



## **The Thai cabinet (“Cabinet”) approved the draft to relax documents requirement for transport business license**

The Cabinet approved the draft of ministerial regulation (No. - ) under the Land Transport Act B.E. 2522 (A.D. 1979) (the “Draft”) on 9 January 2024.

To give a context, the Land Transport Act B.E. 2522 (A.D. 1979) (the “Act”) requires a license from the official to operate fixed route transport, non-fixed route transport, transport by a small vehicle, or private transport and its subordinate legislation provides that the applicant must prepare the documents for application, including an identify card of a Thai director and a certificate of residence of a foreign director , in case that a director is a foreigner .

The Draft that was approved would see that the a foreigner can use a passport in addition to an alien identification card, with the reason that a foreigner might not always have an alien identification card. Moreover, in case a company is an applicant, a house registration for a Thai and a residence certificate for a foreigner who is a director is not required is no longer required for an application for a license or an application for renewal of a license to operate fixed route transport, non-fixed route transport, a transport by a small vehicle, or a private transport. Additionally, in t case that a private company or public limited company is an applicant, the name of every director is not required anymore.

These are done with the view that some of the documents required for an application are beyond necessity in determining qualifications of the applicant. For example, the name of every director in the private company or the public limited company is not necessary as the name can be checked with an affidavit of the company , or the house registration and the residence certificate of the authorized directors are not necessary for contacting the private company or the public limited company.