

Transport Minister: E2, E1, E driving licences will be merged to just E Class from March 1

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E2, E1, E driving licences to merge

JOHOR BARU: The Malaysian Driving Licence (LMM) for commercial vehicles under the existing Class E licences, namely E2, E1 and E, will be merged into one Class E Licence effective tomorrow, said Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong.

He said the merger would simplify matters and save time, as well as open up wider employment opportunities for individuals working as commercial vehicle drivers, especially in the post-Covid-19 pandemic period.

"They can drive all classes of heavy vehicles (with the LMM Class E Licence) and are not limited to a certain category of weight without load (BTM) heavy vehicles."

He said this when launching a road safety awareness campaign organised by Persatuan Pengusaha Lori Bahan Batuan Johor (Lorry Operators Association of Stone Materials in Johor), which was also attended by its president, Chia Jee Onn, in Ulu Tiram here yesterday.

The E licence involves motor vehicles with BTM exceeding 7,500kg, E1 not exceeding 7,500kg and E2 not exceeding 5,000kg.

Of the 90,000 E1 and E2 Licence holders on record, only 62,000 are still active, of whom only 11,000 have the Vocational Licence.

Thus, Wee said, existing E1 and E2 licence holders would be asked to undergo a transition programme to obtain the E Licence.

Applications start tomorrow and individuals involved are given a period of five years to go through it.

The transition programme will also be offered to Vocational Licence holders in Class E1 and E2 to get the Class E Vocational Licence.

"This is very important to ensure the level of competence and safety of the drivers involved," Wee said. **Bernama**



Transport Minister Datuk Seri Dr Wee Ka Siong (centre) at a road safety awareness campaign in Ulu Tiram, Johor Baru, yesterday. With him is Persatuan Pengusaha Lori Bahan Batuan Johor president Chia Jee Onn (right). BERNAMA PIC