

Setting up of Automated Testing Stations (ATS) in Himachal Pradesh.

Brief Summary/Objective:-

Automated Testing Station (ATS):- means any automated testing facility, authorized by the State Government, where vehicle fitness testing shall be conducted through Automated Vehicle Testing Equipments in accordance with the provisions as prescribed in the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989. In this context, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, vide notification no.652 (E) dated 23-09-2021 (and amended from time to time) has notified the processes for Recognition, Regulation and Control of Automated Testing Station, testing of fitness of vehicles through automated equipment and issue of fitness Certificate by Automated Testing Stations.

The Automated Testing stations will ensure transparency, accuracy and hassle-free service delivery of fitness test and certificate, with the use of technology and will minimize human intervention in the conduct of fitness test of vehicles. As per G.S.R. No 663 (E) dated 12th September, 2023, amendment in Rule 62 of CMVR, 1989 has been made by MoRTH. As per amended rule 62 of CMVR,1989, with effect from October 1, 2024, it is compulsory to conduct a fitness test for vehicles falling under the categories of heavy goods vehicles, heavy passenger motor vehicles, medium goods vehicles, medium passenger motor vehicles, and light motor vehicles exclusively through automated testing stations.

To promote ease of registration of ATS, a single window clearance system on National Single Window System (NSWS) of Government of India has been developed. All the approvals related to the establishment of an ATS shall be accorded by the States through this system. The State of Himachal Pradesh is already on boarded on the National Single Window System of the Government of India. In the State of Himachal Pradesh, Government has accorded approval for establishing 02 ATS in Govt./Public Sector and 05 in Private Sector in the first instance. The approval has been accorded vide letter No. TPT-F(5)-14/2022 dated 06.11.2024. In this regard, need has been felt to define the procedure for processing of applications. Hence, Standard Operating System has been formulated which is enclosed at **Annexure-A** and the conditions to be followed are at **Annexure-B**.

Annexure-A

Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) for setting up of Automated Testing Stations (ATS) in Himachal Pradesh.

1. Although State is onboard on National Single Window System developed by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India, but State specific customization is required for which concerned agency has been requested. However, till the time such customization and its testing is completed, in view of urgency of matter offline applications will also be accepted.
2. Thereafter, only Online applications will be accepted for the setting up of Automated Testing Stations (ATS) in Himachal Pradesh. The desirous applicants may apply on National Single Window System (NSWS) <https://www.nsws.gov.in/>
3. The applications will be invited for locations any where in Himachal Pradesh and this process of receiving applications/setting up of Automated Testing Stations (ATS) will be a continuous process. There will be no cutoff date for inviting applications and also there will not be any cap on number of ATSs to be established for any particular location.
4. However, in the first phase, Department will issue permissions for setting up of Automated Testing Stations (ATS) through Private Investment in following five locations/Districts:-
 - Kangra (District)
 - Mandi (District)
 - Bilaspur (District)
 - Solan (Sub-Division)
 - Nalagarh (Sub-Division)
5. In Govt./Public Sector, Automated Testing Stations (ATS) will be established as approved by State Government.
6. If the owner or operator of an ATS is government body the application fee for grant of Preliminary registration Certificate, Registration Certificate and security deposit or bank guarantee for registration certificate shall not be applicable and such entities shall also be exempt from meeting financial criterion specified in sub-rule (4) of rule 176, sub rule-(4) of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989.
7. The Preliminary Registration Certificate for construction/establishment of Automated Testing Stations (ATS) shall be issued to the applicants who have

submitted complete applications in all respect, and further, this certificate shall be issued on First come, First serve basis.

8. The applications received for any other location, seniority will be marked from the date and time of receipt of complete application. Incomplete application will not be considered for seniority.
9. Mere receipt of complete application will not confer the right for according approval to set up Automated Testing Station (ATS).
10. The registering authority shall while considering the application, take into consideration the possible utilization of ATS and the fact that the setting up of ATS shall improve the availability of testing facilities in the area both in relation to number of vehicles and proximity to such ATS.
11. Interested Investors/Entities shall possess:-
 - a. Certificate of Incorporation or Shop Act registration or Udyam Aadhar;
 - b. Valid Goods and Service Tax certificate; and
 - c. Valid Permanent Account Number
12. During submission of online application for setting up of Automated Testing Station (ATS) prescribed fee under Rule 188 of CMVR, 1989 shall be deposited via online mode only. For manual applications, fee etc will be deposited via other available modes. In addition to this, security deposit/bank guarantee (In original) for this purpose shall be deposited in the physical form in the Directorate of Transport, Shimla-171004.
13. The application for grant of Preliminary Registration Certificate under sub-rule (2) shall be made in Form 63 by the owner or operator to the registering authority through electronic portal i.e. National Single Window System and shall be accompanied by the fee as specified in Rule 188.
14. The registering authority, on receipt of application under sub-rule (3), and after completion of all codal formalities shall grant the Preliminary Registration Certificate in Form 61.
15. Consequent upon the establishment of Automated Testing Station, the applicant shall appoint National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration

Laboratory accredited agency or any other agency notified by the Central Government for conducting pre-commissioning audit and assessment of the automated testing station. The testing agency will issue pre-commissioning audit and assessment report in Form 66.

16. Further the application for grant of Registration Certificate shall be made in Form 64 before the registering authority and shall be accompanied by: -
 - a. The fee as specified in Rule 188;
 - b. Security deposit or bank guarantee as specified in Rule 188;
 - c. The Preliminary Registration Certificate
 - d. Successful pre-commissioning audit and assessment report in Form 66.
17. On receipt of application under sub-rule (7), and after completion of all codal formalities the Registration Certification in the Form No. 62 shall be issued by the registering authority.
18. Any matter not covered in this SoP will be as per terms and conditions stipulated in the CHAPTER X of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. Notifications or orders w.r.t. ATS issued from time to time by the Central/State Government will also be adhered to by the applicant/owner or operator of the ATS.

**Director Transport
Himachal Pradesh.**

Annexure-B

The term & conditions to be followed by the owner/operator are as follows: -

CERITERIA

Point-1

Sr. No.	Qualification Conditions	Documents to be Uploaded/submitted
1.	Proof of payment of fee deposited.	Scanned copy of Receipt in the form of Bank Draft / Bank Guarantee in the name of the 'Director Transport, Himachal Pradesh'
2.	The applicant for all the purposes here in after shall mean a company or Limited Liability Partnership (LLP), Firm or association of persons or body of individuals or an individual or consortium or special purpose vehicle taking part in the bidding process. The meaning thereof shall be construed accordingly. Provided that the maximum number of members of consortium is restricted to three only.	Notarized copy of the following documents, as applicable: Certificates of Incorporation of the company. OR Limited Liability Partnership Agreement OR Copy of the Partnership Deed duly registered under the Partnership Act 1932 OR Certificate of Shop & Establishment Act OR Registration of Udyam Aadhar. Copy of the Consortium Agreement/Memorandum of Understanding, shall be submitted.
3.	Any vehicle manufacturer/ dealer/ service station or automobile spares parts manufacturer/ dealer shall not be eligible to apply for ATS, if such vehicle/spare parts/ accessory has to get tested at the proposed ATS, in order to avoid any 'Conflict of Interest'.	Notarized affidavit in this regard is to be made by the applicant

4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The premises where the authorized testing station is to be housed is either owned by the applicant has minimum land as specified in Rule 178. • Adequate space shall be available for fitment of utilities like transformer, low tension or high tension panels with safety or protective devices, gensets, air compressor, uninterrupted power source, water coolers, fire protection and fire fighting system of adequate capacity and test lane area shall be provided with adequate ventilation and fume extraction system. • In addition to lanes, an automated testing station shall have an adequate space for parking and free movement of vehicles brought for testing and necessary cyber security certification shall be provided for the information technology system for safe access to the VAHAN database as applicable. • Any facility to be used for the purpose of testing shall have a minimum per lane area for two wheeler vehicles or three wheeler vehicles as 500 sqm and for Light OR Medium OR Heavy motor vehicle as 1500sqm which includes commensurate space for the administrative block including reception or information centre, waiting area, information technology server and work station, washroom etc. 	
5.	The applicant shall have a minimum net worth of Notarized copy of the audited Financial Rs. 3.00 crore	Notarized copy of the audited Financial statement of last three financial years, certified by a Chartered Accountant with UDIN.

	(Three crore) during the last Statement of last three financial years.	
6.	The applicant shall have a valid GST Number	Notarized Copy of GST Registration.
7.	The applicant shall have a valid PAN Number	Notarized Copy of PAN
8.	The applicant and all members of the Consortium and their proprietor/partners/directors etc. and other persons entrusted with the management shall give an affidavit that he/ they has/have not been convicted by any court of competent jurisdiction on the date of submission of application.	Notarized Affidavit
9.	In the case of a joint venture or consortium, the consortium members shall submit a power of attorney in the name of lead applicant for submitting application on their behalf.	Notarized Power of attorney (POA)
10.	Manpower requirement	The minimum requirement of manpower shall be as per Rule 179 of CMVR, 1989
11.	Land proposed for establishment of ATS (Area as prescribed in the policy/guidelines) shall either be owned or taken on lease or hired by the applicant for a period not less than 10 years from the date of approval.	Land proposed for establishment of ATS (area as prescribed in the policy/guidelines) shall be in the name of single bidder or member of consortium (in case of consortium) in a form of notarized document (as transfer deed, khatauni etc) or registered/notarized lease deed for ten years or a notarized MoU with the land owner stating that the land will be purchased or taken on lease through a

		registered lease deed for ten years on acceptance of the bid in favour of successful bidder. Preliminary license will be granted to the successful bidder on submission of registered lease deed.
12.	The applicant shall give an affidavit that he shall submit a third party audit report from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratory or any other agency notified by the Central Government for conducting such audits and assessments of the ATS as per Rule 175,184 etc of Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 within days from the date of issuance of Preliminary Registration Certificate/approval.	Notarized Affidavit

Point-2:-

In addition, operator of Automated Testing Station (ATS) shall comply with the following terms and conditions:-

- i) The result of fitness of vehicles generated through Automated Equipments on ATS as per procedure prescribed in Rule 81 & 82 and such result shall be uploaded in VAHAN 4.0 automatically.
- ii) The operator will follow the provisions related/governing the ATS as prescribed in the Motor Vehicle Act, 1988, CMVR 1989, HPMVR 1999 and all other instructions issued by Central/State Government from time to time.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. Permissible Vehicle Testing Fee is defined under the Fitness Testing Fee as per Rule 81 of CMVR. In case of upward or downward revision, the same will be applicable from the date of notification of the rule.
2. In terms of revenue share, the certification fee would be provided to the State Government and the testing fee as specified in Rule 81 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 will be kept by the ATS operator.

3. The detail of existing fee to be retained by the ATS operator and additional amount to be retained by the State Government is as under:-

Sr. No.	Purpose	Amount	Additional fee to be retained by the State Govt.
1	Conducting test of a vehicle for grant or renewal of certificate of fitness		
	(a)Motor Cycle	i. Manual ₹ 200 ii. Automated ₹ 400	₹ 200
	(b)Three wheeled or light motor vehicle or quadricycle	i. Manual ₹ 400 ii. Automated ₹ 600	₹ 400
	(c)Medium or heavy motor vehicle	i. Manual ₹ 600 ii. Automated ₹1000	₹ 600
2	Conducting test of a vehicle for grant and renewal of certificate of fitness for motor vehicles older than 15 years		
	(a)Motor Cycle	i. Manual ₹ 400 ii. Automated ₹ 500	₹ 400
	(b)Three wheeled or light motor vehicle or quadricycle	i. Manual ₹ 800 ii. Automated ₹1000	₹ 800
	(c)Medium goods or passenger motor vehicle	i. Manual ₹ 800 ii. Automated ₹1300	₹ 800
	(d)Heavy goods or passenger motor vehicle	i. Manual: ₹ 800 ii. Automated : ₹1500	₹ 800

4. The applicant shall, during the contract period, levy, collect and appropriate the Vehicle Inspection Fee from the citizen for rendering the specified services of conducting Vehicle Fitness Test as per CMVR rule 63.
5. The applicant shall present monthly reports as to the number of tests performed with time stamp of each test.
6. Any attempt to misinform the department or noncompliance of directions as prescribed in the policy/rules/guidelines in this regard by both Government of India and the State Government, from time to time, shall be ground for immediate termination and cancellation of agreement/license or any appropriate action as the competent authority of Transport Department, Himachal Pradesh may deem fit.
7. Number of centers may be increased in future as per requirement.