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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990

Made	*21st August 1990*
Coming into operation . .	*1st October 1990*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(2)(**a**), 8(4), 214(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**b**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1990.

Regulation amended

2. Regulation 8 (conditions attached to provisional licences) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989(**c**) is amended as follows—

(1) in paragraph (1)(*d*) for the words "a person who is not a qualified driver" substitute the words "another person";

(2) in paragraph (6) for the definition of "qualified driver" substitute—

" "qualified driver" means a person who—

(i) holds a driving licence authorising him to drive a vehicle of the same class or description as the vehicle being driven by the holder of the provisional licence; or

(ii) in the case only of the supervision of the driver of a motor car by a person whose licence is limited, under Article 6(2)(*b*) of the Order solely on account of a leg disability to motor cars of a particular construction or design, holds a driving licence authorising him so to drive motor cars of a class or description falling within the same group as the motor car being driven by the holder of the provisional licence; and

(iii) is at least 21 years of age and has held one of the aforementioned driving licences for at least 3 years.

(**a**) *See* definition of "Department"
(**b**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(**c**) S.R. 1989 No. 238

The requirements specified in sub-paragraph (iii) shall not apply where the holder of the provisional licence is a member of the naval, military or air forces of Her Majesty and is driving on duty a vehicle owned or used by or for the purposes of any service of the Crown.''.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 21st August 1990.

(L.S.) *R. H. Mackenzie*
Under Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend regulation 8 of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1989 so that—

(1) a learner motor cyclist is prohibited from carrying any passenger (previously a qualified driver could be carried) (regulation 2(1)); and

(2) a supervisor of a learner driver of a motor vehicle must be at least 21 years of age and must have held a driving licence as specified in the definition of ''qualified driver'' for at least 3 years (regulation 2(2)).