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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1980

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 96 and 107 of the Road Traffic Act 1972(**a**), and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 199(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 15th November 1980 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1980.

2. Regulation 4 (Minimum ages for holding or obtaining licences) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1976(**b**) shall be amended by—

(*a*) the insertion at the end of paragraph (1) of the following sub-paragraph:—

"(*e*) in items 5 and 6, the age of 17 were substituted for the ages of 18 and 21 respectively in the case of members of the armed forces of the Crown in relation to any vehicle when being used in the course of urgent work of national importance in accordance with an order of the Defence Council in pursuance of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939 which were continued permanently in force, in the form set out in Part C of Schedule 2 to the Emergency Laws (Repeal) Act 1959(**c**), by section 2 of the Emergency Powers Act 1964(**d**).".

Norman Fowler,
Minister of Transport.

14th November 1980.

(**a**) 1972 c. 20; section 96 was substituted by section 1 of the Road Traffic (Drivers'Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976 (c. 3).

(**b**) S.I. 1976/1076; there is no relevant amending instrument.

(**c**) 1959 c. 19.

(**d**) 1964 c. 38.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1976, by the insertion of a new paragraph in Regulation 4 (Minimum ages for holding or obtaining licences) lowering from 21 and 18 to 17 the qualifying age for holding or obtaining a licence to drive, as prescribed by section 96 of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as amended, the classes of motor vehicles specified in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Table in that section, in the case of members of the Armed Forces in relation to any such vehicle when being used in the course of urgent work of national importance under instructions given by Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations, 1939.

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