STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2007 No. 111

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007

Made - - - - 20th February 2007

Coming into operation 2nd April 2007

The Department of the Environment makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(3), (4) and (5), 19C(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**).

In accordance with Article 19C(3) of that Order the Department of Finance and Personnel(**2**) has approved regulations 2 and 4.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 and shall come into operation on 2nd April 2007.

(2) In these Regulations "the principal Regulations" means the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1996(**3**).

Amendment to regulation 24 (fees for theory tests)

2. For regulation 24 of the principal Regulations substitute—

> "**24.** The fee payable for a theory test to be conducted by an appointed person for a motor vehicle of a class included in a category or sub-category specified in column (1) of the Table in Schedule 4A is the fee specified in relation to that category or sub-category in column (2).".

Amendment to regulation 29 (nature of tests other than extended tests)

3. For paragraph (6A) of regulation 29 of the principal Regulations substitute—

(**1**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department" and "prescribed"; Article 5 was substituted by S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3), Schedule 1 and amended by S.R. 1996 No. 426, Schedule 1, paragraph 2; Article 19C was substituted by S.I.1991/197(N.I. 3), Schedule 1 and amended by S.I. 1996/1320 (N.I. 10), Schedule 3, paragraph 8 and S.R. 1996 No. 426, Schedule 1, paragraph 11

(**2**) Formerly the Department of Finance; *see*S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6), Article 3

(**3**) S.R. 1996 No. 542; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1997 No. 383 and S.R. 2002 No. 383

"(6A) The test of driving theory shall—

(a) be conducted as an approved form of examination consisting of —

(i) 35 questions in the case of a motor vehicle included in category A, B or P; and

(ii) 60 questions in the case of a motor vehicle included in category C or D,

the questions being in either a multiple choice or multiple response form and testing a candidate on the specified matters in accordance with Schedule 6; and

(b) have a duration time

(i) in the case of a motor vehicle included in category A, B or P, 40 minutes, or in the circumstances specified in paragraph (7), 80 minutes; and

(ii) in the case of a motor vehicle included in category C or D, 70 minutes, or in the circumstances specified in paragraph (7), 140 minutes.".

New Schedule 4A (fees for theory tests)

4. After Schedule 4 to the principal Regulations insert—

"SCHEDULE 4A Regulation 24

FEES FOR THEORY TESTS

Column (1)	*Column (2)*
Category or sub-category of vehicle	*Fee*
1. A, A1 and P	£20.50
2. B and B1 (other than invalid carriages)	£20.50
3. C and C1	£32.00
4. D and D1	£32.00"

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 20th February 2007.

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