

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CITY PERMITS FOR AUTO RICKSHAW IN SRINAGAR

State: Jammu and Kashmir

Details of permit procedures are as follows:

The Srinagar Regional Transport Office deals with the issuing of licences and permits of Auto-rickshaws. The permit for Auto-rickshaw drivers are dealt by the Regional Transport Office. Contract carriage permits are required for auto rickshaws. The corridor Jurisdiction of operation will be indicated in the permit.

Procedure:

The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 lays down the provisions for the licensing and permit procedures. As per the Act, Every application for a permit shall be made to the Regional Transport Authority of the region in which it is proposed to use the vehicle or vehicles. The person has to apply with the application form along with an affidavit to the Office of RTO. The applications are scrutinized, processed and prepared for placement before the concerned Chairman, Regional Transport authority, for approval and Sanction of the permit. An application for a permit in respect of a contract carriage shall contain the following particulars, namely:-

1. The type and seating capacity of the vehicle;
2. The area for which the permit is required;
3. Any other particulars which may be prescribed;

The application must also contain the photograph and the Permanent Resident Certificate together with the appropriate fee under rules before the concerned Member Secretary, Regional Transport authority (RTO/ ARTO). The person who is in possession of Valid Light Transport Vehicle License is authorized to drive the vehicle provided that the vehicle is in conformity with the provisions of Motor Vehicle Rules and Acts framed .So to ply auto , one has to get the contract carriage permit and the driver must possess valid LTV (Light Transport Vehicle) License

Issuing Authority:

The permits are issued by the Regional Transport Authority headed by Deputy Commissioner Srinagar as chairman, Regional Transport Officer Srinagar as Member /Secretary, and SSP Traffic Police Srinagar as Member. RTA (Regional Transport Authority) is the sanctioning Authority for earmarking permit and the Member Secretary, RTA is the issuing authority.

TIME FOR PROCESSING:

The permits are issued by the Regional Transport Authority of Srinagar, usually within the period of one month.

Documents Required:

1. Application form.
2. Permanent Resident Certificate (i.e. he should be a state subject of J&K).'
3. Moreover, driver must also possess a valid driving license.
4. Application fees.
5. An affidavit.

Conditions to be satisfied for Applying for the Permit:

The trade of auto-rickshaw is governed by the provisions under Motor Vehicle Act. The person has to apply with the application form along with an affidavit to the Office of RTO(Regional transport Officer).

Additional conditions in respect of certain matters of permit.-

A permit in respect of a contract carriage may subject to one or any of the following conditions namely: -

1. That the vehicle shall not driven in any public place except by permit- holder or a licensed driver holding an authorization to drive a public service vehicle and duly authorized by the permit holder in writing which shall be carried by the driver when driving, and produced on demand by any police officer or officers of the motor vehicles department.;
2. That the number of the persons to be carried in the vehicle shall not exceed the number which may be specified in the permit ; and
3. No advertising device, figures or writing shall be exhibited on the vehicle.

Renewal of Licence and Permits:

Renewal of permit is to be done after a year on 31st March of every year. For renewal, the permit holders has to apply along with the requisite documents of the vehicle and appropriate before 15 days of the expiry .The renewal of permits done within three days after completion of all renewal formalities. The renewals are done annually provided that the permit holder is not in violation of section 84 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. The renewal formalities and renewal fees all are the same as in the case of applying for the fresh licence.

Permit Fees:

The application fee is Rs.150/- and Rs.1000/- is charged as permit fees. The fees must be remitted at the respective counters established in the office premises of RTO's and ARTO's.

Additional fees for belated applications for renewal of permits:

1. Rs.750 for up to 45 days
2. Rs.1500/- 46 days to 90 days
3. Rs.2500/- for 91 days to 365 days

Penalty:

Section 192- A is attracted for using vehicles without a permit and Rule 306 of Jammu and Kashmir motor Vehicle Rules, 1991 provides the Executing Authorities have inherent powers for checking vehicles on roads. Driving without permit in city premises can make to charge a fine, at least of Rs.500, as per the law.