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The Minister of Transport hereby makes these Regulations in exercise of his powers under section 98 of the Road Traffic Act 1960(**a**), as amended by section 16 of the Vehicle and Driving Licences Act 1969(**b**), section 99 of the said Act of 1960, as extended by section 25 of the Road Traffic Act 1962(**c**) and as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to that Act and section 16(2) of and Schedule 2 to the said Act of 1969, sections 100 and 101 of the said Act of 1960, as amended by sections 13 and 14 of the said Act of 1969, section 113 of the said Act of 1960, as amended by section 23 of the said Act of 1969, section 114 of the said Act of 1960, section 225 of the said Act of 1960, as amended by section 22(5) of the said Act of 1969 and section 253 of the said Act of 1960, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 260(2) of the said Act of 1960, and, in the case of Regulations 5 and 17, with the approval of the Treasury.

PART I—PRELIMINARY

Commencement and citation

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st June 1970, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1970.

Revocation, savings and transitional provisions

2.—(1) The Regulations specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations are hereby revoked but, subject as hereinafter provided,—

(*a*) in so far as any application or appointment made, notice or approval given, licence, certificate or other document granted or issued or other thing done, under the said Regulations could have been made, given, granted, issued or done under a corresponding provision of these Regulations, it shall not be invalidated by the said revocation but shall have effect as if made, given, granted, issued or done under that corresponding provision, and

(*b*) any reference in any such application, appointment, notice, approval, licence, certificate or other document to any provision of the Regulations revoked by these Regulations, whether specifically or by means of a general description, shall, unless the context otherwise requires, be construed as a reference to the corresponding provision of these Regulations.

(2) The provisions of Regulation 6 of these Regulations shall apply in relation to a provisional licence granted before the date of the coming into operation of these Regulations and in force on that date, as they apply in relation to a provisional licence granted on or after that date.

(**a**) 1960 c. 16.
(**b**) 1969 c. 27.
(**c**) 1962 c. 59.

Interpretation

3.—(1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say :—

"Act of 1960" means the Road Traffic Act 1960 ;

"agricultural tractor" means a motor tractor used primarily for work on land in connection with agriculture ;

"clerk to the traffic commissioners" means the clerk to the traffic commissioner for the Metropolitan Traffic Area or the clerk to the traffic commissioners for any other traffic area ;

"disability" includes disease ;

"full licence" means a licence other than a provisional licence ;

"group" in relation to a class or description of motor vehicles means a group of motor vehicles of the classes or descriptions specified in the second column of Schedule 3 to these Regulations, and a group identified by a letter means the group corresponding to the letter in the first column of that Schedule ;

"licence" means a licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under Part II of the Act of 1960 ;

"licensing authority" means—

(*a*) in relation to England and Wales, the council of a county or of a county borough ; and

(*b*) in relation to Scotland, the council of a county or of a burgh containing within its boundaries as ascertained, fixed or determined for police purposes, a population according to the census for the time being last taken of or exceeding 50,000 ;

"moped" means a motor cycle whereof the cylinder capacity of the engine does not exceed 50 cubic centimetres, being a cycle equipped with pedals by means whereof it is capable of being propelled ;

"provisional licence" means a licence granted by virtue of section 101(2) of the Act of 1960 ;

"the Minister" means the Minister of Transport ;

"test" means a test of competence to drive conducted under section 99 of the Act of 1960 ;

"vehicle propelled by electrical power" means a vehicle of which the motive power is solely derived from any electrical storage battery carried on the vehicle and not connected to any source of power when the vehicle is in motion ;

"vehicle with automatic transmission" means a vehicle in which the driver is not provided with any means whereby he may, independently of the use of the accelerator or the brakes, vary gradually the proportion of the power being produced by the engine which is transmitted to the road wheels of the vehicle.

(2) In these Regulations references to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended by or under any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(**a**) 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 Regulations revoked by Regulation 2 of these Regulations were Acts of Parliament thereby repealed.

PART II—LICENCES

Applications for the grant of licences

4. Applications for the grant of a licence may be received and dealt with at any time within two months before the date on which the grant of the licence is to take effect.

Fees for licences

5. The fee payable for a licence shall be :—

(*a*) £1, in the case of a full or provisional licence,

(*b*) 5s.0d . in the case of a duplicate licence or a licence granted in exchange for a subsisting licence, except where the licence is granted free of charge pursuant to section 102(4) of the Act of 1960.

Conditions attached to provisional licences

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) of this Regulation the holder of a provisional licence shall comply with the following conditions in relation to motor vehicles of a class or description which he is authorised to drive by virtue of the provisional licence, that is to say he shall not drive or ride such a motor vehicle—

(*a*) otherwise than under the supervision of a qualified driver who is present with him in or on the vehicle ;

(*b*) unless there is clearly displayed in a conspicuous manner on the front and on the back of the vehicle a distinguishing mark in the form set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations ;

(*c*) while it is being used to draw a trailer ;

(*d*) in the case of a motor cycle not having attached thereto a side-car while carrying on it a person who is not a qualified driver :

Provided that where the holder of a provisional licence has passed a test which authorises him to be granted a full licence comprising a particular class or description of vehicles the above-mentioned conditions shall cease to apply in relation to the driving or riding (as the case may be) by him of motor vehicles of that class or description.

(2) The condition specified in paragraph (1)(*a*) of this Regulation shall not apply when the holder of the provisional licence—

(*a*) is undergoing a test or a test of competence to drive heavy goods vehicles under Part V of the Act of 1960 ; or

(*b*) is driving a vehicle (not being a motor car) constructed to carry only one person and not adapted to carry more than one person ; or

(*c*) is driving a vehicle the unladen weight of which does not exceed 1 hundredweight, being a vehicle propelled by electrical power, constructed or adapted to carry only one person and constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods or burden of any description ; or

(**a**) 1889 c. 63.

(*d*) is driving a road roller the unladen weight of which does not exceed 3 tons, being a vehicle constructed or adapted for the carriage of goods or burden of any description ; or

(*e*) is riding a motor bicycle, whether or not having attached thereto a side-car.

(3) The condition specified in paragraph (1)(*c*) of this Regulation shall not apply when the holder of the provisional licence is driving an agricultural tractor, nor shall it prevent the holder of a provisional licence driving an articulated vehicle.

(4) The condition specified in paragraph (1)(*d*) of this Regulation shall not apply when the holder of the provisional licence is riding a pedal cycle of the tandem type to which additional means of propulsion by mechanical power are attached.

(5) In this Regulation "qualified driver" means a person who holds a full licence authorising him to drive as a full licence holder a motor vehicle of the same class or description as the vehicle being driven by the holder of the provisional licence.

Restricted provisional licences

7. A provisional licence shall be restricted so as to authorise only the driving of motor vehicles of a class or description comprised in group K in any case where the applicant is unable to read in good daylight (with the aid of glasses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle at a distance of 75 feet in the case of a registration mark containing letters and figures $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high or at a distance of 67 feet in the case of a registration mark containing letters and figures $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches high.

Full licences not carrying provisional entitlement

8. A full licence which authorises its holder to drive certain classes and descriptions of motor vehicles shall not authorise its holder to drive motor vehicles of all other classes and descriptions subject to the same conditions as if he were authorised by a provisional licence to drive the last-mentioned vehicles if it is a licence which :—

(*a*) is limited to vehicles of a particular construction or design pursuant to section 100(4)(ii) of the Act of 1960 or section 100(4) of the Act of 1960 before it was amended by section 13 of the Vehicle and Driving Licences Act 1969 ; or

(*b*) authorises its holder to drive vehicles in group K only.

Signature of licences

9. Every person to whom a licence is granted shall forthwith sign it in ink with his usual signature.

Lost or defaced licences

10.—(1) If the holder of a licence satisfies the licensing authority by whom it was granted that the licence has been lost or defaced the licensing authority shall, on payment of the fee prescribed in Regulation 5, issue to him a duplicate licence and shall endorse thereon any particulars endorsed upon the original licence and the duplicate so issued shall have the same effect as the original.

(2) If at any time while a duplicate licence is in force the original licence is found, the person to whom the original licence was issued, if it is in his possession, shall return it to the licensing authority by whom it was issued, or if it is not in his possession but he becomes aware that it is found, shall take all reasonable steps to obtain possession of it and if successful shall return it as soon as may be to the said licensing authority.

Records of licences and endorsements

11. Every licensing authority shall establish and keep a record of all licences granted by them and a record of all endorsements from time to time duly made on such licences.

Production from records of particulars relating to licences

12. A licensing authority shall, upon application being made to them by or on behalf of any other licensing authority, by or on behalf of the traffic commissioners within the meaning of section 120 of the Act of 1960 or a licensing authority within the meaning of section 193 of that Act, by any officer of police not below the rank of inspector, or by a constable authorised by such officer forthwith provide, without fee, a copy of the particulars recorded by them relating to any licence granted by them.

PART III—TESTS OF COMPETENCE TO DRIVE

Persons by whom tests may be conducted

13. Tests may be conducted :—

(*a*) by examiners appointed by the Minister ;

(*b*) by the Secretary of State for Defence, in so far as concerns the testing of persons in the service of the Crown under his department ;

(*c*) in England and Wales, by the chief officer of any fire brigade maintained in pursuance of the Fire Services Act 1947(**a**) or, in Scotland by the firemaster of such a brigade, in so far as concerns the testing of members of any such brigade or of persons employed in the driving of motor vehicles for the purposes of any such brigade ;

(*d*) by any chief officer of police in so far as concerns the testing :—

(i) of members of a police force ; or

(ii) of persons employed in the driving of vehicles for police purposes by a police authority or by the Receiver for the Metropolitan Police District ;

(*e*) by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis in so far as concerns the testing of any person who is the holder of or is an applicant for a licence to drive a motor cab by virtue of the Metropolitan Public Carriage Act 1869(**b**) and of any person residing in the Metropolitan Traffic Area who is the holder of, or an applicant for, a licence to drive a public service vehicle ; and

(*f*) by any person appointed for the purpose by the Minister under the provisions of the following Regulation.

(**a**) 1947 c. 41. (**b**) 1869 c. 115.

14.—(1) Any person may apply to the Minister to be appointed to conduct tests of persons employed or proposed to be employed by him as drivers, and the Minister may, if he is satisfied that :—

(*a*) the number of drivers of motor vehicles ordinarily employed by the applicant exceeds 250 ;

(*b*) proper arrangements will be made by the applicant for the conduct of such tests in accordance with these Regulations ; and

(*c*) proper records of such tests and the results thereof will be kept by the applicant,

grant the application subject to any special conditions which he may think fit to impose.

(2) The Minister may at any time revoke an appointment made by him under this Regulation and the authority to conduct tests shall thereupon cease.

15. Any person authorised by virtue of paragraph (*b*), (*c*), (*d*), (*e*) or (*f*) of Regulation 13 of these Regulations to conduct tests may, subject to the approval of the Minister, authorise suitable persons to act as examiners of those who submit themselves for a test.

Appointments for tests and notice of cancellation thereof

16.—(1) A person who desires to take a test to be conducted by an examiner appointed under paragraph (*a*) of Regulation 13 of these Regulations shall apply for an appointment for such a test to the clerk to the traffic commissioners.

(2) An applicant for such an appointment as aforesaid shall, when making the application, pay to the said clerk such fee in respect of the test as is specified in paragraph (3) of the following Regulation and the clerk shall make any arrangements necessary for the taking of the test.

(3) For the purposes of paragraph (*b*) of subsection (2) of section 25 of the Road Traffic Act 1962 (which subsection specifies the only circumstances in which a fee paid on application for an appointment for a test may be repaid) notice cancelling an appointment for such a test as is mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Regulation shall be given to the clerk to the traffic commissioners by whom the appointment was made not less than three clear days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, any bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday) before the date of the appointment.

For the purposes of this paragraph "bank holiday" means a day which is, or is to be observed as a bank holiday or a holiday under the Bank Holidays Act 1871(**a**) or the Holidays Extension Act 1875(**b**), either generally or in the locality in which is situated the office of the clerk to the traffic commissioners to whom notice cancelling an appointment for a test falls to be given.

Fees in respect of tests

17.—(1) The following provisions of this Regulation shall apply as respects the fees payable in respect of tests.

(2) No fee shall be payable in respect of a test conducted by a person authorised by virtue of paragraph (*b*), (*c*), (*d*) or (*f*) of Regulation 13 of these Regulations.

(**a**) 1871 c. 17. (**b**) 1875 c. 13.

(3) The fee payable in respect of a test to be conducted by an examine appointed under paragraph (*a*) of the said Regulation 13 or by a person auth orised by virtue of paragraph (*e*) of that Regulation:—

(*a*) in the case of a test to be taken on a vehicle of a class or descriptio in Group J shall be 2s. 6d.; and

(*b*) in the case of a test to be taken on any other vehicle, shall b £1 15s. 0d.

(4) The fee payable in respect of a test to be conducted by a person auth orised by virtue of paragraph (*e*) of the said Regulation 13 shall be paid t that person to be retained by him as remuneration.

Nature of tests

18.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Regulation, the tes which a person is required to pass before a licence can be granted to hir authorising him to drive a motor vehicle of a class or description comprise in any particular group shall be a test carried out on a vehicle of that class o description which satisfies the person conducting the test:—

(*a*) that the person taking the test is fully conversant with the content of the Highway Code;

(*b*) generally that the person taking the test is competent to drive, withou danger to and with due consideration for other users of the road, th vehicle on which he is tested; and

(*c*) that the person taking the test is able to comply with such of th additional requirements specified in Schedule 4 to these Regulation as are referred to in the third column of Schedule 3 to these Regula tions in relation to the group which comprises the class or descriptio of vehicle on which he is tested;

Provided that the person conducting the test may be satisfied as to th matters specified in this paragraph where he concludes that the person bein tested should only be passed in relation to vehicles of a particular constructio or design despite the fact that the test was not conducted on a vehicle of tha construction or design.

(2) A person who has passed a test to drive vehicles of a class or descriptio comprised in any particular group shall be deemed for the purposes of th Act of 1960 and of these Regulations competent to drive, in addition to vel icles of a class or description comprised in that particular group, also vehicle of a class or description comprised in any other group which is referred to i the fourth column of the said Schedule 3 as being an additional group i relation to that particular group.

Production of vehicle for test etc.

19.—(1) A person submitting himself for a test shall—

(*a*) provide for the purposes of the test a motor vehicle, which—

(i) is suitable for the purposes of the test,

(ii) is not fitted with a device designed to permit a person other tha the driver to operate the accelerator, unless any pedal or lever b which the device is operated and any other parts which it may b necessary to remove to make the device inoperable by such a perso during the test have been removed;

(*b*) produce to the examiner who is to conduct his test his licence or other driving permit by virtue of which he is entitled to drive in Great Britain and shall sign the examiner's attendance record.

(2) Where a person submitting himself for a test fails to produce a vehicle or a vehicle which complies with the foregoing paragraph or fails to produce his licence as aforesaid or fails to sign the examiner's attendance record the examiner may refuse to conduct the test.

Evidence of results of tests

20.—(1) A person who passes a test shall be furnished with a certificate to that effect in the form (adapted as the case may require) set out in Part I of Schedule 5 to these Regulations.

(2) A person who fails to pass a test shall be furnished with a statement to that effect in the form (adapted as the case may require) set out in Part II of the said Schedule 5.

(3) An applicant for a licence who before the licence is granted is required to satisfy the licensing authority that he has passed a test shall at the time when the licence is granted to him deliver the certificate furnished to him under paragraph (1) of this Regulation to the licensing authority for their retention.

Period of ineligibility for a subsequent test

21. Subject to the provisions of section 99(3) of the Act of 1960 the period during which a person who has submitted himself for a test and failed to pass that test shall be ineligible to submit himself to another test on a vehicle of a class or description comprised in the same group shall be one month.

PART IV—SUPPLEMENTARY

Disabilities

22.—(1) The following disabilities are prescribed for the purposes of section 100(1) of the Act of 1960 :—

(*a*) epilepsy ;

(*b*) mental disorder for which the applicant for the licence or, as the case may be, the holder of the licence is liable to be detained under the Mental Health Act 1959(**a**) or is receiving treatment as an in-patient in a hospital or mental nursing home within the meaning of that Act ;

(*c*) mental disorder for which the applicant for the licence or, as the case may be, the holder of the licence is liable to be detained under the Mental Health (Scotland) Act 1960(**b**) or is receiving treatment as an in-patient in a hospital within the meaning of that Act ;

(*d*) severe subnormality as a result of which the applicant for the licence or, as the case may be, the holder of the licence is subject to guardianship under the Mental Health Act 1959 or is either resident in accommodation provided by, or by arrangement with, a local health authority under section 28 of the National Health Service Act 1946(**c**) or otherwise receiving care from a local health authority under that section ;

(**a**) 1959 c. 72. (**b**) 1960 c. 61.
(**c**) 1946 c. 81.

(*e*) mental deficiency such that he is incapable of living an independen life or of guarding himself against serious exploitation as a result c which the applicant for the licence or, as the case may be, the holde of the licence is subject to guardianship under the Mental Healt (Scotland) Act 1960 or is either resident in accommodation provide by, or by arrangement with, a local health authority under section 2 of the National Health Service (Scotland) Act 1947(**a**) or otherwis receiving care from a local health authority under that section ;

(*f*) any form of mental disorder or mental defect as a result of which th estate of the said applicant or, as the case may be, of the said holde is in the hands of a receiver, curator bonis or judicial factor ;

(*g*) liability to sudden attacks of disabling giddiness or fainting ;

(*h*) inability to read in good daylight (with the aid of glasses if worn) registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle at a distance of 75 feet in th case of a registration mark containing letters and figures $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches hig or at a distance of 67 feet in the case of a registration mark containin letters and figures $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches high :

Provided that in the case of an applicant for a licence authorising th driving of vehicles of a class or description comprised in group K onl the reading distance shall be 45 feet in the case of a registration mar containing letters and figures $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches high and 40 feet in the case o letters and figures $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches high.

(2) Epilepsy is prescribed for the purpose of section 100(3)(*b*) of the Act o 1960 and an applicant for a licence suffering from epilepsy shall satisfy th conditions that—

(*a*) he shall have been free from any epileptic attack whilst awake for a least three years from the date when the licence is to have effect,

(*b*) in the case of an applicant who has had such attacks whilst aslee during that period he shall have been subject to such attacks sinc before the beginning of that period,

(*c*) the driving of a vehicle by him in pursuance of the licence is nc likely to be a source of danger to the public.

(3) The disabilities prescribed for the purposes of section 100(3)(*c*) of th Act of 1960 shall be those prescribed in paragraphs (*a*) to (*h*) inclusive c paragraph (1) of this Regulation.

Persons who become resident in Great Britain

23.—(1) A person who becomes resident in Great Britain shall during th period of 3 months after he becomes so resident be treated for the purposes c subsections (1) and (2) of section 98 of the Act of 1960 as the holder of licence authorising him to drive motor vehicles of the classes and description which he is authorised to drive by any permit of which he is a holder, if h satisfies the conditions specified in paragraph (2) of this Regulation.

(2) The conditions mentioned in the last preceding paragraph are that :–

(*a*) the person who becomes resident shall be the holder of a permit whic is for the time being valid,

(*b*) he is not disqualified by an order of a Court for holding or obtainin a licence in Great Britain.

(**a**) 1947 c. 27.

(3) The following enactments relating to licences or licence holders shall apply in relation to permits or the holders of permits (as the case may be) subject to modifications, in accordance with the following provisions:—

(*a*) subsections (1) and (2) of section 112 of the Act of 1960 (which relate to the duties of a court when they order a disqualification or an endorsement or allow an appeal against such an order) shall apply as if the references to a licence included a reference to a permit, except for the first two references in subsection (1), but in subsection (1) with the omission of the words "for the purpose of endorsement" and as if for the words "may dispose of it as the authority think fit" onwards there were substituted the words "shall keep the licence until the disqualification has expired or been removed or the person entitled to the licence leaves Great Britain and in either case has made a demand in writing for its return to him";

(*b*) subsection (4) of section 7 of the Road Traffic Act 1962 (which relates to the duty of a licence holder to produce it to a court) shall apply as if the references to a licence included a reference to a permit, but with the omission of the words "for endorsement" and "then, unless he satisfies the court that he has applied for a new licence and has not received it";

(*c*) subsection (4) of section 106 of the Act of 1960 (which relates to the duty of a court when they order a disqualification to be removed) shall apply in relation to the holder of a permit as if for the words "endorsed on the licence" onwards there were substituted the words "notified to the Minister";

(*d*) subsections (1) and (4) of section 225 of the Act of 1960 (which authorise a police constable to require the production of a licence) shall apply as if the references to a licence included a reference to a permit;

(*e*) subsection (2) of section 228 of the Act of 1960 (which authorises a police constable to arrest a driver committing certain offences unless the driver gives his name and address or produces his driving licence) shall apply as if the references to a licence included a reference to a permit;

(*f*) section 233 of the Act of 1960 (which relates to the forgery and misuse of licences) shall apply as if the reference in paragraph (1)(*a*) to a licence included a reference to a permit.

(4) In this Regulation "permit" means a "domestic driving permit", a "Convention driving permit" or a "British Forces (B.F.G.) driving licence" as defined in Article 2(6) of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) Order 1957(**a**), as amended by Article 4 of the Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1962(**b**), not being a domestic driving permit or a British Forces (B.F.G.) driving licence in the case of which the Minister has made any order which is for the time being in force under Article 2(5) of the said Order of 1957, as so amended.

Statement of date of birth

24. The circumstances in which a person specified in subsection (1) of section 225 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 shall, on being required by a police constable, state his date of birth are as follows:—

(*a*) where that person fails to produce forthwith for examination his licence on being required to do so by a police constable under the said subsection, or

(**a**) S.I. 1957/1074 (1957 II, p. 2154). (**b**) S.I. 1962/1344 (1962 II, p. 1483).

(*b*) where on being so required produces a licence which was granted by a local authority, whether or not on behalf of the Minister, or which the police constable has reason to suspect was not granted to that person, was granted to that person in error or contains an alteration in the particulars made with intent to deceive.

Invalid carriages

25. For the purposes of Part II of the Act of 1960 and all regulations made thereunder (which relate to the minimum age for driving motor vehicles and the licensing of drivers thereof) the maximum weight specified in subsection (5) of section 253 (which subsection defines the expression "invalid carriage" for the purposes of the Act) shall be varied from five hundredweight to eight hundredweight.

Entitlement to groups

26. The groups of vehicles specified in column 2 of the table in Schedule 3 to these Regulations are hereby designated as groups for the purposes of paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) of section 99(1) of the Act of 1960.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 3rd February 1970.

(L.S.)

Fred Mulley,
Minister of Transport

SCHEDULE 1

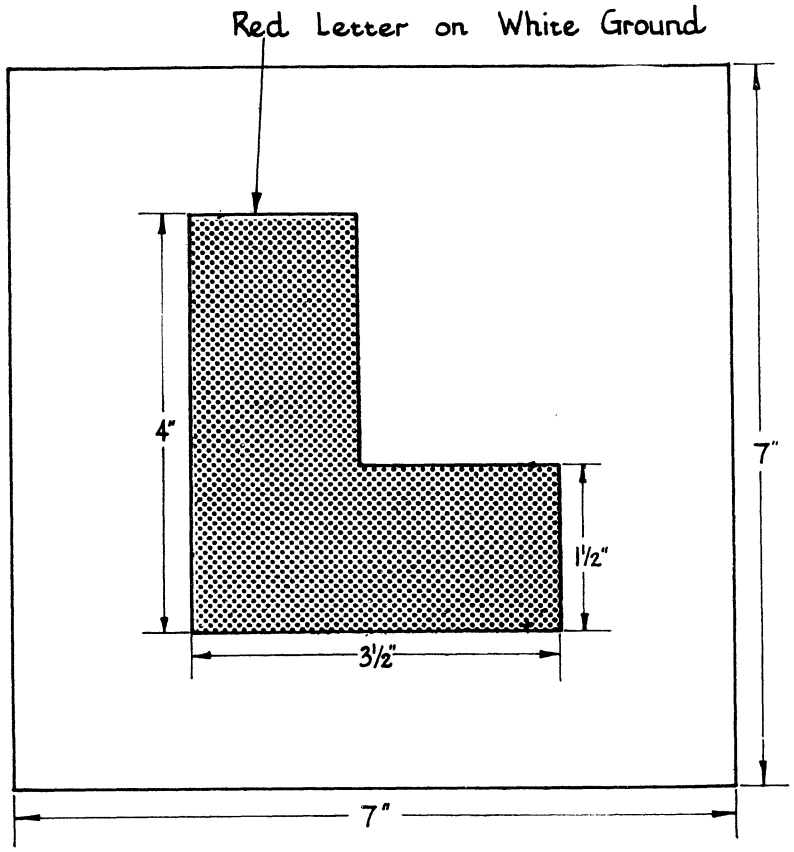
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REGULATIONS REVOKED

Title	Year and Number
The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963	S.I. 1963/1026 (1963 II, p. 1730)
The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1963	S.I. 1963/1552 (1963 III, p. 2928)
The Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations 1963	S.I. 1963/1553 (1963 III, p. 2930)
The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1965	S.I. 1965/278 (1965 I, p. 691)
The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1968	S.I. 1968/947 (1968 II, p. 2453)
The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1969	S.I. 1969/252 (1969 I, p. 640)
The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1969	S.I. 1969/1614 (1969 III, p. 5107)

SCHEDULE 2 (See Regulation 6)

DIAGRAM OF DISTINGUISHING MARK TO BE DISPLAYED ON A MOTOR VEHICLE BEING DRIVEN UNDER A PROVISIONAL LICENCE



The corners of the white ground may be rounded off.

SCHEDULE 3 (See Regulation 18)

GROUPS OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOR DRIVING TEST PURPOSES

Group	Class or description of vehicle comprised in the group	Additional requirements	Additional groups covered
A	Heavy locomotive, light locomotive, motor tractor, heavy motor car and motor car, but excluding any vehicle comprised in group B, F, G, H, J, K or L.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10	B, C, E, F, I and L
B	A vehicle with automatic transmission which is a heavy locomotive, light locomotive, motor tractor, heavy motor car or motor car, but excluding any vehicle comprised in group F, G, H, J, K or L.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10	E, F, K and
C	Motor tricycle weighing not more than 8 cwt. unladen, but excluding any vehicle comprised in group E, J, K or L.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 and if fitted with a means for reversing 7 and 8	E, K and L
D	Motor bicycle (with or without sidecar), but excluding any vehicle comprised in group E, K or L.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10	C, E and motc cycles in grou L
E	Moped.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10	—
F	Agricultural tractor, but excluding any vehicle comprised in group H.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10	K
G	Road roller.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9 and 10	—
H	Track-laying vehicle steered by its tracks.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 12	—
J	Invalid carriage.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 10	—
K	Mowing machine or vehicle controlled by a pedestrian.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	—
L	Vehicle propelled by electrical power, but excluding any vehicle comprised in group J or K.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 and if fitted with a means for reversing 7 and 8	K
M	Trolley vehicle.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11	—

Group	Class or description of vehicle comprised in the group	Additional requirements	Additional groups covered
N	Vehicle exempted from duty under section 6(6) of the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1962(a).	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	—

SCHEDULE 4 (See Regulation 18)

Additional Requirements for Driving Tests

The additional requirements as to certain of which a candidate for a test must satisfy the person conducting the test in accordance with Regulation 18 of these Regulations and the preceding Schedule are his ability to do the following:—

1. Read in good daylight (with the aid of glasses if worn) a 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 or at a distance of 67 feet in the case of a registration mark containing letters and figures 3⅛ inches high:

   Provided that in the case of a driving test carried out on a vehicle of a class or description comprised in group K 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;

2. Start the engine of the vehicle;

3. Move away straight ahead or at an angle;

4. Overtake, meet or cross the path of other vehicles and take an appropriate course;

5. Turn right-hand and left-hand corners correctly;

6. Stop the vehicle in an emergency and normally, and in the latter case bring it to rest at an appropriate part of the road;

7. Drive the vehicle backwards and whilst so doing enter a limited opening either to the right or to the left;

8. Cause the vehicle to face in the opposite direction by the use of forward and reverse gears;

9. Give by mechanical means, if fitted to the vehicle, and by arm, 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 arm, appropriate signals in a clear and unmistakable manner at appropriate times to indicate his intended actions;

10. Act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic signs and traffic controllers and take appropriate action on signs given by other road users;

11. Turn right-hand and left-hand corners without de-wiring;

12. Drive the vehicle backwards and cause it to face in the opposite direction by means of its tracks.

(a) 1962 c. 13.

SCHEDULE 5 (See Regulation 20)

FORM OF CERTIFICATE AND STATEMENT OF DRIVING TEST RESULT

PART I

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1960

Form of certificate of passing of a test of competence to drive

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has been examined and has passed the test of competence to drive.....

.....prescribed for the purposes of section 99 of the Road Traffic Act 1960.

PART II

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1960

Form of statement of failure to pass test of competence to drive

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has this day been examined and has failed to pass the test of competence to drive prescribed for the purposes of section 99 of the Road Traffic Act 1960.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Regulations.*)

These Regulations consolidate with amendment the Motor Vehicles (Invalid Carriages) Regulations 1963, the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963 and the amending Regulations specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations.

The provisions which are re-enacted deal with applications for the grant of licences, conditions attached to provisional licences, the requirement to sign licences, lost or defaced licences, records of licences and endorsements and the production of particulars from the records, persons who may conduct tests of competence to drive, appointments for tests and cancellation thereof, fees in respect of tests, nature of tests, production of vehicles for tests, evidence of the results of tests, period of ineligibility for a subsequent test and disabilities.

The following are the principal changes:—

(1) No provision is made about the form of application for or of licences.

(2) (*a*) The fee for a full driving licence is increased from 15/- to £1 and for a provisional licence from 10/- for a period of 6 months to £1 for a period of 12 months.

(*b*) The fee for duplicate and exchange licences is 5/- (except when a free licence is issued under section 102(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1960). The fee for duplicate and some exchange licences was previously 2/6 (Regulation 5).

(3) The kinds of full licences which do not confer a provisional entitlement in addition to a full entitlement are prescribed. These are full licences which authorise the holder to drive only mowing machines and pedestrian controlled vehicles (Group K) and full licences which authorise the holder to drive only vehicles of a particular construction or design on the ground of a disability (Regulation 8).

(4) The licensing authority is required to give particulars relating to any licence granted by them to licensing authorities responsible for the granting of public service vehicle driver licences and heavy goods vehicle driver licences when requested to do so by such an authority (Regulation 12).

(5) The Postmaster General, the Royal Automobile Club, the Automobile Association and the Royal Scottish Automobile Club will no longer be authorised by the Regulations to conduct tests (Regulation 13).

(6) No provision is made for a separate test of fitness.

(7) Epilepsy is prescribed as a disease in the case of which a licensing authority may grant a licence if the prescribed conditions are satisfied (Regulation 22(2)).

(8) Provision is made allowing a person who has recently become resident in Great Britain to drive for 3 months after becoming resident if he holds a valid foreign domestic driving licence, an international driving permit or a British Forces (Germany) driving licence. The holder must also satisfy the condition that he is not disqualified for holding or obtaining a licence in Great Britain and enactments relating to licences and licence holders are applied appropriately. No provision is made about the entitlement to drive of persons not resident in Great Britain (Regulation 23).

(9) The circumstances in which the police may, under the provisions of section 22(5) of the Vehicle and Driving Licences Act 1969, obtain the date of birth of a person who is required to produce to them his driving licence under section 225 of the Road Traffic Act 1960 are prescribed (Regulation 24).

(10) The maximum unladen weight of an invalid carriage is increased from 6 cwt. to 8 cwt. for driving licence and driving test purposes (Regulation 25).

(11) The groups into which vehicles are divided for the purposes of driving tests are varied as follows:—

(*a*) tracked agricultural tractors and other tracked vehicles are placed in a single group (Group H),

(*b*) electrically propelled motor bicycles are placed in the same group as other electrically propelled vehicles (Group L), instead of being grouped with other motor bicycles (Group D),

(*c*) three wheeled mopeds are placed in the moped group (Group E), instead of being grouped with other motor tricycles (Group C) (Schedule 3).

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