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New requirements for authorised motor vehicle inspectors

The Registrar of Motor Vehicles has reminded persons involved in the automotive industry of the new provisions of the *Road Traffic Act 1982* which came into force from 4th February.

The amended legislation specifies that an application to the Registrar for registration or re-registration of a motor vehicle must be accompanied by:

- (a) a certificate of inspection carried out by an authorised inspector; and
- (b) such additional information as the Registrar considers necessary or appropriate; and
- (c) the prescribed fee.

There are also specific requirements for authorised inspectors of motor vehicles, who must:

- (a) possess such qualifications and/or experience as may be prescribed;
- (b) carry out inspections of vehicles for the purpose of issuing certificates of registration in specified premises that have been approved by the Registrar and comply with any requirement that may be prescribed;
- (c) pay such fee as may be prescribed in order to be appointed as an inspector; and
- (d) charge such fee as may be prescribed for the issue of a certificate of inspection.

The fee currently set for appointment as an inspector is three fee units (\$55), while the prescribed fee for issue of a certificate of inspection is \$18 (one fee unit).

The Registrar highlighted that persons who were previously authorised as vehicle inspectors were only able to continue for 90 days from the commencement of the new provisions. This meant that if new applications were not received and approved, current authorisations would cease on and from 5th May 2005. The Registrar encouraged all persons wishing to undertake authorised vehicle inspections to lodge their applications as soon as possible.

As it is necessary for an owner or lessee of premises to be authorised to use or permit the use of the premises as an authorised inspection station for the purpose of conducting inspections and tests of registrable vehicles by authorised inspectors, it will be necessary for those proprietors to make application in the first instance to the Registrar.

Details of the prescribed requirements for authorised inspectors and inspection premises are contained in the *Road Traffic (General)(Amendment) Regulations 2005*. These regulations and application forms are available from the Registry, New Military Barracks, Kingston (telephone 23691).

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