Principal Secretaries of State in so far as concerns members of the National Fire Service. Provision has been made under the Fire Services Act, 1947, for the transfer of the functions of the National Fire Service to fire brigades maintained under that Act as from 1st April, 1948, in England and Wales and as from 16th May, 1948, in Scotland.

These Regulations provide for the conduct of driving tests by Chief Officers (in Scotland Firemasters) in so far as concerns members of such brigades or persons employed in driving motor vehicles for the purposes of such brigades.

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 2251

Made - - - -	*7th October*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*8th October*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*1st December*, 1948

20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50.

Whereas in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 30 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934, the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") made the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations, 1947(a), (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Regulations");

And Whereas the Principal Regulations have been amended by the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948(b) and the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 1948(c);

And Whereas it is expedient that the Principal Regulations should be further amended in manner hereinafter appearing;

Now, therefore, the Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him as aforesaid and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st day of December, 1948, and may be cited as "The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations, 1948".

2. The Principal Regulations amended as aforesaid shall have effect as though:—

(1) in Regulation 5 the following words were inserted after the words "the Act of 1930":—

"or in the case of which the holder of a licence which a licensing authority is proposing to revoke under subsection (4) of the said section 5 shall not be entitled to claim to be subjected to a test as to his fitness or ability to drive a motor vehicle";

(2) in Regulation 6—

(*a*) the following words were inserted after the words "in the first column of the Second Schedule to these Regulations":—

"and a motor vehicle of any class or description comprised in any other Group specified opposite to the first-mentioned Group in the third column of the said Second Schedule";

(a) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 925) I, p. 1973. (b) S.I. 1948 No. 48, p. 3741 above. (c) S.I. 1948 No. 552, p. 3743 above.

(*b*) the words " comprised in the first-mentioned Group " were substituted for the words " comprised in that Group "; and

(*c*) the following additional proviso were added thereto

" And provided that notwithstanding anything in this Regulation to the contrary an applicant for a driving licence who has passed a test prior to the 1st day of December, 1948, shall for the purposes of the Acts of 1930 and 1934 and of these Regulations be deemed to be competent to drive a vehicle of any class or description which he was deemed to be competent to drive before that date ";

(3) in Regulation 14 the words " Group C, Group K or Group L " were substituted for the words " Group V or Group VI ";

(4) in Regulation 16 the following paragraph were substituted for paragraph (3):—

" (3) A provisional licence shall be granted only subject to the condition that until the holder thereof has passed the appropriate test:—

(*a*) he shall, except in the case of a vehicle (other than a motor car) which is not constructed or adapted to carry more than one person or when he is undergoing a test, use it only when under the supervision of a person who is present in the vehicle with him and holds a licence, not being a provisional licence, authorising him to drive a vehicle of the same class as the vehicle being driven by the holder of the provisional licence, and who has been the holder of a licence for at least two years or has passed a test under section 6 of the Act of 1934; provided that for the purpose of this sub-paragraph a motor bicycle shall not be deemed to be constructed or adapted to carry more than one person unless it has a sidecar constructed for the carriage of a passenger attached;

(*b*) he shall not, in the case of a motor bicycle to which a sidecar is not attached, carry a passenger who is not himself the holder of a licence, not being a provisional licence, authorising him to drive a motor bicycle, having been the holder of a licence for at least two years or passed a test under section 6 of the Act of 1934;

(*c*) the vehicle while being driven by him shall clearly display in a conspicuous manner on the front and on the back of the vehicle a distinguishing mark in the form set out in the Seventh Schedule to these Regulations."

(5) the Schedule to these Regulations were substituted for the Second Schedule thereto.

3. The Interpretation Act, 1889, shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament. 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this seventh day of October, 1948.

(L.S.)

Alfred Barnes,
The Minister of Transport.

SCHEDULE

Group	Requirements to be fulfilled	Additional Groups covered
A. Heavy locomotive, light locomotive, motor tractor, heavy motor car, motor car or motor tricycle equipped with means for reversing, but excluding any vehicle comprised in Group B, C, D, E or F.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	B, C.
B. Agricultural tractor, but excluding any vehicle comprised in Group F.	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 10	C.
C. Mowing machine or vehicle controlled by a pedestrian.	1 2 3 4 5 6	—
D. Road roller	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 9 10	—
E. Track-laying vehicle steered by its tracks, but excluding any vehicle comprised in Group F.	1 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 12	F.
F. Agricultural tractor which is a track-laying vehicle steered by its tracks.	1 2 3 4 5 6 9 10	—
G. Motor-bicycle (with or without side-car) or tricycle not equipped with means for reversing, but excluding any vehicle comprised in Group C.	1 2 3 4 5 6 9 10	—
H. Trolley vehicle	1 2 3 4 5 6 9 10 11	—
K. Vehicle exempted from duty under section 12 of the Finance Act, 1936.	1 2 3 4 5 6	—
L. Invalid carriage	1 2 3 4 5 6 10	—

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations, 1947. The principal changes are as follows:—

1. The same diseases or disabilities which preclude an applicant for a licence from applying for a driving test now also preclude the holder of a licence which the licensing authority is proposing to revoke for that reason from applying for such a test.

2. The grouping of vehicles for the purposes of driving tests is revised (without prejudice to the rights of persons who passed the required tests before 1st December, 1948) and persons passing driving tests on vehicles comprised in certain groups are to be deemed to be competent to drive vehicles comprised in other specified groups.

3. The fee payable in respect of a driving test on an agricultural tractor is increased from 2s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. (Reg. 2 (3)).

4. The holder of a provisional licence when driving a vehicle which is constructed or adapted to carry more than one person, or which is a motor car, is required to do so only under the supervision of a person who is himself qualified to drive a vehicle of the same class

or description, unless the holder of the provisional licence is undergoing a driving test. The holder of a provisional licence is, when driving a motor bicycle to which a side-car is not attached, precluded from carrying a passenger who is not himself qualified to drive a motor bicycle.

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(4) INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948

1948 No. 610

Made - - - -	*22nd March*, 1948
Laid before Parliament	*24th March*, 1948
Coming into Operation	*12th April*, 1948

Whereas the Minister of War Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister ") by section 13 of the Finance Act, 1920, section 12 of the Roads Act, 1920, and Articles 5 and 7 of the Motor Car (International Circulation) Order, 1930(a), and for the time being vested in him made the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Regulations, 1941(b), (hereinafter referred to as " the Principal Regulations ");

10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 18.
10 & 11 Geo. 5. c. 72.

And Whereas the Principal Regulations have been amended by the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1947(c);

And Whereas it is expedient that the Principal Regulations should be further amended in manner hereinafter appearing;

Now, therefore, the Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him as aforesaid, and of all other powers him enabling, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the twelfth day of April, 1948, and may be cited as " The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Regulations, 1948 ".

2. The Principal Regulations shall have effect as though—

(1) in paragraph (i) of Regulation 4—

(*a*) the words " (other than a country specified in the Fourth Schedule to these Regulations) " were omitted;

(*b*) the words " he may forward a Fiscal Permit " were substituted for the words " he shall forward a Fiscal Permit "; and

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(a) S.R. & O. 1930 (No. 968) p. 1680.
(b) S.R. & O. 1941 (No. 1219) I, p. 969.
(c) S.R. & O. 1947 (No. 61) I, p. 1984.