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### NOTIFICATION

In keeping with the Royal Civil Service Commission's letter vide RCSC/HRMD/2022 dated 30th December 2022, the Ministry of Information & Communications (MoIC) and the Ministry of Works & Human Settlement (MoWHS) is merged and hereby renamed as the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport (MoIT).

MoIT will have four departments and two affiliated authorities, viz.

- i) Department of Air Transport (DoAT)
- ii) Department of Human Settlement (DHS)
- iii) Department of Infrastructure Development (DoID)
- iv) Department of Surface Transport (DoST)
- v) Bhutan Construction & Transport Authority (BCTA), and
- vi) Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA)

The following changes have been made;

1. The Department of Roads (DoR), MoWHS is renamed as Department of Surface Transport. The policy and development functions of Road Safety & Transport Authority (RSTA) are folded under the new department.
2. The Department of Engineering Services (DES), MoWHS is hereby dissolved. The mandates of DES will hence be taken up by the Department of Human Settlement (DHS), except for infrastructure development. In addition, the mandates of providing technical clearances for industrial development by Infrastructure Development Division, Department of Industry, Ministry of Economic Affairs; and technical clearances for hotel constructions by Infrastructure and Product Development Division, Tourism Council of Bhutan shall be assumed by the DHS. The postal policy and development mandates will also be subsumed under the department.
3. Department of Infrastructure Development (DoID) has been created folding the mandates of infrastructure development of the central agencies (Education, Health, Industry, Agriculture, Airports, etc.). The functions and mandate relating to activity planning and prioritization, budgeting, providing domain expertise/consultancy services and approving the domain functional requirements including clearances on land acquisition, environmental and social safeguards of any infrastructures shall continue to be the mandates of the respective sectors. The infrastructure development mandates including compliance to technical standards shall be the responsibility of the DoID. In addition, water infrastructure and publication of Bhutan Schedule of Rate of the erstwhile DES will be assumed by the DoID.
4. The Construction Development Board (CDB) and Road Safety and Transport Authority (RSTA) are merged and named as Bhutan Construction and Transport Authority (BCTA). The regulatory mandates of; the CDB, RSTA, DoR, and DHS will be taken up by the BCTA.



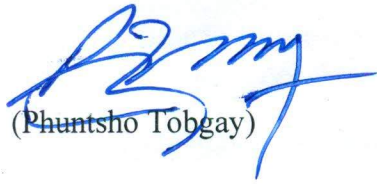
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Hence the mandate pertaining to registration and licensing of firms and professionals in the construction sector, vehicles and driver licensing will be carried out by the BCTA. The earlier Board for CDB is done away with. The Authority will report to the ministry.

5. Similarly, Bhutan Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) will be folded under the Ministry. The earlier Board for BCAA has been done away with. The Authority will report to the ministry.
6. The Department of Air Transport (DoAT) under the erstwhile MoIC is hereby folded under the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.

This notification is issued for information of all.

  
(Phuntsho Tobgay)

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