

# Two drivers not mandatory for vehicles with national permit

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THE CENTRE has decided that having two drivers will not be mandatory for vehicles with national permit, and vehicles that are up to eight years old need to renew their certificate of fitness every two years instead of every year. The amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules were notified on Saturday, effecting a slew of changes.

The mandatory dark brown colour required for goods vehicles with national permit has been done away with, leaving the colour of such vehicles to the choice of owners. The words National Permit or "N/P" should be inscribed in bold in the front and rear of the vehicle. Vehicles older than eight years will need to renew fitness certificate every year.

"Further that no fitness certification shall be required at the time of registration for new transport vehicle sold as fully built vehicle and such vehicle shall be deemed to be having certificate of fitness for a period of two years from the date of registration," the transport ministry said.

The national permit vehicles will have to be fitted with FASTag for automatic digital payment of toll. They also need to have vehicle tracking system installed.