic converter either put by the manufacturer or approved by ARAI Pune(The Automotive Research Association of India)
4. Vikrams and Auto-rickshaws are restricted from operating in hilly areas/routes.
5. Different colours have been allotted to vikrams in different routes.
6. RTA has put a life limit of 7 years for vikrams operating in the city.

Renewal procedures:

A permit may be renewed on an application made not less than fifteen days before the date of its expiry. The Regional Transport Authority may entertain an application for the renewal of a permit after the last date specified in that sub-section if it is satisfied that the applicant was prevented by good and sufficient cause from making an application within the time specified. The Regional Transport authority may reject an application for the renewal of a permit on one or more of the following grounds, namely:-

- a. the financial condition of the applicant as evidenced by insolvency, or decrees for payment of debts remaining unsatisfied for a period of thirty days, prior to the date of consideration of the application;
- b. the applicant had been punished twice or more for any of the following offences within twelve months reckoned from fifteen days prior to the date of consideration of the application committed as a result of the operation of a stage carriage service by the applicant, namely Plying any vehicle
 1. without payment of tax due on such vehicle;
 2. Without payment of tax during the grace period allowed for payment of such tax and then stop the plying of such vehicle;
 3. On any unauthorized route;
 4. (ii) Making unauthorized trips:

Provided that in computing the number of punishments for the purpose of clause (b), any punishment stayed by the order of an appellate authority shall not be taken into account:

Provided further that no application under this sub-section shall be rejected unless an opportunity of being heard is given to the applicant where a permit has been renewed under this section after the expiry of the period thereof, such renewal shall have effect from the date of such expiry irrespective of whether or not a temporary permit has been granted under clause (d) of section 87, and where a temporary permit has been granted, the fee paid in respect of such temporary permit shall be refused.

Penalty:

The vehicle can be seized and penalty imposed in accordance with the motor vehicle act 1988, motor vehicle rules 1989 and Uttaranchal taxation improvement rules & act-2003 in case of no or illegal license or problems relating to vehicle fitness, registration et