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COMPANIES THAT RUN vehicles must keep a valid Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate in each one and renew it on a schedule set by emission norm and, for BS-VI vehicles, by age from first registration: three months for BS-I to BS-III, six months for BS-IV, and for BS-VI once in every three years (non-transport) or two years (transport) up to six years, once a year from six to ten years, and once every six months after ten. The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) set this in the Central Motor Vehicles (Sixteenth Amendment) Rules, 2026, notification G.S.R. 991(E) dated November 13, 2026, which come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

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The rules are published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (i), No. 885, dated November 16, 2026 (CG-DL-E-19112026-278040), made under section 110 of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and signed by Mahmood Ahmed, Additional Secretary, under F. No. RT-11036/94/2020-MVL. They finalise draft rules published by G.S.R. 664(E), dated July 22, 2026, after objections and suggestions from the public were considered.

The rules substitute sub-rule (7) of rule 115 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. The new sub-rule (7) says every vehicle "shall carry a valid Pollution Under Control certificate issued or renewed by an agency authorised for this purpose by the State Government", to be produced on demand by the officers referred to in rule 116(1). The new sub-rule (7A) sets the validity for each vehicle category in a table.

For a certificate issued before the rules came into force, the new validity period applies only from its first renewal after that. A certificate renewed within ten days before its expiry takes effect from the date of its expiry; in all other cases after the date of expiry, the renewed certificate takes effect from the date of renewal.

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Existing certificates	New validity applies from their first renewal after commencement
Renewal within ten days before expiry	Renewed certificate takes effect from the date of expiry
Renewal in all other cases	Renewed certificate takes effect from the date of renewal

Validity of Pollution Under Control Certificate (rule 115(7A))

Sl. No.	Vehicle category	Validity
1	All motor vehicles complying with BS-I, BS-II and BS-III emission norms	Three months
2	All motor vehicles complying with BS-IV emission norms	Six months
3	All Non-Transport motor vehicles complying with BS-VI emission norms	From the date of first registration: up to six years, once in every three years; more than six years but not more than ten years, once in every one year; more than ten years, once every six months
4	All Transport motor vehicles complying with BS-VI emission norms	From the date of first registration: up to six years, once in every two years; more than six years but not more than ten years, once in every one year; more than ten years, once every six months

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