

So much hassle to drive again

QUESTION

04/05/2010

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MY grandfather has been driving for about 40 years and he is almost 70 years old. He is having problems renewing his driving licence at the Road Transport Department (RTD) headquarters in Putrajaya.

My grandfather had a heart bypass sometime in 2008 and he forgot to renew his licence.

Recently, he tried to get it renewed but he was not able to do so as he had not driven for about three years. He was told to go to the Putrajaya RTD headquarters to make an appeal. There, he was asked to go for a medical test. He did that and was certified fit to drive.

But the RTD wasn't satisfied. An officer said he must go for a driving test at his own expense, but he would be exempted from taking the rules test. I am baffled. Why is the RTD treating a senior citizen like this?

Can he, at his age, successfully take a test and pass? I think it isn't fair to him. My grandfather has a clean driving record. I hope he will not be required to take the driving test again. I appeal to the transport minister to look into his case with sympathy.

ALVIN DEV, Kuala Lumpur

FEEDBACK

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11/05/2006

Sir,

We refer to the letter dated 4th. May 2010 from Mr. Alvin Dev of Kuala Lumpur on the above matter.

Firstly, RTD would like to apologize for the inconvenience caused in this matter. We wish to clarify that since Mr. Alvin's grandfather has not renewed his driving licence within three years of the expiry date, his license had been cancelled automatically as stipulated in Section 29 of the Road Transport Act 1987. Should he re-applies his licence, he will be required to re-sit for the practical and the theory test. However, under Rule 5(3) of the Motor Vehicle (Driving License) Rules 1992, an applicant may appeal exemption for the theory test but still required to undergo the practical test. For your information, you can make an appeal through www.jpj.gov.my.

Thank you.

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