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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Amendment) Regulations 1975

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The Secretary of State for the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(3) of the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)** as amended by section 15(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1974**(b)**, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 199(2) of the said Act of 1972, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 25th November 1975 and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) (Amendment) Regulations 1975.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) Regulations 1963**(c)** shall be amended by—

(*a*) inserting at the beginning of Regulation 2 the words "Except in a case where Regulation 5 below applies and the conditions specified in that Regulation are fulfilled"; and

(*b*) inserting after Regulation 4 the following Regulation:—

"5.—(1) In this Regulation—

"the Act" means the Road Traffic Act 1972**(a)** as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1974**(b)**;

"the Training Committee" means the committee which has been established by the employers' associations and the trade unions in the road goods transport industry with a constitution approved by the Secretary of State and which is known as the National Joint Training Committee for Young HGV Drivers in the Road Goods Transport Industry;

(a) 1972 c. 20. **(b)** 1974 c. 50.
(c) S.I. 1963/1025 (1963 II, p. 1728).

"heavy goods vehicle" has the same meaning as in section 124 of the Act;

"the training scheme" means the scheme which has been established by the Training Committee with the approval of the Secretary of State for training young drivers of heavy goods vehicles (hgvs) and which provides for—

(*a*) the registration by the Training Committee of employers who are willing and able to provide hgv driver training for persons employed by them,

(*b*) the registration by the Training Committee of persons operating establishments for providing hgv driver training,

(*c*) a syllabus for hgv driver training, and

(*d*) the registration by the Training Committee of individual employees who are undergoing, or are to undergo, hgv driver training in the service of a registered employer in accordance with a form of agreement approved by the Training Committee;

and "training agreement", in relation to an individual who is undergoing, or is to undergo, such training as aforesaid, means his agreement therefor with his registered employer in pursuance of the training scheme;

"registered" means registered for the time being by the Training Committee in accordance with the relevant provisions of the training scheme.

(2) In the case of a person who fulfils the conditions specified in paragraph (3) below the age under which he may not drive on a road a vehicle falling within paragraph 4 of the Table set out in section 4(1) of the Act (other than a road roller) shall, if the vehicle is a heavy goods vehicle of a class to which his training agreement applies and is owned by his employer or by a registered hgv driver training establishment, be 18 instead of 21.

(3) The conditions referred to in the foregoing paragraph are—

(*a*) that he is employed by a registered employer, and

(*b*) that he is a registered employee of such an employer."

John Gilbert,
Minister for Transport,
Department of the Environment.

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State.

24th October 1975.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Minimum Age for Driving) Regulations 1963 by adding a new regulation which has the effect of reducing from 21 to 18 the age at which a person may drive a heavy goods vehicle in a case where he is participating in the Training Scheme which has been established by the National Joint Training Committee for Young HGV Drivers in the Road Goods Transport Industry, the terms of which are set out in the Scheme for the Training of Persons Under 21 as Drivers of Heavy Goods Vehicles approved by the Secretary of State on 16th October 1975, and is conforming to the requirements of that Scheme.

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