STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2020 No. 188

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020

Made - - - -	*27th August 2020*
Coming into operation	*1st September 2020*

The Department for Infrastructure(**1**) makes the following Regulations, in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 5(2A), (5A) and 218 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**2**), and now vested in it(**3**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2020 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2020.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations

2.—(1) The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**4**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) In regulation 36 (evidence of result of theory test) after paragraph (6) insert the following—

> "(6A) Notwithstanding paragraph (6)(a), the validity of a standard theory test pass certificate which, in accordance with paragraph (6), would otherwise have expired or would otherwise expire between 1st March 2020 and 31st October 2020 shall be deemed to be, or to have been, extended for a period of eight months from the date of expiry referred to in each such pass certificate.".

(3) In regulation 36B (large vehicle theory test pass certificate) after paragraph (4) insert the following—

(**1**) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment is dissolved

(**2**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1) relevant amending Regulations are S.R.1996 No. 426

(**3**) See Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 76)

(**4**) S.R. 1996 No. 542 relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2008 No. 418 and S.R. 2009 No.14