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ONE-MONTH GRACE PERIOD FOR ROAD LICENCE APPLICANTS

The Ministry of Transport and Works has granted a one-month grace period to all road licence applicants, effective immediately. Minister of Transport and Work, Hon. L. Michael Henry, says the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) and the Island Special Constabulary Force (ISCF) have been asked to exercise discretion by not prosecuting those applicants with authentic Transport Authority renewal receipts until May1, 2010. Operators of commercial carriers and public passenger vehicles who are yet to submit road licence applications are urged to do so immediately, as those without the requisite receipts may face prosecution.

In the meantime, Minister Henry says the Island Traffic Authority (ITA) will be facilitating the approximate 800 Toyota Noah, Townace and similarly configured public passenger vehicles by issuing Form L certificates to facilitate the renewal of their road licences at the Transport Authority. Additionally, new vehicles of the kind which were bought for the purpose of providing public transportation services will also be issued Form L certificates. A grace period will be allowed for retrofitting of **ALL** of these public passenger vehicles to meet the required standard.

Public Passenger vehicle and commercial carrier operators who have queries or concerns regarding the road licence application process or the standards for retrofitting their vehicles, should contact the Transport Authority via its toll-free number at **1-888-991-5687**.

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