STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1965

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

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st May 1965 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1965.

(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 and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and the Regulation revoked by Regulation 3 of these Regulations were an Act of Parliament thereby repealed.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963(c) shall have effect as though:—

(*a*) in Regulation 21 for paragraph (*h*) there were substituted the following paragraph—

"(*h*) inability to read in good daylight (with the aid of glasses if worn) a series of letters and figures coloured white on a black background which comply as respects size, shape and arrangement with the relevant requirements relating to registration marks of motor vehicles, at a distance of 75 feet in the case of letters and figures 3½ inches high and at a distance of 67 feet in the case of letters and figures 3⅛ inches high:

Provided that in the case of an applicant for or a proposal to revoke 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 these Regulations the reading distance shall be 45 feet in the case of letters and figures 3½ inches high and 40 feet in the case of letters and figures 3⅛ inches high.";

(*b*) in Schedule 2 for the form of application for a licence there were substituted the form of application for a licence contained in the Schedule to these Regulations;

(*c*) in Schedule 6 for the additional requirement specified in paragraph A there were substituted the following additional requirement—

"A. Read in good daylight (with the aid of glasses if worn) the registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle at a distance of 75 feet in the case of a registration mark containing letters and figures 3½ inches high and at a distance of 67 feet in the case of a registration mark containing letters and figures 3⅛ inches high:

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

Provided that in the case of a driving test carried out on a vehicle of a class or description comprised in group 3 of the groups of vehicles set out in the first column of Schedule 5 to these Regulations the reading distance shall be 45 feet in the case of letters and figures 3½ inches high and 40 feet in the case of letters and figures 3⅛ inches high ; " ;

(*d*) in Schedule 6 for the additional requirement specified in paragraph I there were substituted the following additional requirement—

" I. Give by mechanical means, if fitted to the vehicle, and by hand, except in the case of a vehicle with a left hand drive or a disabled driver for whom it is impracticable or undesirable to give signals by hand, appropriate signals in a clear and unmistakeable manner at appropriate times to indicate his intended actions ; ".

3. Regulation 2 of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1963(a) is hereby revoked.

4. A person who desires to obtain the grant of a licence, notwithstanding the substitution effected in Schedule 2 to the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963 by Regulation 2 of these Regulations, may furnish all relevant particulars and make any relevant declaration specified in the form previously set out in the said Schedule until the 1st November 1965, and Regulation 4(1) of those Regulations shall have effect accordingly.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 22nd February 1965.

(L.S.)

Tom Fraser,
The Minister of Transport.

SCHEDULE

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO DRIVE A MOTOR VEHICLE

Questions 1 and 2 must be completed by all applicants

Particulars of Applicant

1 (a) Surname (*say whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss*):

(b) Christian names or forenames in full:

(c) (i) Permanent address in Great Britain (a business, club or hotel address cannot be accepted unless you live there permanently). If you have no permanent address, answer NONE:

(ii) If you have no permanent address in Great Britain, state the name and address of a person in Great Britain through whom you may be traced at any time:

(iii) Address to which licence is to be posted if different from above:

(d) What is your age on the date you want your licence to begin ?
If over 21 answer " OVER 21 ": Years Months

(a) S.I. 1963/1552 (1963 III, p. 2928).

Particulars of Licence Required

2 (a) From what date do you want your licence to begin ?

(b) Give particulars of your last British licence and *enclose it with this form.* If you cannot produce it give as much information as possible including your address at the time it was issued and your surname if different from the present. If you have not held a British licence, answer NONE:

Class or Group of Vehicle:
Town or County Council:
Date of Expiry:
Number:
Your address at time of issue:

(c) Are you applying for a provisional licence ? Answer YES or NO. If NO, state the group(s) for which you require your licence:

(d) Have you passed a driving test for those group(s)? Answer YES or NO. If YES *either* state the Council which holds your certificate of competence to drive *or* enclose the certificate together with your provisional licence and state "ATTACHED":

Question 3—for Applicants for Provisional Licences only

3 (a) How many provisional licences have you held?

NOTE: If you have held more than seven provisional licences also answer questions (b), (c), and (d) below.

(b) Did you take the driving test during the currency of your last provisional licence? Answer YES or NO. If the answer is YES send the pass or failure certificate.

(c) If the answer to question (b) is NO please state briefly your reasons for not taking the test.

(d) Have you made application for a future driving test? Answer YES or NO. If the answer is YES send your appointment card.

Questions 4, 5 and 6 must be completed by all Applicants

Endorsement and Disqualification

4 (a) Has any Court:

(i) in the last three years ordered particulars of a conviction to be endorsed on *any* licence held at the time of conviction or *obtained later*? If the answer is YES give particulars. Otherwise write NO:

Date:
Court:
Offence:

(ii) in the last ten years ordered particulars of a conviction under section 6(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1960 (driving or attempting to drive while under the influence of drink or drugs) to be endorsed on *any* licence held at the time of conviction or *obtained later*? If the answer is YES give particulars. Otherwise write NO:

Date:
Court:
Offence:

(b) Are you disqualified by any Court for holding or obtaining a driving licence? Answer YES or NO. If YES, state date and name of Court:

Refusal or Revocation

5 Have you ever been refused a licence by a Council or had one revoked? If not, write NO but otherwise name the Council and give the date and the reason:

Diseases and Disabilities

6 Answer YES or NO to each question.

(a) Do you suffer from either of the following diseases or disabilities which are specified below for the purposes of section 100 of the Road Traffic Act 1960?

(i) Epilepsy:

(ii) Sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting:

(b) Can you meet the eyesight requirements prescribed for the driving test?

(c) Are you without a hand or foot or are you suffering from any defect in movement, control or muscular power of an arm or leg? If YES, please give particulars and complete Declaration X or Claim Y below deleting whichever is not appropriate:

(d) Do you suffer from any form of mental disorder or defect? If YES, please give particulars:

(e) Are you suffering from any other disease or disability which could be likely to cause the driving of a motor vehicle by you to be a source of danger to the public? If YES, please give particulars and complete Declaration X or Claim Y deleting whichever is not appropriate:

For Disabled Drivers

Delete one of these:

DECLARATION X

I declare that since I applied for the licence mentioned in answer to Question 2(b) the disease or physical disability from which I am suffering has not become more acute and that I am not suffering from any disease or disability not disclosed in that application.

CLAIM Y

I claim to be subjected to a test as to my fitness or ability to drive a motor vehicle of the class or classes specified in this application.

Signature of Applicant:

To be completed by every applicant

I apply for a driving licence and enclose

P.O./Cheque No..... for.....shillings and my licence* and I declare to the best of my knowledge and belief the answers given above are true and I am not disqualified by reason of age or otherwise for obtaining the licence for which I am applying.

* *Delete if not applicable*

Date: Signature of Applicant:

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963 and the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1963, making the following changes:—

(*a*) the eyesight standard which must be met by an applicant for a licence to drive a motor vehicle, or a candidate for a driving test, is prescribed as ability to read a motor vehicle registration plate at a distance of 75 feet in the case of symbols 3½ inches high or 67 feet in the case of symbols 3⅛ inches high, except in the case of an application or a test in respect of a mowing machine or a pedestrian controlled vehicle, when the reading distance is 45 feet in the case of symbols 3½ inches high or 40 feet in the case of symbols 3⅛ inches high;

(*b*) a revised application form is prescribed for a licence to drive a motor vehicle;

(*c*) drivers of left hand drive vehicles are exempted from the need to give hand signals when taking a driving test.