STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1999 No. 77

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

Made - - - - 24th February 1999

Coming into operation 1st April 1999

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(3), 13(1), 19C(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**1**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and in accordance with Article 19C(3) of that Order with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(**2**) as regards regulation 2(3), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and shall come into operation on 1st April 1999.

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

2.—(1) The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**3**) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) In regulation 29(**4**) (nature of tests other than extended tests), for paragraph (6) there shall be substituted—

"(6) In all cases the theory test shall—

(a) be conducted as a written examination consisting of 35 questions, 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;

(b) have a duration of 40 minutes or, in the circumstances specified in paragraph (7), 80 minutes.".

(**1**) S.I.1981/154 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department" and "prescribed; " Articles 5, 13 and 19C were 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; Article 13(1) was amended by S.R. 1996 No. 426, Schedule 1, paragraph 5; Article 19C was 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, regulations 8 and 22

(**4**) Regulation 29 was amended by S.R. 1997 No. 383, regulation 8

(3) For Schedule 2(**5**) (licence fees) there shall be substituted—

"SCHEDULE 2 Regulation 10

Licence Fees

Table of Fees

(1) *Description of licence and circumstances of application*	(2) *Fee payable*
1. A first licence.	£12
2. A provisional licence granted following the revocation of a licence under Article 5(1) of the Road Traffic (New Drivers) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998(**6**).	£12
3. A full licence granted in exchange for a full Great Britain licence which was granted under section 88 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(**7**) or section 97 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(**8**).	£13.50
4. A full licence granted in exchange for a full Community licence or an exchangeable licence.	£13.50
5. A full Group 1 licence where the applicant has previously been granted a provisional licence.	£8.50
6. A renewal licence to remain in force for a period of 10 years under Article 15(1)(*a*) of the Order.	£12
7. A renewal licence to remain in force for a period determined under Article 15(1)(*b*) of the Order, i.e. for a period ending on the applicant's seventieth birthday or for 3 years, whichever is the longer.	£12
8. A renewal licence to remain in force for a period determined under Article 15(1)(*c*) of the Order, i.e. granted to an applicant suffering from a relevant or prospective disability.	Nil
9. A renewal licence where the applicant is aged 70 years or over.	Nil
10. A licence granted under Article 15(8) of the Order (issue of a new licence in certain circumstances on surrender of a licence (unless no fee is payable)).	£12
11. A provisional licence authorising the driving of vehicles of a class included in category C.	£24

(**5**) Schedule 2 was amended by S.R. 1997 No. 383, regulation 22
(**6**) S.I. 1998/1074 (N.I. 7)
(**7**) 1972 c. 20
(**8**) 1988 c. 52