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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(MVL Section)

Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Dated the, 15 January, 2021

To,

1. Transport Commissioner/Secretaries of all the States/UTs
2. Test agencies referred in Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989

Sub: Order specifying types of Motor Vehicle on the basis of driving license issued.

Sir/Madam,

Ministry is of the opinion that persons are facing difficulties in respect of knowledge of driving license to drive particular types of vehicles, and the law enforcement agencies are facing difficulties in interpretation of vehicle class mentioned in the International Driving Permit as per Geneva Convention, 1949. In order to facilitate, the Central Government hereby issues the following order to specify types of Motor Vehicle on the basis of driving license issued.

2. The comments or suggestions if any, may be sent to by 15 February, 2021-

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Yours faithfully,

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Encl: Order

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2. Website www.morth.nic.in for soliciting comments from public.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

TYPES OF MOTOR VEHICLES AT A GLANCE

New Delhi, the ___ January, 2021

S.O.(E).- Whereas, the Central Government is of the opinion that persons are facing difficulties in respect of knowledge of driving license to drive particular types of vehicles, and the law enforcement agencies are facing difficulties in interpretation of vehicle class mentioned in the International Driving Permit as per Geneva Convention, 1949 and it is considered necessary to do so , the Central Government hereby issues the following Order to specify types of Motor Vehicle on the basis of driving license issued , namely: -

ORDER

Types of Motor Vehicles based on driving license issued for class of vehicle

TABLE

Motor Vehicle	Driving License Class	Category of vehicle as per the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989	Vehicle Classes based on Geneva Convention, 1949	Vehicle Classes based on Vienna Convention, 1968
1. Motor Cycle	Motor cycle without gear (MCWOG); Motor cycle with Gear (MCWG)	L1	A	A1
		L2	A	A/A1
	Adapted Vehicle	Adapted Vehicle	A	-
2. Light Motor Vehicle	Adapted Vehicle	Adapted Vehicle	-	-
	E-Rickshaw	E-Rickshaw	B	B1
	E-cart	E-cart	B	B1
	Light Motor Vehicle (LMV)	L5-M	B	B1
		L5-N	B	B1
		L7-M	B	B1
		L7-N	B	B1
		M1	B	B
		N1	B	B
		N2 ¹	C	C/C1E
	M2	D	D	
M3 ²	D	D		
3. Medium and Heavy Motor Vehicle	Transport Vehicle	N2	C	C/C1E
		M3	D	D
		N3	E	CE

For the purpose of this order –

1. Superscript 1- Motor Vehicle of N2 category having a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 3.5 tonnes but not exceeding 7.5 tonnes.

Superscript 2- Motor Vehicle of M3 category having a Gross Vehicle Weight exceeding 5 tonnes but not exceeding 7.5 tonnes.

2. Category T i.e. trailers and semi-trailers are towed by a motor vehicle (prime mover or puller) and its vehicle class shall depend on the category of motor vehicle (prime mover or puller).

3. **Vehicle Classification based on Geneva Convention, 1949**

A: Motor cycles, with or without a side-car, invalid carriages and three-wheeled motor vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg (900 lbs).

B: Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, at most eight seats, or those used for the transport of goods and having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.

C: Motor vehicles used for the transport of goods and of which the permissible maximum weight exceeds 3,500 kg (7,700 lbs). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.

D: Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, more than eight seats. Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer.

E: Motor vehicles of category B, C, or D, as authorized above, with other than light trailer.

4. **Vehicle Classification based on Vienna Convention, 1968**

A: Motorcycles

A1: Motorcycles with a cubic capacity not exceeding 125 cm³ and a power not exceeding 11 kW (light motorcycles)

B: Motor vehicles, other than those in category A, having a permissible maximum mass not exceeding 3,500 kg and not more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg; or motor vehicles of category B coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 3,500 kg.

B1: Motor tricycles and quadricycles

C: Motor vehicles, other than those in category D, having a permissible maximum mass exceeding 3,500 kg; or motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg.

C1: Motor vehicles, with the exception of those in category D, the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 3,500 kg but does not exceed 7,500 kg; or motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer, the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg.

CE: Motor vehicles of category C coupled to a trailer whose permissible maximum mass exceeds 750 kg.

C1E: Motor vehicles of subcategory C1 coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which exceeds 750 kg but does not exceed the unladen mass of the motor vehicle, where the combined permissible maximum mass of the vehicles so coupled does not exceed 12,000 kg.

D: Motor vehicles used for the carriage of passengers and having more than eight seats in addition to the driver's seat; or motor vehicles of category D coupled to a trailer the permissible maximum mass of which does not exceed 750 kg.

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