

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CITY PERMITS FOR AUTO RICKSHAW IN THIRUVANANTHAPURAM:**

**State: Kerala**

### **Details of licensing 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, 12<sup>th</sup> December 1995).

The city permit for Auto rickshaws are regulated under the Regional Transport Corporation of Thiruvananthapuram.

### **Licensing Procedure:**

There is an application form for applying for the Auto rickshaw permit. The applicant must fill the application and should attach necessary documents along with the fee in the cash form. But at present the Road Transport (RT) Office of Trivandrum does not provide any new city permit at present, but only renewed license. It is because of the over crowding, but allows permit out of city or the suburban area.

### **Terms and Conditions:**

The terms and conditions are that, the applicant must produce all the necessary documents without delay and the permit is allowed only for the rest of five years. The applicant must renew it before the permit period ends. The permit is given for the auto rickshaw and not for the drivers. The only and only eligibility the applicant has to produce is his own driving license. The processing time will not exceed beyond one week.

### **Permit Fees:**

The Transport Bhavan charges Rs.250/- for both a new permit and for renewal of the permit.

### **Documents Required:**

The necessary documents required are:

1. vehicle's insurance
2. pollution verified certificate
3. Fitness certificate of Auto rickshaw
4. Non-Objection certificate
5. Financier's Concern

**No Objection Certificate (NOC):**

An application for Issue of No Objection Certificate shall be made (in triplicate duly affixing the pencil print of chassis number) to the Registering Authority in which the vehicle was previously registered/transferred. A court fee stamp worth Rs.5. /- should be affixed.

**Permit Renewal:**

The section 173 (2) of the Motor Vehicle Act prescribe the renewal of procedures. As per the rules, there is a different format of form that has to be filled in by the applicant. The renewal application form costs Rs.2/- (FORM P. R. A.). The renewal procedure also will not take much time but within one week, the permit can be renewed. The Transport Bhavan charges Rs.250/- for both a new permit and for renewal of the permit.

**Penalty:**

Penalties are given by the Regional Transport Office. Penalties are in the form of warning, withdrawal of license etc. Any issue regarding fare also dealt by the RT office there is a fixed price according to the kilometres. Drivers are not asked to ask more fare from anybody. If any driver asks more than the actual fare, it is the role of the passenger(s) to handle them, if not they can complain it to the local police.