

## COMMUNIQUE

The public is hereby informed that, under the provisions of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act No 17 of 2012, which is expected to be promulgated in early 2013, the driving licence will consist of the actual blue licence card and a driving licence paper counterpart.

All drivers will have, whilst driving, to carry and produce such driving licences including the counterparts or updated photocopies thereof in their actual size, on demand, to a Police Officer, a Road Transport Inspector or Traffic Warden, failing which they will be liable to be prosecuted for offence.

As from 21.01.2013 to 21.03.2013, Leal Communication and Informatics Ltd, under the supervision of Police and with the assistance of the Ministry of Public Infrastructure, National Development Unit, Land Transport & Shipping, will distribute such driving licence counterparts at various distribution points all over Mauritius and Rodrigues as hereunder:

(i)	Piton Police Station	(xiii)	Quatre Bornes Police Station
(ii)	Trou Aux Biches Police Station	(xiv)	Rose Hill Police Station (DHQ)
(iii)	Terre Rouge Police Station	(xv)	Bambous Police Station
(iv)	Plaine Verte Police Station	(xvi)	Curepipe Police Station (DHQ)
(v)	Abercrombie Police Station(DHQ)	(xvii)	Vacoas Police Station
(vi)	Tombeau Bay Police Station	(xviii)	Midlands Police Station
(vii)	Line Barracks Police Station	(xix)	Rose Belle Police Station (DHQ)
(viii)	Pope Hennessy Police Station	(xx)	Mahebourg Police Station
(ix)	La Tour Koenig Police Station	(xxi)	R/Anguilles Police Station
(x)	Flacq Police Station(DHQ)		<b><u>RODRIGUES</u></b>
(xi)	Q/Militaire Police Station	(xxii)	Port Mathurin Police Station
(xii)	Riviere Seche Police Station	(xxiii)	La Ferme Police Station

All licence holders, including provisional licence holders, are to call with their original:

- (i) **driving licence;**
- (ii) **National Identity Card (for those of 18 yrs or above); or**

**(iii) birth certificate (new version A4 format) for those below 18 yrs of age, as the case may be; and**

**(iv) a proof of address e.g a utility bill**

at any of the abovementioned distribution points, preferably the one nearest to their place of residence, to collect their licence counterpart.

The distribution points will be operational daily as from 9 a.m to 7 p.m including Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays for the issue of counterparts **ONLY**. No other service as regards driving licences will be provided thereat.

A special counter will be operational on working days during **working hours** at the Traffic Branch, Line Barracks to deal with all cases where driving licence counterparts could not be issued for whatsoever reason at the abovementioned distribution points. In Rodrigues, such cases will be addressed at Port Mathurin Police Station.

A person may collect the counterpart on behalf of a licence holder upon production of:

- (i) his own original National Identity Card;**
- (ii) the original driving licence and National Identity Card of the licence holder; and**
- (iii) an authorisation letter under the signature of the latter.**

Such person will be authorised to collect, not more than, four driving licences counterparts at a time for the holders falling under same alphabetical groups as described in the table below, on that date.

Licence holders under disqualification shall, call at the Traffic Branch to collect their driving licences **after the disqualification period is over**.

Distribution will be carried out as from 21 January 2013 at various distribution points.

Licence holders are required to collect their counterparts strictly, within the time frame in table below.

<b>Alphabet</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>A – B</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013</b>
<b>C – D</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> January 2013 – 05<sup>th</sup> February 2013</b>
<b>E – K</b>	<b>06<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2013</b>
<b>L – M</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – 25<sup>th</sup> February 2013</b>
<b>N – R</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> February 2013 – 07 March 2013</b>
<b>S - Z</b>	<b>08<sup>th</sup> March 2013 – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013</b>

It is hereby also brought to the attention of the public that original driving licence counterparts will be issued free of charge during this period of distribution.

**17 January 2013**

**Ministry of Public Infrastructure,  
National Development Unit,  
Land Transport and Shipping  
(Land Transport & Shipping Division)**