

Frequently Asked Questions related to Road or Transport sector

INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT (IDP)

- Question 1: Can an NRI/foreigner drive a vehicle in India on the basis of European license or driving license issued by any foreign country?
 Answer: He can not. However, if he has obtained an IDP from his own country and his country is a signatory to the 1949 Geneva Convention, he can drive in India the specified category of vehicle till the IDP is valid.
- Question 2: What is the validity of IDP issued in India?
 Answer: The validity of IDP is one year from the date of its issue or the validity of the domestic license whichever is earlier.
- Question 3: Can IDP be issued to an NRI/foreigner?
 Answer: No, IDP in India can be issued only to Indian citizens.

INTER STATE TRANSFER OF VEHICLE

- Question 1: What are the provisions relating to Inter State transfer of vehicles?
 Answer: When a Motor vehicle registered in one State has been kept in other State for a period exceeding twelve months, the owner is required to obtain a new registration mark to be assigned by the registering authority within whose jurisdiction the vehicle then is in terms of section 47 of the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988.
- Question 2: What are the provisions relating to refund of one time tax paid in respect of non-transport vehicles.
 Answer: Taxes on Motor vehicles is a State subject and hence the Motor vehicles Act, 1988 and Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989, do not contain any provision thereon. However, while you apply for the new registration mark, the State authorities would demand a N.O.C. for the original registration authority (from the earlier State). N.O.C. is normally issued by such authority after ascertaining that all taxes/dues have been paid. In case of a non-transport vehicle, normally one time tax for 15 years in the first instance (and 5 years thereafter) is paid in most of the States. In case of transfer to another State, the new State would demand prorata tax for the remainder of the one-time tax period. Such taxes are to be paid. Corresponding refund can be applied in the earlier State. Certain States exempt certain categories of transferable Govt. employees from payment of such taxes on transfer. You need to check with the concerned RTO authorities or Transport Commissioners.

High Security Registration Plates (HSRP)

- Question: What is the role of Central Government, relating to introduction of HSRP?
 Answer: The role of Central Govt. is limited to:
 - i. Notifying the standards and specifications of High Security Registration Plates.
 - ii. Notifying the testing agencies who are to test the plates and give Type Approval to vendors based on these specifications.
 - iii. Notifying the date of implementation.
- Question: What is the role of State Government, relating to introduction of

- HSRP?
- Answer: The role of State Govt. is:
- i. To implement the scheme in accordance with the rules framed by Central Government.
 - ii. To select the vendors from among those who have been given Type Approval Certificate by the authorized testing agencies under Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
 - iii. After selection of vendor, to make sure that proper controls are being exercised at the time of issuance of these plates.
- Question: Which testing agencies have been authorized to give Type Approval certificate?
- Answer: They are:
- i. Central Road Research Institute (CRR I), Delhi, Mathura Road, P.O. CRR I, New Delhi-20
 - ii. Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI), P.B. 832, Pune- 411004
 - iii. Vehicle Research & Development Establishment (VRDE), Vahan Nagar, Ahmed Nagar-414006
- Question: Who can be selected by State to sell/affix HSRP?
- Answer: Any prospective vendor can obtain type approval certificate from any of the authorized testing agencies and thereafter can participate in the selection procedure by the State Governments. It is for the State Govt. to select a vendor or vendors.
- Question: Does Central Government grant Licence/appoint distributor/give franchise?
- Answer: The Central Government does not grant licence or appoint distributor/ give franchise to any vendor.
- Question: When is the scheme is coming into force?
- Answer: The new High Security Registration Plate scheme is to be introduced throughout the country in respect of new vehicles from 31.5.2005 or any earlier date as may be notified by any State for their own State. In-use vehicles have been given a further time of 2 years thereafter to switch over to the new plates.
- Question: How many vendors have got type approval?
- Answer: As on date following 18 vendors have got type approval certificate from authorized testing agencies.

1.	M/s Shimnit Utsch India pvt. Ltd, 8 th floor, Regent Chambers, Nariman Point, <u>Mumbai-400021</u> From CRR I	2.	M/s Utsav Safety System (P) Ltd. E-1/12, Vasant Vihar, <u>New Delhi-110 057</u> From ARAI
3.	M/s Real Industries India Ltd. 34,Rama Road, <u>New Delhi-110 015</u> From CRR I	4.	Promuk Hoffmann, International Limited, 204,Swapnalok Complex, 92,S.D.Road, Secunderabad-500003. From ARAI
5.	Eastern (Steel & Saws) Industries Pvt. Ltd. B-10, Deonar village Road, Deonar, <u>Mumbai-400038</u> , From CRR I	6.	M/s Omish Traders, Social Compound, Marol Pipline, Andheri-Kurla Road, Andheri (E), Mumbai- <u>400059</u> From ARAI
7.	M/s Metro Wilhem Grewe Ltd. , B-92, Mayapuri Industrial Area, Phase-	8.	M/s Almighty Impex Pvt. Ltd., C-791, New Friends Colony,

	I, <u>New Delhi-110064</u> From ARAI		New Delhi-110065 From ARAI
9.	M/s. D.D.Licence Plates, Div. of D.D.Ind. Ltd. F1/9.Okla Industrial Area Phase-I <u>New Delhi-110020</u> From ARAI	10.	M/s. Emperor Granites Pvt. Ltd. Uttam House, 69, P.D. Mellow Road, Carnac Bundr, Mumbai- <u>400009</u> From ARAI
11.	M/s Signs India Ltd. 810 (Old 406), Anna Salai, Mount Road, Nandanam, <u>Chennai-600 035.</u> From ARAI	12.	Rayson's Mid Road Sign Craft Pvt. Ltd. 39-A, First floor, B.J.B Nagar <u>Bhubaneswar-751014</u> From ARAI
13.	M/s. Celex Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Poddar Pont, 10 th floor, Block 'A', 113, Park Street, <u>Kolkata - 700 016.</u> From ARAI	14.	M/s. Road Sketch Pvt. Ltd. Flat No.80, MIG Flats, Loni Road, Shahdara, <u>Delhi-110 032</u> From ARAI
15.	Hind Industries Limited, A-1, Phase-I, Okhla Industrial Area, <u>New Delhi-110 020</u> From ARAI	16.	Agros Impex (I) Pvt. Ltd. 202, Composite House, 170, Prajapat Nagar, Opp: B-2, Gulmohar Park, <u>New Delhi - 110 049</u> From VRDE
17.	M/S.Arch Promoters Pvt. Ltd., D-103, Defence Colony, <u>New Delhi-110 024</u> From CRR	18.	RSD Security Solutions Pvt. Ltd., B-68, Sector 36, NOIDA-201301. From ARAI.