

Requirements for international driving permits amended

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In News

- The Central Motor Vehicles (First Amendment) Rules, 2021 were notified by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- These amend the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to change the requirements to obtain an International Driving Permit (IDP).

The amendments include the following:

- **Documents required:**
 - Currently, an application for an IDP must include several documents such as valid driving license, proof of Indian nationality, proof of passport, visa proof, and a medical certificate among others.
 - The amendment removes the requirement of the medical certificate and visa proof.
- **Fee:** Application fee for an IDP has been increased from Rs 500 to Rs 1,000.
- **Application form details:**
 - Currently, an applicant has to specify in their application form if he has been disqualified for obtaining a driving license, and the reasons for such disqualification.
 - The amendment adds that the applicant must specify if he has been barred from driving in that country, along with the reasons for the same.

International Driving Permit

- International Driving Permit will be issued to an applicant who holds a valid Indian Licence and who is a resident of India.
- The application shall be made in Form 2 or in writing to the RTO within whose jurisdiction the applicant resides, specifying the countries to be visited and the duration of stay etc.

Requirements

- Valid driving Licence held by the applicant and copies thereon.
- Copies of Passport, Visa (where applicable) and Air ticket for verification.
- Fees as prescribed along with user charges

Motor Vehicles Act, 1988

- The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 is an Act of the Parliament of India which regulates all aspects of road transport vehicles.
- The Act came into force from 1 July 1989.
- It replaced Motor Vehicles Act, 1939 which earlier replaced the first such enactment Motor Vehicles Act, 1914.
- The Act provides in detail the legislative provisions regarding licensing of drivers/conductors, registration of motor vehicles, control of motor vehicles through permits, special provisions relating to state transport undertakings, traffic regulation, insurance, liability, offences and penalties, etc.
- Implementation of provisions of Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 (MV Act) and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 (CMVRs) comes under the purview of State Governments.