



Vehicle Licensing Guidelines – COVID-19

Guidelines for a Temporary Certificate of Extension (TCE)

As Directed by Cabinet, in accordance with section 142A of the Traffic (Amendment) Law, 2020, the Director of Drivers' and Vehicle Licensing authorises issuance of **Temporary Certificate of Extension**, and impose conditions and establish procedures for the grant of the extension.

What is a TCE?

The temporary extension of a Certificate of Roadworthiness (also known as the Inspection certificate).

Purpose of the TCE

- To allow for the six (6) months renewal of a vehicle's license that will expire or has (recently) expired and cannot be renewed due to the closure of the DVDL as a result of COVID-19.

To whom it applies?

Vehicles with a Certificate of Roadworthiness that has:

- Expired from 1st February 2020 through to 30th April 2020; or,
- Will expire between 1st May 2020 and 30th June 2020.

Effective date

- 30th April 2020.

How does it work?

- **Automatically-** if a vehicle falls in one of the two categories, the DVDL has issued an extension.

- Renewal of the vehicle's license can now be completed online through the DVDL website: www.dvdl.gov.ky or eservices@gov.ky.

Print the online transaction receipt for your records & keep it in your vehicle.

- No Inspection fee is due at this time. However, the cost of renewal will be in accordance with Regulations 27 (4) & (5) of the Traffic (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

Example 1: If a car's inspection was due on 22nd February 2020, then the new date for inspection will be around 1st November 2020. Owner can renew online for either 3 or 6 months and will be charged from 1st May accordingly. Prorated back fee will apply from 22nd Feb – 30th April 2020.

Example 2: If a car's inspection is due on 30th May 2020, then the new date for inspection will be around 1st December 2020. Owner can renew online for either 3 or 6 months and will be charged from 1st May 2020 accordingly.

New vehicles, no older than 2019, purchased through a local dealer can be registered and licensed by dropping the paperwork off at one of the DVDL offices (in the provided Drop-boxes).

This will NOT affect the validity of your current policy of insurance; however, vehicles must be insured in order to renew.

All other vehicles

Owners should email DVDL Helpdesk for further advice on the procedure/status of a vehicle that does not fit in specified categories. dvdl.helpdesk@gov.ky

It is an offence under section 93(1)(1) to use a vehicle in breach of construction and use regulations (Certificate of Road Worthiness) - Fine of \$100 or up to \$1,000 or to 6 months imprisonment, or to both (s.58 TL).

Who is responsible for the roadworthy condition of the vehicle during TCE?

- The Traffic Law, the Traffic Regulations and the Road Code place this burden on the owner/driver to ensure that the vehicle is roadworthy at all times when being used on the road.

- Each time you use the vehicle, always do a physical inspection / check to ensure it is working properly.

What must a person check for?

- Please ensure that these are working: Brakes, horns, all lights, windscreen wipers (front and back), windscreens (front / back and that they are clean) indicators, battery, steering;
- Muffler/silencer – must be in leak-proof condition and in sound mechanical order;
- Tyre tread: tyres (including the spare) – must have a tread depth of 1mm around the circumference and across 75% of its breadth; tyres on the same axle are to be of similar design (no mix tyres); and no defective tyres.

Always follow the manufacturer's booklet or handbook of your vehicle.

The Certificate must be produced, if required, by a Police Officer or a Vehicle Examiner appointed by DVDL.

Validity of the Inspection Certificate

The Certificate is valid for the specified period but renewal options of the licence must fit within the inspection period. Online renewal is available through the DVDL guest user portal at www.dvdl.gov.ky or eservices@gov.ky

Responsibility of Roadworthiness

The Traffic Law, the Traffic Regulations and the Road Code always places the responsibility on the owner/driver to maintain their vehicle in a state of roadworthiness.

Compulsory Certificate of Insurance or Cover Note

You must have a valid Certificate of Insurance or Cover Note to satisfy the requirements of The Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third Party Risks) Law/ The Traffic Law and Traffic Regulations.

Any question or query relating to this Certificate should be addressed to www.dvdl.gov.ky or telephone 945-8344.

Remember: Safe driving is everyone's responsibility