STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 118

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

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

Made - - - -	*18th June 2026*
Coming into operation	*1st August 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 9(2) and (4)(b), and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**b**), and now vested in it(**c**).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 1st August 2026.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations

2. In regulation 51 of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(**d**) (disabilities prescribed in respect of Group 2 licences)—

(a) in paragraph (6B)(a), for "blood glucose monitoring" substitute "appropriate monitoring to assess glucose levels and any risk of hypoglycaemia"; and

(b) in paragraph (6C)(b), for the words from "a device" to "blood" substitute "an appropriate device that measures and records"

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 18th June 2026

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(**a**) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I. 1)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment was dissolved

(**b**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); see Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department"; Article 9 was substituted by Article 3 and Schedule 1 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3) and paragraph (2) was amended by paragraph 3(2) of Schedule 1 to S.R. 1996 No. 426

(**c**) See Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 76)

(**d**) S.R. 1996 No. 542 relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 2012 No. 355

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 to allow holders of Group 2 licences (bus and lorry drivers) who have diabetes to use any appropriate glucose monitoring system to monitor their glucose levels instead of blood glucose testing.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been produced and is available from Driving, Vehicle and Road Safety Policy Division, Department for Infrastructure, James House, 2-4 Cromac Avenue, Belfast BT7 2JA or online alongside this Statutory Rule at http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr.

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