

ROAD TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AGENCY

PUBLIC NOTICE

REQUIREMENTS FOR FIRE EXTINGUISHERS ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN ZAMBIA

The notice serves to remind commercial vehicles owners of the obligation to equip and make available fire extinguisher(s) for use on commercial vehicles.

The Road Traffic (Certificate of Fitness) Regulations 15 prescribes the number of fire extinguisher(s) a commercial vehicle should be equipped with as follows:

SN	Description	No. of fire extinguishers
a)	A motor vehicle used for gain for the teaching of driving	1
b)	A public service vehicle authorized to carry not more than (12) twelve passengers	1
c)	A heavy vehicle being a private motor omnibus	2
d)	A public service vehicle authorized to carry more than twelve passengers	2
e)	A public service vehicle being a goods vehicle	1
f)	Note: No requirement for a trailer to be equipped with a fire extinguisher serve for vehicles and trailer carrying dangerous goods or products which are to be equipped with two (02) fire extinguishers.	

The fire extinguisher must be type approved and suitable for use on petrol and oil fires, and maintained in proper order and condition. The capacity of each shall not be less than 1 litre or its approximate equivalent in weight, and each shall be carried in a bracket or other suitable holder in a position on the vehicle as approved by a vehicle examiner so as to be readily available for use at any time.

For more information contact the RTSA on 0211228798 or Email askrtsa@rtsa.org.zm or visit Facebook/askrtsa.com or website: www.rtsa.org.zm

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