

ROLE OF ROAD TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT IN ENFORCING
ROAD SAFETY MEASURES IN MALAYSIA

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Abstract

The number of motor vehicles registered in Malaysia has the considerable corresponding to the increment of accidents.

Road Transport Licensing Board plays a vital role in issuing the licenses for commercial vehicles and Road Transport Department is responsible in enforcing and controlling the commercial vehicles operation or road haulage in order to ensure the courteous level of road safety.

Although different sorts of regulation enforced and many methods of controlling implemented by Road Transport Department towards increasing the level of road safety but the problems are still there. Offences still been done by the commercial vehicle drivers and complaints still been received by the public regarding the commercial vehicle drivers and also private vehicle drivers attitude such as driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohols, cutting in and out without consideration to the other traffic etc.

This study then would give an inclusive view of the main causes of accident and licensing system in Malaysia which is believed one of the causes of accident.

The strict and regular inspections operations by RTD should be carried out from time to time in order to **ensure** the road-worthiness of the motor vehicles because at present there are about 49.8% of the respondents interviewed (out of 150 respondents being interviewed) agreed that this operation is inefficient.

It can be concluded that the roadworthiness of motorvehicles and discipline drivers will bring a great benefit to the road safety system. The most important thing to be considered is the commercial vehicle drivers and private vehicle drivers have to improve their civic minded in order to eradicate the bad image that they had earned.

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