STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2004 No. 1876

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2004

Made - - - -	*14th July2004*
Laid before Parliament	*6th August 2004*
Coming into force - -	*30th August 2004*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 52(1) and 60(1)(e) and (1A) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(**a**), and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 61(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 and shall come into force on 30th August 2004.

Amendments

2. The Schedule to the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995(**b**) (the "principal Regulations") is amended by substituting—

(a) in relation to fee number (i), "£179" for "£158";

(b) in relation to fee number (ii), "£119" for "£105";

(c) in relation to fee numbers (iii) and (iv), respectively—

(i) in column 3, "£119" for "£105"; and

(ii) in column 5, "£24" for "£21" in each place where it occurs;

(d) in relation to fee number (v), "£90" for "£79";

(e) in relation to fee number (vi)—

(i) in column 3, "£5.10" for "£4.50"; and

(ii) in column 5, "£5.90" for "£5.25";

(f) in relation to fee numbers (vii) and (viii), respectively, "£47" for "£42"; and

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(**a**) 1981 c.14 (in the footnotes called "the 1981 Act"). Section 52(1) was amended by the Transport Act 1985 (c.67) (in the footnotes called "the 1985 Act"), sections 1(3), 3(5) and 139(3), and paragraph 7 of Schedule 1, paragraphs 4(1) and 4(14) of Part II of Schedule 2 and Schedule 8; by the Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c.22), section 16 and schedule 6; and by the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40) (in the footnotes called "the 1994 Act"), section 66; In section 60: subsection (1) was amended by the 1985 Act, sections 134 and 139, Schedule 7, paragraph 21(1) and (9), and Schedule 8, and by the 1994 Act, section 66(5), and subsection (1A) was inserted by the 1985 Act, section 134(2). Section 61(2) was amended by the 1985 Act, section 139(3) and Schedule 8. For the definition of "prescribed" see section 60(2) of the 1981 Act.

(**b**) S.I. 1995/2909, amended by S.I. 2002/2535. **[DfT 13347]**

(g) in relation to fee number (ix), "£12.50" for "£11".

Transitional provisions

3. Where a decision has been made before 30th August 2004 on an application for the grant of a standard or restricted licence under section 14(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(**a**), the fee prescribed in the principal Regulations applies notwithstanding that the period of 21 days within which it is payable has not expired before that date.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David Jamieson
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

14th August 2004

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations increase the fees which are payable under the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995.

The changes are as follows:

	OLD FEE	*NEW FEE*
Application for a standard licence	£158	£179
Application for a restricted licence	£105	£119
Grant of a standard or restricted licence:		
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£105	£119
- for a period of 5 years paid annually	£21	£24
Continuation in force of an existing standard or restricted licence:		
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£105	£119
- for a period of 5 years paid annually	£21	£24
Application to vary a condition on a licence so as to increase the maximum number of vehicles	£79	£90
Application for a special licence	£42	£47
Continuation in force of an existing special licence	£42	£47
Issue of a disc under section 18 of the Act		

(**a**) Section 14 was amended by the 1994 Act, sections 59, 68 and Schedule 14, paragraphs 2 and 3 and by the 1985 Act, section 3(5) and Schedule 2, Part II, paragraphs 4(5) and 5.

(payable for each month or part month)	£4.50	£5.10
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£5.25	£5.90
- for a period of 5 years paid annually		
Issue of a new disc in place of one lost or destroyed	£11	£12.50

The Regulations also contain transitional provisions in respect of fees for the grant of a standard or a restricted operators' licence.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the Licensing, Roadworthiness and Insurance Division of the Department for Transport, Zone 5/20, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1P 4DR.

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