STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 183

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - - 20th March 2003

Coming into operation in accordance with Regulation 1

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(3) and (5), 19C(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation –

(a) for the purposes of regulation 2(3) on 21st April 2003;

(b) for all other purposes, on 1st July 2003.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicle (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996

2.—(1) Schedule 6 to the Motor Vehicle (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**2**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (3).

(2) For Parts 1 and 2 there shall be substituted the provisions set out in Part 1 of the Schedule;

(3) For Parts 3 and 4 there shall be substituted the provisions set out in Part 2 of the Schedule.

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

(**2**) S.R. 1996 No. 542; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1999 No. 358

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 20th March 2003.

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SCHEDULE Regulation 2(2)

PART 1

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CATEGORIES A AND P

The specified matters are set out in paragraphs A to G. The person conducting the test shall examine the candidate on all the items included in those sections.

A. Road traffic regulation

Road traffic regulations including road signs, road markings, signals, rights of way and speed limits.

B. The driver

1. The importance of alertness and attitudes to other road users.

2. Perception, judgement and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes in driver behaviour due to the influence of alcohol, drugs and medicinal products, state of mind and fatigue.

C. The road

1. The most important principles concerning the observance of safe distance between vehicles, braking distances and roadholding under various weather and road conditions.

2. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions, in particular as they change with the weather and the time of day or night and to risk factors relating to slippery surface features such as drain covers, tram lines, road lines and arrows.

3. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory requirements.

D. Other road users

1. Specific risk factors related to the lack of experience of other road users and the most vulnerable categories of user such as children, pedestrians, cyclists and people whose mobility is reduced.

2. Risks involved in the movement and driving of various types of vehicle and of the different fields of view of their drivers.

3. The visibility of the motorcycle rider to other users.

E. General rules and regulations and other matters

1. Rules concerning the administrative documents required for the use of vehicles.

2. General rules specifying how the driver must behave in the event of an accident (setting warning device and raising the alarm) and the measures which he can take to assist road accident victims where necessary.

3. Safety factors relating to the vehicle, the load and persons carried.

F. Road and Vehicle safety

1. Mechanical aspects of the vehicle with a bearing on road safety, i.e. the detection of the most common faults, in particular in the steering, suspension and brake systems, tyres, lights and direction indicators, reflectors, rear-view mirrors, audible warning devices, the emergency stop switch, the oil levels and chain, and the exhaust system.

2. Vehicle safety equipment including, in particular, the use of protective gloves, boots, clothing, crash helmet and visors.

3. Precautions when alighting from the vehicle.

G. Environmental matters

Rules regarding vehicle use in relation to the environment, including the appropriate use of audible warning devices, moderate fuel consumption, limitation of pollutant emissions and matters of a similar nature.

PART 2

CATEGORY B

The specified matters are set out in paragraphs A to G. The person conducting the test shall examine the candidate on all the items included in those sections.

A. Road traffic regulation

Road traffic regulations including road signs, road markings, signals, rights of way and speed limits.

B. The driver

1. The importance of alertness and attitudes to other road users.

2. Perception, judgement and decision-making, including especially reaction time and changes in driver behaviour due to the influence of alcohol, drugs and medicinal products, state of mind and fatigue.

C. The road

1. The most important principles concerning the observance of safe distance between vehicles, braking distances and roadholding under various weather and road conditions.

2. Driving risk factors related to various road conditions, in particular as they change with the weather and the time of day or night.

3. Characteristics of various types of road and the related statutory requirements.

D. Other road users

1. Specific risk factors related to the lack of experience of other road users and the most vulnerable categories of user such as children, pedestrians, cyclists and people whose mobility is reduced.

2. Risks involved in the movement and driving of various types of vehicle and of the different fields of view of their drivers.