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To: Deputy Directors-General, Chief Directors, Directors (Head Office and district offices), Deputy Directors, Circuit Managers and Officials at Head Office and district offices

Short summary: *This circular informs officials who are required to use Government Garage (GG) vehicles of the necessity of a professional driving permit (PrDP) in certain instances.*

Subject: Necessity to obtain a PrDP for certain categories of vehicles

1. This circular has been revised and repeals and replaces Circular 0044/2015, dated 18 August 2015, in its entirety.
2. To drive on a public road in South Africa and to transport goods, dangerous goods or passengers for an income, you must have a PrDP.
3. According to Chapter 4, section 32 of the National Road Traffic (NRT) Act, 1996 (Act 93 of 1996), which came into effect on 01 August 2000, it is stipulated that drivers of any of the types and categories of vehicles listed below (whether he or she owns the vehicle or not and whether it is carrying passengers or not) on a public road must have a PrDP.

Category of vehicle	Gross vehicle mass (GVM)	Category of PrDP	Minimum age of driver
Goods vehicle	Over 3500 kg	G	18 years
Bus	Irrespective of GVM	P	21 years
Minibus	Over 3500 kg	P	21 years
Minibus designed or adapted to convey 12 or more passengers, including the driver	Irrespective of GVM	P	21 years

Any motor vehicle used to carry paying passengers	Irrespective of GVM	P	21 years
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- 3.1 A PrDP can be applied for at any driver's licence testing centre. Applications must include the necessary documentation and fees namely:
- Acceptable identity document/identity card;
 - Two identity document photographs of applicant;
 - Original driver's licence;
 - Medical certificate (MC form);
 - PrDP application form (PD 1 form); and
 - South African Police Service clearance report.
- 3.2 The above-mentioned forms are available at any driver's licence testing centre.
4. The provisions of the NRT Act are binding on all citizens and therefore on all employees of the Western Cape Education Department and institutions under its control. Chapter 4, section 32 of the said Act thus also applies to drivers of GG vehicles in the above-mentioned categories. The heads of institutions that make use of any such categories of transport are required to ensure that all drivers have the required PrDP. The costs involved need to be covered by the institution's budget.
5. For further information, any of the following officials at Head Office may be contacted:
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6. The content of this circular must be brought to the attention of all concerned.

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