

## Applying for the CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY AND VALIDITY

1. From **27<sup>th</sup> October 2011**, The Embassy of Sri Lanka, in Rome will receive applications from Sri Lankan Driving Licence holders resident in Italy for the issuance of the Certificate of Validity and Authenticity. **This certificate is required to be attached to the application which is to be submitted to the Italian *Motorizzazione* for obtaining an Italian Driving Licence** through conversion under the Italy - Sri Lanka bilateral agreement.
2. The procedure for obtaining the **CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY AND VALIDITY** through the Embassy of Sri Lanka, Rome:
  - a) Submit to the Embassy in Rome the prescribed Application Form(issued FREE OF CHARGE) duly filled and signed. The name and surname and other details must be according to the Sri Lankan driving Licence. The form may be obtained from the Embassy or downloaded from the Embassy website : [www.srilankaembassyrome.org](http://www.srilankaembassyrome.org).
  - b) Attach the necessary documents as per the prescribed form including the the original documents and two clear sets of photocopies as listed in the form.
  - c) Thereafter, the Embassy will verify each Driving Licence with the Commissioner General of Motor Traffic, Sri Lanka and on receipt of written confirmation, issue the relevant certificate.
  - d) A fee of **Euro 42/-(forty two)** will be charged for processing, verification and issuance of CERTIFICATE OF AUTHENTICITY AND VALIDITY by the Embassy of Sri Lanka. As per Government regulations, payment will not be refunded under any circumstance.
  - e) The Italian *Motorizzazione* will accept applications for obtaining a Driving licence through conversion **on a date to be announced**.
  - f) **Applications will not be accepted by the Italian *Motorizzazione* before this prescribed date to be announced.**
  - g) All documents required by the Italian *Motorizzazione* would have to be submitted with the application.
  - h) In the case of resident Sri Lankans in Italy, the Italian government will be the sole authority to decide on questions of eligibility, residency and the actual conversion and issuance of a driving licence.

**Embassy of Sri Lanka, Rome**

25 October 2011

## Information Note:

### **Italy Sri Lanka Driving Licence Agreement**

Under the Bilateral Agreement between Italy and Sri Lanka signed between the two governments on 20 May 2011, Sri Lankans resident in Italy who meet the stipulated criteria outlined in the agreement would be eligible to obtain, through conversion of their Sri Lanka Driving Licences, a valid Italian driving licence to drive in Italy.

#### Eligibility Criteria:

- Resident Sri Lankans would have to fulfil stipulated criteria in order to be eligible and qualify to obtain such an Italian Licence. Some of the criteria applicable(not limited to) are:
  - Reached the minimum age for driving a motor vehicle - 18 years
  - Possess a valid and permanent(non-temporary) Sri Lankan Driving Licence
  - obtained the Sri Lankan Driving Licence prior to the applicant's registration of residency in Italy.
  - Obtained residency in Italy within a period of less than 4 years from the date of application. For instance, a person applying for the Licence on 15 December 2011 should have registered her/his residency after 15 December 2007.
  - Under the agreement, subject to the meeting the prescribed criteria, eligible applicants would be able to obtain an Italian Licence through conversion the Sri Lankan Driving Licence without having to undergo theoretical and practical examinations. However, applicants may be required to obtain other relevant certificates ie:- medical, by the Italian authorities to prove the possession of the necessary psychological and physical requirements for the requested driving categories
  - **On a date to be indicated by the Italian authorities**, applications could be made to the Italian Dept which receives applications, i.e:- *Motorizzazione*.
  - The issuance of a driving licence to resident Sri Lankans in Italy will be at the discretion of the Italian government
  - the Italian government is the final authority regarding residency and eligibility for the conversion of Sri Lankan driving licences into an Italian Driving licence

- The equivalent categories are identified under the agreement.

For Example, for Driving Licences issued after 2009 :

Equivalence

<b>Sri Lanka category</b>	<b>Italian category</b>
A1	A1
B	B
C	C
CE	B
D	CD

**The relevant applicable categories will be decided by the Italian issuing authority as per the agreement.**

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