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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1963

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The Minister of Transport, in exercise of his powers under sections 99, 100, 101, 102 and 113 of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 260(2) of the Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 30th September 1963, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1963.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. For the purposes of any application for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles of a class or description comprised in Group 3 only of the groups of vehicles set out in the first column of Schedule 5 to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963(c), tests of competence or fitness to drive such vehicles, and the grant or revocation of such a licence, those Regulations shall have effect as if the reference to a distance of 25 yards in Regulation 21(*h*) of, question 13 in Schedule 2 to and requirement A in Schedule 6 to, those Regulations were a reference to a distance of 15 yards.

3. Where a provisional licence is granted to a person who wishes to learn to drive vehicles in Group 3 and who is unable to read at a distance of 25 yards in good daylight (with the aid of glasses, if worn) a series of 6 letters and figures coloured white on a black surface of the same size and arrangement as those prescribed for the registration mark of a motor car, the licence shall be restricted to vehicles of a class or description comprised in Group 3, and that restriction shall be specified in the licence by limiting the licence to the driving of vehicles of a class or description comprised in Group 3, and Regulation 5 of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963 shall have effect subject to this Regulation.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 10th September 1963.

(L.S.)

Ernest Marples,
The Minister of Transport.

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (c) S.I. 1963/1026 (1963 II, p. 1730).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The Regulations alter the requirements as to the physical fitness of applicants for licences for, and drivers of, vehicles comprised in Group 3 of the vehicles set out in Schedule 5 to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963 (certain mechanically propelled mowing machines and mechanically propelled vehicles controlled by pedestrians). The eyesight requirements to be satisfied by an applicant for, or the holder of, a licence for Group 3 vehicles will be his ability to read up to a distance of 15 yards in good daylight (with glasses, if worn) a motor car number plate containing 6 letters and figures, instead of up to a distance of 25 yards. Provisional licences issued to such applicants who can read a registration mark at 15 yards but not at 25 yards will be restricted to the driving of Group 3 vehicles.