other than the driving test, issue to the applicant an instruction permit which shall entitle him while having such permit in his immediate possession to drive a motor vehicle for a period of six months when accompanied by a licensed operator who has had at least one year of driving experience and who is occupying a seat beside the permittee, except when the permittee is operating a motorcycle. Any such instruction permit may be renewed or a new permit may be issued for an additional period of six months. A person holding an instruction permit shall not operate a motor vehicle if there are passengers in the vehicle other than the licensed person who is required to occupy the seat beside him.


1. Use of forms; fees. Every application for an instruction permit or for any other license to operate a motor vehicle shall be made upon forms furnished by the Minister. Every application for an instruction permit shall be accompanied by a receipt showing that a fee of $4 has been paid to the Minister of Finance, which amount shall be credited toward payment of the fee for an operator’s license payable under section 2.27 of this title when the license is issued. At the end of six months, if the applicant for an instruction permit has not succeeded in qualifying for the license for which he is applying, the application lapses unless another fee in the same amount is paid. If the person applying for a license to operate a motor vehicle is already a licensed operator in the Republic of Liberia or another jurisdiction, he is not required to apply for an instruction permit; but the application for the license shall be accompanied by a receipt showing that the applicant has paid to the Minister of Finance the fee required by section 2.27 of this title for the license for which he is applying.

2. Contents and form. Every such application shall state the full name, date of birth, sex, and residence address of the applicant, and briefly describe the applicant, and shall state whether the applicant has theretofore been licensed as an operator or chauffeur or driver of heavy vehicles, and, if so, when and by what jurisdiction, and whether any such license has ever been suspended or revoked, or whether an application has ever been refused, and if so, the date of and reason for such suspension, revocation, or refusal.
3. **Securing record from other jurisdiction.** Whenever an application is received from a person previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the Minister shall request a copy of such operator's record from such other jurisdiction. When received, the driving record shall become a part of the operator's record in the Republic of Liberia with the same force and effect as though entered on the operator's record in the Republic in the original instance.

4. **Forwarding record to other jurisdiction.** Whenever the Minister receives from another licensing jurisdiction a request for a driving record of an operator licensed in Liberia, the record shall be forwarded without charge.

§2.25. Applications of minors.

1. **Signature of adult required.** The application of any minor for an instruction permit or other license to operate motor vehicles shall be signed and verified before a person authorized to administer oaths by the father, mother, or guardian, or, in the event there is no parent or guardian, then by another adult responsible for the care of the minor.

2. **Withdrawal of consent.** The parent or guardian of a minor or other adult responsible for the care of a minor may at any time file with the Minister a verified written request that a license to operate motor vehicles held by such minor be cancelled, and the Minister shall thereupon cancel the license of such minor.


1. **Requirement relating to the examination.** Prior to issuance of any license, the Minister shall examine every applicant for an operator's or chauffeur's license or license to operate heavy vehicles, except as otherwise provided in this section. Such examination shall include a test of the applicant's eyesight, his ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning, and directing traffic, and his knowledge of the traffic laws of the Republic; and shall include an actual demonstration of his ability to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. A person applying for a license to operate heavy vehicles shall take a special examination to determine his ability to operate such vehicles safely. The Minister shall make provision for giving an examination either in the county
where the applicant resides or at a place adjacent thereto reasonably convenient to the applicant's residence within not more than 30 days from the date the application is received. The examination of an applicant's ability to operate a motor vehicle required by this paragraph may be administered by the representatives of a driving school which has been approved by the Minister as qualified to carry out this function in a reliable and competent manner.

2. Additional qualification for certain licenses. The Minister shall not issue a license to operate heavy vehicles unless the applicant has had at least one year of driving experience prior thereto.

3. No examination for present operators. The Minister shall issue without examination an operator's license to any person applying therefor within three months after this title takes effect who furnishes evidence satisfactory to the Minister that the applicant is not disqualified under the provisions of this chapter and that he has previously operated a motor vehicle in a satisfactory manner for a period of not less than five years immediately prior to the application.


§2.27. License fees.

The applicant shall pay to the Minister of Finance the appropriate annual license fee as follows:

- Operator's license $10
- Chauffeur's license 15
- License to operate heavy vehicles 30

The full fee is payable even when the license is issued after the regular yearly expiration date for licenses provided by section 2.32 of this title.

§2.28. Issuance and form of licenses.

The Minister shall, upon presentation of a receipt by the applicant showing that he has duly paid the appropriate fee, issue to every applicant who has qualified therefor an operator's or chauffeur's license or license to operate heavy vehicles, as applied for. Such license shall bear thereon a distinguishing number assigned to the licensee, the full name, date of birth, residence address, and a brief description of the licensee, and shall contain a space upon which the licensee shall write his usual signature with pen and ink immediately on receipt of the license. No license shall be valid until it has been so signed by the licensee. Every license shall bear thereon a photograph of the licensee, to be furnished by him, and shall have on the reverse side two blank lines for change of address and space for the entry, if needed, of at least six records of convictions under this title of which the licensee may have been convicted, together with the date of each conviction. A chauffeur's license or license to operate heavy vehicles shall indicate thereon the class of license issued.


§2.29. Possession of license when driving.

Every licensee shall have his license to operate motor vehicles in his immediate possession at all times when operating a motor vehicle and shall display the same upon demand of any uniformed police officer. However, no person charged with violating this section shall be convicted if he produces in court or the office of the arresting officer a license to operate motor vehicles theretofore issued to him and valid at the time of his arrest. A person who produces a license to operate motor vehicles on demand of a police officer or before a court may be required by the police officer or the presiding judge or justice or magistrate to sign his name as a means of identification.

§2.30. Restricted licenses.

The Minister upon issuing an operator's or chauffeur's license or license to operate heavy vehicles shall have authority whenever good cause appears to impose restrictions suitable to the licensee's driving ability with respect to type of or special mechanical control devices required on a motor vehicle which the licensee may operate or such other restrictions applicable to the licensee as the Minister may determine to be appropriate to assure the safe operation of a motor vehicle by the licensee. No person shall operate a motor vehicle in any manner in violation of the restrictions imposed in a restricted license issued to him. The Minister may upon receiving satisfactory evidence of any violation of the restrictions of such license suspend or revoke the same, but the licensee shall be entitled to a hearing as upon a suspension or revocation under this chapter.

§2.31. Duplicate certificates.

In the event that an instruction permit or operator's or chauffeur's license or license to operate heavy vehicles issued under the provisions of this chapter is lost or destroyed, the person to whom it was issued may, upon payment of a fee of $5 to the Minister of Finance and on presentation of the receipt to the Minister of Justice, obtain a duplicate thereof upon furnishing proof satisfactory to the Minister of Justice that such permit or license has been lost or destroyed.

§2.32. Expiration of license; re-examination before renewal.

Every operator's or chauffeur's license or license to operate heavy vehicles shall expire on June 30 following the issuance or renewal of such license. Every such license shall be renewable on or before its expiration upon application and presentation of a receipt showing that the fee payable under section 2.27 of this title has been paid to the Minister of Finance. On application for renewal of any such license by a person of 70 years of age or over the Minister of Justice shall require that he pass a test of his vision and that he present a doctor's certificate that he is physically capable of operating a motor vehicle with reasonable safety.

§2.33. Notice of change of address or name.

Whenever any person after applying for or receiving an operator's or chauffeur's license or license to operate heavy vehicles shall move from the address named in such application or in the license issued to him or when the name of a licensee is changed by marriage or otherwise, such person shall within 30 days thereafter notify the Minister in writing of his old and new address or of such former and new names and of the number of any license then held by him.

§2.34. Records to be kept by Minister.

1. File on applications, suspensions, and revocations. The Minister shall file every application for a license received by him and shall maintain suitable indexes containing in alphabetical order:

(a) All applications denied and on each, the reasons for such denial;

(b) All applications granted;

(c) The name of every licensee whose license has been cancelled, suspended, or revoked and after each such name, the reason for such action.

2. Files of individual operators. The Minister shall also file all accident reports and abstracts of court records received by him under the laws of the Republic of Liberia. In connection therewith the Minister shall maintain convenient records or make suitable notations in order that an individual record of each licensee showing the convictions of such licensee and the traffic accidents in which he has been involved may be readily ascertainable and available for the consideration of the Minister upon any application for renewal of license and at other suitable times.

Subchapter C. CANCELLATION, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION OF LICENSES

§2.60. Authority to cancel license.

The Minister is hereby authorized to cancel any license to operate a motor vehicle upon determining that the licensee was not entitled to
the issuance thereof or that said licensee has failed to give the required or correct information in his application. Upon such cancellation, the licensee shall surrender the license so cancelled to the Minister.

§2.61. Mandatory revocation of license.

A court shall revoke the license to operate motor vehicles held by a defendant tried before it and convicted of any of the following:

(a) Murder or manslaughter resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle;
(b) Driving a motor vehicle in violation of section 10.90 of this title;
(c) Any felony in the commission of which a motor vehicle is used;
(d) Failure to stop and render aid as required under section 9.1(1) and (2) of this title in the event of a motor vehicle accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another;
(e) Perjury or the making of a false affidavit or statement under oath to the Minister to secure registration of a vehicle or issuance of an instruction permit or license to operate motor vehicles;
(f) A third or subsequent violation, committed within a period of 18 months, of section 10.10 of this title, or of any provision of this title constituting a misdemeanor under this title, whether such three or more violations are repetitions of the same offense or were different offenses;
(g) Operating a motor vehicle while operating privileges are suspended in violation of section 2.62 of this title;
(h) Violating the provisions of section 4.4 of this title with regard to effective financial security.

§2.62. Suspension of license.

The Minister may suspend a license to operate motor vehicles without preliminary hearing upon a showing by his records or other sufficient evidence that the licensee:

(a) Has been involved as an operator in any accident resulting in the death or personal injury of another or serious property damage;