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Government Notifications

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MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 203)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Transport, Highways, Ports and Civil Aviation under sections 141, 143, 144, 157A, 168 and 190 read with section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203).

BIMAL NIROSHAN RATHNAYAKA,
Minister of Transport, Highways,
Ports and Civil Aviation.

Colombo,
25th September 2025.

Regulations

The Motor Traffic (Expressway) Regulations. No. 2 of 2011 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1717/14 of August 03, 2011 as amended by regulations published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2054/8 of January 15, 2018 are hereby further amended by the insertion immediately after regulation 8 thereof of the following regulations:-

“8A. The driver of a motor vehicle driven or used on an expressway and every passenger and individual occupying any seat and travelling in that motor vehicle shall, while such motor vehicle is being driven or used on the expressway, wear an individual safety seat belt of the type specified in regulation 8E.



8B. The driver of a motor vehicle shall not enter into or drive or use such motor vehicle on an expressway unless such motor vehicle is fitted with individual safety seat belts as specified in regulation 8E which function properly, to be worn by the driver, every passenger and individual occupying a seat and travelling therein.

8c. An owner of a motor vehicle shall not enter into or cause to be entered into such motor vehicle an expressway unless such motor vehicle is fitted with individual safety seat belts as specified in regulation 8E which function properly, to be worn by the driver, every passenger and individual occupying a seat and travelling therein.

8D. (1) The application of the provisions of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C in respect of the following classes of motor vehicles shall commence after completion of three months from the date of coming into operation of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C:-

- (a) the driver or owner of a motor car driven or used on or entered into an expressway which has not been fitted by the manufacturer with an individual safety seat belt as specified in regulation 8E for the rear centre seat at the time of coming into operation of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C;
- (b) the driver or owner of a light motor coach, motor coach, heavy motor coach, dual-purpose vehicle, light motor lorry, heavy motor lorry or motor home vehicle driven or used on or entered into an expressway which has not been fitted by the manufacturer with individual safety seat belts as specified in regulation 8E for the rear centre seats or several rear seats at the time of coming into operation of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C;
- (c) the driver or owner of a dual-purpose vehicle, light motor coach, motor coach or heavy motor coach engaged in daily office transport service or school transport service and driven or used on or entered into an expressway which has not been fitted by the manufacturer with individual safety seats belt as specified in regulation 8E for the rear centre seats or several rear seats at the time of coming into operation of regulations 8 A, 8B and 8C.

(2) The provisions of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C shall not apply to-

- (a) children under the age of twelve years and persons whose height does not exceed 135 centimeters;
- (b) any person who holds a valid medical certificate issued in the form specified in Schedule II to the Motor Traffic (Seat Belts) Regulations, No. 3 of 2011 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1718/12 of August 09, 2011 and signed by a registered medical practitioner stating that it is medically inadvisable for such person to wear a seat belt; and
- (c) passengers travelling in an emergency service vehicle.

8E. The type of the individual safety seat belt that is required to be fitted in every motor vehicle to which regulations 8A, 8B and 8c apply shall be as follows: -

- (a) the driver's seat belt shall be a standard seat belt comprising three anchor points, consisting of a strap running upwards and strap running laterally across the body; and
- (b) seat belts for other seats including the seats in the front row shall be a standard seat belt comprising of a strap running laterally across the body with at least two anchor points, depending on the design of the seats.

8F. Save as provided in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 8D, the provisions of Motor Traffic (Seat Belts) Regulations, No. 3 of 2011 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1718/12 of August 09, 2011 shall not apply to the driver or owner of the motor vehicles driven or used or enter in to an expressway.”.