

## **MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SECURITY**

### **PRESS STATEMENT**

#### **Hearing Impaired to Participate in Driver's Examination**

Minister Khemraj Ramjattan in view of Cabinet's decision (**Amendment of the Motor Vehicle and Road Traffic Act chapter 51:02 To Include the Issuance of Drivers' Permits to Deaf Drivers**) on May 24 2018, has given the green light to commence a Pilot Programme in Division A which will allow persons who are deaf to participate in the theoretical and practical Drivers Examination.

The commencement of the Pilot Programme was agreed to when Minister met with the National Commission on Disability and the Deaf Association of Guyana on February 28 2019 at the Ministry of public Security.



**Minister Ramjattan center, Right Ms. Sabine McIntosh Director**

**Deaf Association of Guyana, left Ms. Beverly Pile.**

Six Persons from the Deaf Community in Guyana will now be included in the Pilot Project at a date to be announced later.

The Pilot Programme is one of the recommendations agreed to by Cabinet to facilitate the issuance of Driver's permit to persons who are hearing impaired. Other recommendation includes among others: -

- A rigorous National Awareness Campaign for the general populace including the beneficiaries.
- The implementation of issuances of driver's licence to deaf drivers only for private and not commercial Vehicles, given the present infrastructural development and culture of driving on Guyana's road ways.

The Government of Guyana will continue to provide equality and insure non-discrimination for persons with disabilities as a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

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