

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE PERMIT PROCEDURES OF AUTORICKSHAWS IN COCHIN

State: Kerala

Details of permit procedures are as follows:

The Regional Transport office issues permit based on the regulations as per the Motor Vehicles Act 1998 and the various gazette orders of Kerala Government. Gazette order to limit the contract carriages permit is also of importance with regard to city permits.(G.O. (P) No.189/95/PW & T. dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 12th December, 1995).

The city permit for Auto rickshaws are regulated under the Regional Transport Corporation of Thiruvananthapuram. The permit is given for the auto rickshaw and not for the drivers. There are two types of city permits in Kochi. They are:

1. Regular city permits available in all cities
2. Prepaid city permits.

The regular type permits are not given at present.

PERMIT PROCEDURE:

The Regional Transport office issues permit to any person who apply under this section and based on the documents that he produces. There is an application form for applying for the Auto rickshaw city permit which can be available at the Regional Transport office, Cochin, Kakanad. The application form (FORM P. CO. S. A.) costs only Rs.2/- The applicant must fill the application, should attach necessary documents along with the fee in the cash form. The city permit for Auto rickshaws is regulated under the Regional Transport Office Cochin. AT present the Regional Transport (RT) Office of Cochin does not provide any new city permit at present, but only prepaid city permit and renewals of permit already given. Based on the decision taken on 12-12-1995(G.O (P) No.189/95/PW&T,the regional transport board has fixed a quota of 3600 for city permits. It is because of the over crowdies, but allows permit out of city or the suburbia area in accordance with the provisions of sections 69, 73 & 80 of the Motor Vehicle Act of 1988.

Requisites:

1. Submission of the filled Application form
2. Owned Vehicle in the name of Applicant
3. Adress Proof of the Applicant.

Authority issuing City Permit:

Regional Transport Authority, Kochi

Permit Fees:

The Regional Transport Authority charges Rs.250/- for both a new permit and for renewal of the permit. In addition Rs.100/- is charged as the user fees.

Conditions to be satisfied for Applying for the Permit:

1. Applicant should be a permanent resident of Cochin corporation area
2. Vehicle should be registered in the name of the person on /before 31-12-2006
3. Applicant need not possess driving license to have a city permit. But to drive auto rickshaw, he/ she need to have the license
4. Vehicle should carry a special identification mark in the specified manner
5. Court fee/any other fee to railway shall be paid by the applicant

Prepaid System:

It is decided by the Road Transport Board to grant 200 contract carriage permits available, due to non-existence of vehicle for operation of prepaid system in Ernakulam South and North Railway stations. Existing permit holders are allowed to continue heard, and temporary permit is issued for one year. (U/S 104 of Motor Vehicles Act).Maximum time granted under rule 159(2) of KMV rules. It is decided to paint sky blue colour on tank except the goods carriage, drinking water etc. At North and South Railway stations as per the decisions of RTA (Regional Transport Authority). The driver is allowed to take the passengers only the areas within the permit.

Instructions for prepaid permit holders:

1. Vehicle shall not to be absent from Prepaid stand for a long time
2. Permit holder should be liable to pay the carter fee/ any other fee to the railway
3. Vehicle should not park/pick up passengers outside the city
4. The driver is allowed to take the passengers only the areas within the permit

Permit Renewal Procedures:

The person has to apply for renew the permit before 14 days of permit expiry in the prescribed form with the fees prescribed. The fees and procedures are same as that of fresh license.

Penalty:

1. Memos will be charged on the person
2. Driving without permit in city premises can make to charge a fine, at least of Rs. 500, as per the law