

LDL VALIDITY EXTENDED AGAIN

Learner drivers granted another seven months to renew their licences

YONG PENG : Those with Learners Drivers Licence (LDL) have been granted another seven months extension to renew their licences from November this year until June 2022, says Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong. He said the extension by the Road Transport Department (JPJ) is to help those who are unable to go through their driving test due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Previously, we extended the validity of the LDL, which was three months, to November this year. “We have been receiving feedback about the expiry of the LDL. “As Transport Minister, I have agreed to give an extension for the LDL to June 30 next year. “Those with LDL no longer have to rush to go through their driving tests with the extension given. They will have more time to make the necessary arrangements,” he said after visiting a JPJ mobile counter at Kampung Kangkar Baru here yesterday.

Dr Wee also said the ministry is looking into providing more mobile JPJ counters to make it easier for the public to gain access to its services during the pandemic. “There are about 17 mobile JPJ counters nationwide. Each state only has about one mobile JPJ unit.

“We will discuss with the Finance Ministry to look into providing more mobile JPJ units for the public.” He added that mobile counters are helpful for those living in areas that don’t have a JPJ office or post office. “The ministry will also be adding 50 more JPJ kiosks nationwide. We will be getting the supply for the kiosks between October and November this year,” Dr Wee added.

On another matter, he said the aviation industry is also prepared for the reopening of tourism sectors in phases. “Airline companies are prepared. In fact, many are preparing to sell air tickets to the public once the tourism sector reopens. “I’m confident that more travel bubbles will be introduced once the Covid-19 situation improves,” he said.

Dr Wee, who is also Ayer Hitam MP, also paid a visit to senior citizens at Rumah Sejahtera Yong Peng here, where he distributed mooncakes, hand sanitisers and face masks to them.