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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2002

Made - - - - -	*6th March 2002*
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The Secretary of State for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 49, 51(1) and 53(5) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(**a**) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(**b**), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 and shall come into force on 1st April 2002.

Preliminary

2. The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988(**c**) shall be further amended as follows.

Amendments relating to fees

3.—(1) In regulation 12, in paragraph (3), for the Table there shall be substituted the following Table—

"TABLE

Description of vehicle	*Fee (£)*
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	40
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	42
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	44
Trailer with 1 axle	20
Trailer with 2 axles	21
Trailer with 3 or more axles	22"

(**a**) 1988 c. 52. Sections 49 and 51 were amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 41), Schedule 4, paragraph 54 and Schedule 8.
(**b**) S.I. 1988/643, which was made under section 102 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c. 51). The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/1684 and the relevant entry in Table III of Schedule 1 is item 3.
(**c**) S.I. 1988/1478; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1989/1693, 1990/448, 1992/2447, 1993/2048 and 3013, 1997/82 and 263, 1998/1671, 2000/1433 and 2001/1650.

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(2) In the regulations specified in column (1) of the following Table for the amounts specified in column (2) there shall be substituted the amounts specified in column (3).

TABLE

(1) *Regulation*	*(2)* *Existing amount (£)*	*(3)* *Substituted amount (£)*
12(4)	21.50	22
	13.50	14
16(1)	19.50	20.50
	10.50	11
16(3)	19.50	20.50
	10.50	11
16(4)	10.50	11
16(5)	21.50	22.50
	13.50	14
34(1)	14.50	15
34(2)	8.50	9
34(2A)	4	4.50
37B(2)	14.50	15
39(3)(b)(ii)	2	2.50
41(1)	10.50	11

Fees for re-tests

4. In regulation 16(6)(c)(i), "8," shall be deleted.

Amendment to Schedule 2 (classes of vehicle to which the Regulations do not apply)

5. In paragraph 25 of Schedule 2, the following words shall be inserted after the words "Motor vehicles"—

"in respect of which a test certificate issued in accordance with Article 34 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) is in force or which are".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

David Jamieson
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions

6th March 2002

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. I); the 1981 Order was amended by the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (c. 22), Schedule 3, paragraph 17(1) and (2) and S.R. 1987/366. Exemptions from the requirement to have a vehicle test certificate were prescribed in S.R. 1989/234.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988 ("the 1988 Regulations").

Regulation 3 makes extensive amendments relating to fees.

The fee payable on an application for a first examination or periodical test undergoes the changes shown in the Table below (with the percentage increase shown in brackets). However, where the appointment for such an examination or test is, at the applicant's request, "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 2.3% from £21.50 to £22 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 3.7% from £13.50 to £14 in the case of a trailer.

The fee for a re-test or further re-test within 14 days after the first examination or earlier re-test is increased by 5.1% from £19.50 to £20.50 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 4.8% from £10.50 to £11 in the case of a trailer. However, where the appointment for such a re-test is, at the applicant's request "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 4.8% from £10.50 to £11 in the case of a motor vehicle. There is no change in the case of a fee for a trailer, which remains at £7.

TABLE

Description of vehicle	*Old Fee (£)*	*New Fee (£)*
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	38	40 (5.3%)
Motor vehicles with 3 axles	40	42 (5%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	42	44 (4.8%)
Trailer with 1 axle	19.50	20 (2.6%)
Trailer with 2 axles	20.50	21 (2.4%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	21.50	22 (2.3%)

The fee payable on a request for an amendment to a plating certificate following a notifiable alteration or for a re-examination where a particular in the certificate is or may be no longer applicable is increased by 3.4% from £14.50 to £15. However where an appointment for a re-examination following a notifiable alteration or with a view to amendment of a plating certificate is, at the applicant's request, "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 5.9% from £8.50 to £9. Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-examination is, at the applicant's request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in the case which is "out of hours", further supplement, is increased by 12.5% from £4 to £4.50 in the case of a motor vehicle. In the case of a trailer the fee remains unchanged at £2.

The fee payable for the alteration of the plated weights (or any of the plated weights) for a vehicle without an examination is increased by 3.4% from £14.50 to £15.

Where an applicant for an examination cannot or does not propose to proceed with the examination and gives the Secretary of State notice under regulation 39(3)(b)(ii) that no other examination of the same kind is required the fee payable is increased by 25% from £2 to £2.50.

The fee payable on request for a replacement plate and certificate is increased by 4.8% from £10.50 to £11.

Regulation 4 amends regulation 16(6)(c)(i) by deleting the reference to item 8. This has the effect that a fee will now be payable for the re-test of a speed limiter.

Regulation 5 amends Schedule 2 (Classes of vehicle to which the Regulations do not apply) by adding to paragraph 25 motor vehicles in respect of which a test certificate issued in accordance with Article 34 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 is in force.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department for Transport, Local Government and the Regions, Zone 2/05, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR (Telephone: 020 7944 2467). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.

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