STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 326

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*17th March 2026*
Laid before Parliament	*23rd March 2026*
Coming into force - -	*27th April 2026*

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 89(3)(a) and (5)(a) and 105(1) and (3)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(**a**).

The Secretary of State has consulted with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

(2) These Regulations come into force on 27th April 2026.

(3) These Regulations extend to England and Wales and Scotland.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999

2.—(1) Regulation 31 (applications for manoeuvres tests, large vehicle off road manoeuvres tests, practical tests and unitary tests: applicants in person) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999(**b**) is amended as follows.

(2) After paragraph (1) insert—

> "(1ZA) An application under paragraph (1)(a) for a practical test prescribed in respect of motor vehicles in category B(**c**) may not be made by any other person on behalf of the applicant in person.".

(3) In paragraph (2), after "fee", insert "and, in the case of an application for a practical test prescribed in respect of motor vehicles in category B, provided the application is made by the applicant in person".

(**a**) 1988 c. 52. Section 89(3)(a) was amended by paragraph 63 of Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40) and section 36(2)(a) of the Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49).
(**b**) S.I. 1999/2864; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2009/788, 2014/480, 2021/1154.
(**c**) The table in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to S.I. 1999/2864 identifies the classes of vehicle included in "Category B".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Simon Lightwood
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State
Department for Transport

17th March 2026

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999 (S.I. 1999/2864). The effect of the amendment is to require that applications under regulation 31(1)(a) (applications for manoeuvres tests, large vehicle off road manoeuvres tests, practical tests, and unitary tests:applicants in person) for an appointment to take the practical element of a car driving test are made by the person intending to take the test.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen. Instead, a de minimus assessment has been prepared and has been published, with an Explanatory Memorandum, alongside this instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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