



Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR NO. MC-SC-2021-02

TO ALL CONCERNED

Subject: Implementation of Geographical Area of Responsibility (GAOR) for Renewal of Registration for Light Vehicles and Motorcycles

Date: 05 July 2021

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Republic Act 4136 (Land Transportation and Traffic Code of the Philippines), the Land Transportation Office (LTO) is mandated to:

- a) Inspect and Register Motor Vehicles
- b) Issue Driver's Licenses and Permits
- c) Enforce Land Transportation Laws and Traffic Rules
- d) Adjudicate Traffic Violation Cases

WHEREAS, the DOTR-LTO, under R.A. No. 8749 (The Philippine Clean Air Act), are likewise mandated to enforce the required emission standards for motor vehicles.

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 125-A mandates the DOTr to establish and prescribe rules and regulations for the inspection and registration of air and land transportation facilities, such as motor vehicles, trimobiles, railways, and aircraft;

WHEREAS, the LTO, has recently rolled out its Land Transportation Management System (LTMS) in more LTO District Offices and Extension Offices covering several areas with improved monitoring of testing and inspection of motor vehicles through the Motor Vehicle Inspection System (MVIS).

NOW, THEREFORE, premises considered, the DOTr hereby promulgates these rules for the establishment of a Geographical Area of Responsibility (GAOR) for inspection of vehicles using the MVIS as a requirement for the renewal of vehicle registration with the LTO.

A. Definition:

GAOR – Geographical Area of Responsibility is the area of coverage where the inspection results of a PMVIC shall be accepted by the LTO District Offices or Extension Offices for registration purposes.

PMVIC – Private Motor Vehicle Inspection Center

Authorized PMVIC – a PMVIC granted an Authority to Operate by the PMVIC Authorization Committee.

Authority to Operate – a non-transferable document issued by the PMVIC Authorization Committee granting authority to a natural or juridical person to establish and operate a PMVIC.

PETC - Private Emission Testing Center

Authorized PETC – a PETC duly authorized by the DOTR/LTO to establish and operate a PETC.

D.O. – LTO District Office

E.O – LTO Extension Office with Motor Vehicle Registration Functions

MVIR – Motor Vehicle Inspection Report, a document issued by the PMVIC showing the results of the inspection tests.

Light vehicle – motor vehicles with gross vehicle weight (GVW) not exceeding 4,500 kgs

Heavy Vehicle – motor vehicles with gross vehicle weight (GVW) of 4,500 kgs or above.

Motorcycle – shall mean two (2) or three (3) wheeled vehicle having one or two saddles including those with sidecars.

B. Geographical Area of Responsibility (GAOR)

1. The Land Transportation Office shall establish the GAOR for every authorized PMVIC for purposes of determining compliance with the emission and inspection requirements for the renewal of registration of Light Vehicles and Motorcycles.
2. In areas where the D.O.s or E.O.s are within the GAOR of an Authorized PMVIC, the inspection shall be conducted by the Authorized PMVIC. The D.O.s and E.O.s may only accept MVIRs from the Authorized PMVICs within their GAOR for processing of renewal of registration for Light Vehicles and Motorcycles.

D.O.s and E.O.s within the GAOR of an Authorized PMVIC shall continue to accept emission test results from Authorized PETCs only for Heavy Vehicles for renewal of registration purposes.

3. It shall not be mandatory for D.O.s and E.O.s outside the GAOR of any Authorized PMVICs to accept inspection results for purposes of renewal of registration for Light Vehicles and Motorcycles from a PMVIC. Motor vehicle owners shall have the option to have their motor vehicles inspected by either authorized PMVICs or PETCs.
4. D.O.s and E.O.s located within overlapping GAORS of two (2) or more Authorized PMVICs shall accept the MVIRs of any of the PMVICs within their covered area.
5. Nos. 2 and 3 of Memorandum Circular No. MC-SC-2021-01 shall continue to be in full force and effect and for strict compliance.

C. Severability

If any part or provision of this memo is held unconstitutional or invalid, other parts or provisions which are not affected shall continue to remain in full force and effect.

D. Repealing Clause

All Office Orders, Circulars, and other issuances inconsistent herewith are hereby suspended and/or modified accordingly.

E. Effectivity

This Office Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance by the LTO of the GAORs for Authorized PMVICs.

For your information and guidance.

By the authority of the PMVIC Steering Committee.

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