
POL 48 – PROCEDURE TO OBTAIN A TEMPORARY LICENCE PERMIT ISSUED TO MALTESE RESIDENTS TO DRIVE A FOREIGN REGISTERED VEHICLE IN MALTA FOR 30 DAYS

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The following guidelines are intended to help vehicle owners who are Maltese residents in obtaining a temporary licence permit for 30 days who have brought a vehicle from abroad with the intention to register it in Malta.
- 1.2 The Temporary Licence Permit is regulated by the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act (CAP368) article 18(1)(g) and the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles (S.L.368.02) regulation 6A(1)(2)(3) and (4).

2. INTERPRETATION

- 2.1 'Person residing in Malta' means:
- a. A person to whom a legally valid identification document has been issued in terms of the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act (CAP258), or who is legally obliged to have a legally valid identification document issued under the Identity Card and other Identity Documents Act;
 - b. A person, other than an individual, having his only or principal place of business in Malta.
- 2.2 'Normal Residence' means the place where a person lives for at least 185 days in each year, because of personal and occupational ties, or, in the case of a person with no occupational ties, because of personal ties.

3. GUIDELINES

- 3.1 No person shall have in his possession or charge any motor vehicle which has not been registered with the Authority for Transport in Malta on which the applicable registration tax has not been paid unless:
- a. That person is a authorised manufacturer, agent or dealer of motor vehicles and the vehicle in his possession or charge is not left standing on the road or is not being used on the road, or
 - b. The vehicle is registered in another country and may be used temporarily on the road in Malta in accordance with the provisions of article 18 of the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act (CAP368).
- 3.2 Any person who has his normal residence in Malta may apply with the Authority for an exemption from the payment of the vehicle registration tax to make use on the road in Malta of a vehicle registered in another country. The exemption will be issued for a period not exceeding a maximum of thirty (30) consecutive calendar days which are to be reckoned from the date of arrival of such vehicle in Malta.

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- 3.3 An application has to be submitted to the Authority by not later than one (1) working day after the arrival of such vehicle in Malta.
- 3.4 If the application is accepted, the Authority will issue a temporary licence disc which has to be fixed on the windscreen of the vehicle or on the left side of the motor cycle, motor tricycle or quad bike.
- 3.5 The temporary licence disc will indicate the period commencing from the date of the vehicle's first arrival in Malta, for which such temporary licence will be valid and the exemption from the payment of registration tax shall cease to have effect upon the expiration of the period indicated on the temporary licence disc.
- 3.6 The vehicle shall be registered with the Authority for Transport in Malta within the thirty (30) days from its arrival into Malta. Failing to register the vehicle within the thirty (30) days from its arrival into Malta, the importer shall be liable to an administrative fine of €30 for each day that the vehicle remains not registered.

4. Application Form and Supporting Documents

- 4.1 The following documents shall be deposited at the Vehicle Licensing Unit, Land Transport Directorate, A3 Towers, Arcade Street, Paola between 7.30am and 12.00pm by not later than one (1) working day after the arrival of such vehicle in Malta:
- Application form VEH 64;
 - A document attesting the date of the vehicle's first arrival in Malta;
 - Foreign Registration Certificate (logbook);
 - Valid Motor Insurance Policy

5. Payment

- 5.1 An administrative fee of €20 payable to Transport Malta shall apply for the issuance of such Temporary Licence Permit.