STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2015 No. 242

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015

Made - - - -	*5th May 2015*
Coming into operation -	*29th May 2015*

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 29th May 2015.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations

2.—(1) The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**b**) are amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (5).

(2) After regulation 16A (exchangeable licences) insert—

"**Prohibition on holding more than one licence**

16B.—(1) A person must not hold more than one licence.

(2) In this regulation, "licence" includes a Great Britain licence and a Community licence(**c**).

(3) In this regulation, "Community licence" does not include a document authorising the holder to drive a motor vehicle which was issued by a state before the date on which that state became a member State or the date on which that state became a party to the EEA Agreement.".

(3) In regulation 37(4) (evidence of the result of practical and unitary tests) before sub-paragraph (a) insert—

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); Article 5 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3) and paragraphs (3) and (4) were amended by paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to S.I. 1996/1320 (N.I. 10), paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to S.R. 1996 No. 426 and Article 44 of S.I. 2007/916 (N.I. 10); Article 19C was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3) and amended by paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to S.I. 1996/1320 (N.I. 10), paragraph 11 of Schedule 1 to S.R. 1996 No. 426, paragraph 1 of Schedule 2 to S.R. 1997 No. 241, paragraph 8 of the Schedule to S.R. 2002 No. 374 and Article 34 of S.I. 2007/916 (N.I. 10)

(**b**) S.R. 1996 No. 542; regulation 16A was inserted by regulation 3(3) of S.R. 2015 No. 6, regulation 37(4) was amended by regulation 13 of S.R. 2009 No. 14, regulation 37A was inserted by regulation 10 of S.R. 2008 No. 418 and Schedule 4A was inserted by S.R. 2007 No. 111 and substituted by S.R. 2009 Nos. 14 and 73 and amended by S.R. 2012 No. 170

(**c**) *See* Article 19D of S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1) for the definition of "Great Britain licence" and "Community licence"

"(za) under paragraph (1)(a) or (2) is invalid if it is furnished in error or with an error in the particulars required to be specified in it;".

(4) In regulation 37A (evidence of the results of special manoeuvres test) after paragraph (1) insert—

"(1A) A pass certificate issued under paragraph (1)(a) is invalid if it is furnished in error or with an error in the particulars required to be specified in it.".

(5) For Schedule 4A (fees for theory test) substitute the Schedule as set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 5th May 2015

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 2(5)

"SCHEDULE 4A

Regulation 24

Fees for Theory Tests

Column (1) Category or sub-category of vehicle	Column (2) Fee
1. AM, A, A1 and A2	£25 from 29th May 2015 £23 from 1st October 2015
2. B	£25 from 29th May 2015 £23 from 1st October 2015
3. C, C1, D and D1 large vehicle test of driving theory	£28 from 29th May 2015 £26 from 1st October 2015
4. C, C1, D and D1 large vehicle test of hazard perception	£12 from 29th May 2015 £11 from 1st October 2015"

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 ("the principal Regulations").

In accordance with Article 7(5)(a) of the Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20th December 2006 on driving licences (O.J. L403, 30.12.2006, p. 18), regulation 2(2) inserts a new regulation 16B into the principal Regulations to prohibit a person from holding more than one Northern Ireland, Great Britain or Community driving licence.

Regulation 2(3) amends regulation 37(4) of the principal Regulations to ensure that a practical test pass certificate is treated as invalid if it has been furnished in error or there is an error in the details specified in it.

Regulation 2(4) amends regulation 37A of the principal Regulations to ensure that a special manoeuvres test pass certificate is treated as invalid if it has been furnished in error or there is an error in the details specified in it.

Regulation 2(5) substitutes Schedule 4A to the principal Regulations to reduce the fees payable for Theory Tests as follows—

(a) the fee for categories AM, A, A1, A2 and B is reduced from £30 to £25 from 29th May 2015 and further reduced to £23 from 1st October 2015;

(b) the fee for categories C, C1, D and D1 large vehicle test of driving theory is reduced from £35 to £28 from 29th May 2015 and further reduced to £26 from 1st October 2015;

(c) the fee for categories C, C1, D and D1 large vehicle test of hazard perception is reduced from £15 to £12 from 29th May 2015 and further reduced to £11 from 1st October 2015.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been produced and is available from Road Safety and Vehicle Regulation Division, Department of the Environment, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 8GB or viewed online at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr.

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