

# **INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING THE RECIPROCAL RECOGNITION OF DRIVERS' LICENSES BETWEEN TAIWAN AND THE PROVINCE OF NOVA SCOTIA OF CANADA (HEREAFTER REFERRED TO AS NOVA SCOTIA)**

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## **I. Instructions for Taiwan nationals who wish to exchange a driver's license issued by Nova Scotia:**

- A. In accordance with the reciprocal arrangement between Taiwan and Nova Scotia, any individual who holds a valid class B, C, D, or E driver's license issued by Taiwan more than two years, after having taken up residence in Nova Scotia, can apply for an exchange of this license for a Nova Scotia Class 5 driver's license, without undergoing any additional knowledge or skills testing. Any individual who holds a valid class B, C, D, or E driver's license less than two years, can apply for a Nova Scotia Class 5N driver's license.
- B. Application Procedure:
  - a. Applying to Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto for authentication and translation of the applicant's Taiwan driver's license:
    - (1) Fill in a complete application form for authentication of documents;
    - (2) Present a valid original copy of Taiwan passport;
    - (3) Present an original copy of driver's license issued by Taiwan (class B, C, D, or E);
    - (4) Fee: Please refer to the Consular Services Fee Schedule;
    - (5) These instructions are only for reference. If there is any doubt or incompleteness, the current law or regulations should be applied. As for other related regulations, please contact Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto (TEL: 416-369-9030; e-mail: tecotoronto@gmail.com).
  - b. Applying to Registry of Motor Vehicles Office or Access Nova Scotia:
    - (1) Hand in a copy of English translation of Taiwan driver's license authenticated by Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto;
    - (2) Produce an original Verification Certificate of Driver's License (VCDL) issued by Taiwan vehicle offices less than three months prior to the date of application;
    - (3) Provide proof of identity and residency documentation required by Registry of Motor Vehicles Office or Access Nova Scotia;
    - (4) Fee: Please contact Registry of Motor Vehicles Office or Access Nova Scotia;
    - (5) Surrender Taiwan driver's license in exchange for driver's license issued by Nova Scotia;

- (6) These instructions are only for reference. If there is any doubt or incompleteness, regulations made by Registry of Motor Vehicles Office should be applied. As for other related regulations, please visit website: <https://www.novascotia.ca/sns/rmv>

## **II. Instructions for Nova Scotia residents who wish to exchange a driver's license issued by Taiwan:**

A. Taiwan will issue a Class B driver's license for motor cars to an individual from Nova Scotia who holds a Class 1 (for driving semi-trailers and tractor-trailer combinations), 2 (for driving large buses over 24 passengers), 3 (for driving vehicles or vehicle-trailer combinations weighing greater than 14,000 kilograms), 4 (for driving smaller buses, vans seating under 24 passengers for compensation, taxis and ambulances), and 5 (for driving cars, pick-up trucks, sport utility vehicles and vans having a seating capacity of less than 24) driver's license issued by Nova Scotia, and has a valid Taiwan resident certificate with a validity period when received of at least 6 months. Such individual should submit the application for exchange of driver's license after the day of the person's entry into Taiwan. No test is required.

### **B. Application Procedure:**

a. Applying to Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto for authentication of the applicant's Nova Scotia driver's license:

- (1) Fill in a complete application form for authentication of documents;
- (2) Produce an original copy of valid Canada identity document (passport, citizenship card, permanent resident card or various visas, etc.);
- (3) Present valid Nova Scotia driver's license;
- (4) Produce an original Driver's Abstract issued by Nova Scotia less than three months prior to the date of application.
- (5) Fee: Please refer to the Consular Services Fee Schedule;
- (6) These instructions are only for reference. If there is any doubt or incompleteness, the current law or regulations should be applied. As for other related regulations, please contact Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto (TEL: 416-369-9030; E-mail: [tecotoronto@gmail.com](mailto:tecotoronto@gmail.com)).

b. Applying to Taiwan's Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communication:

- (1) Present a valid original copy of Canada passport;
- (2) Present a valid Nova Scotia driver's license;
- (3) Hand in a copy of driver's license authenticated by Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, Toronto;
- (4) Present a valid Taiwan resident certificate with a validity period when received of at least 6 months;
- (5) Apply after the day of entry into Taiwan;
- (6) Fee: Please contact Taiwan's Directorate General of Highway, Ministry of Transportation and Communication or local vehicle offices;

- (7) Surrender Nova Scotia driver's license in exchange for Taiwan driver's license;
- (8) These instructions are only for reference. If there is any doubt or incompleteness, the current law or regulations should be applied. As for other related regulations, please contact Taiwan's Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communication (TEL: 02-2307-0123) or local vehicle offices, or visit the website of the Directorate General of Highways, Ministry of Transportation and Communication: <http://www.thb.gov.tw>