(2) Renewal of an excise licence for a vehicle may be made at a Post Office even though there has been a change of ownership since the last licence was issued if certain conditions are satisfied.

(3) Renewal of a licence may no longer be made at a Post Office if any alteration to the vehicle or any change in its use since the issue of the last licence has caused the vehicle to fall within a different class or description for the purpose of determining duty payable under the Act notwithstanding that such alteration or change in use has not rendered payable a different rate of duty.

(4) Licences for goods vehicles, tractors and certain other vehicles may again be renewed at a Post Office.

1957 No. 703

The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	18*th April*, 1957
Coming into Operation	1*st May*, 1957

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under section 11 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(**a**), as amended by subsection (4) of section 5 of the Finance Act, 1956(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the 1st day of May, 1957, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) Order, 1957".

(2) The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) Order, 1939(**c**), is hereby revoked without prejudice, however, to the validity of anything done thereunder or to any liability incurred in respect of any act or omission before the date of the coming into operation of this Order.

2.—(1) In this Order the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"the Act" means the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949;

"duty" means duty payable under the Act;

"licence" means a licence taken out under the Act in respect of any mechanically propelled vehicle not being—

(i) a tramcar, or

(ii) a vehicle mentioned in paragraph (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) or (*d*) of subsection (2) of section 4 of the Act;

"month" means calendar month except that the month of March shall be deemed to end on the 24th of that month and the month of April shall be deemed to begin on the 25th March;

"quarterly period" means any of the periods from the 1st January to the 24th March, from the 25th March to the 30th June, from the 1st July to the 30th September or from the 1st October to the 31st December in any year.

(2) Any reference in this Order to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**d**), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order, as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

(**a**) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89.
(**b**) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 54.
(**c**) S.R. & O. 1939/1807 (Rev. XX, p. 502: 1939 II, p. 3022).
(**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

3. A licence in respect of any vehicle may be taken out for the period of one calendar year and the duty in respect of such a licence shall be payable at the annual rate of duty appropriate to that vehicle.

4.—(1) Licences may be taken out for periods of less than a year in accordance with the following provisions of this Article, and the duty payable in respect of any licence taken out for such a period shall be payable at rates determined in accordance with those provisions.

(2) In the case of a vehicle which is chargeable with duty at an annual rate exceeding three pounds—

(*a*) a licence may be taken out for any part of a calendar year commencing before and expiring at the end of the last quarterly period in that year and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be the amount arrived at by multiplying one-twelfth of the annual rate of duty appropriate to that vehicle by a number equal to the number of complete and incomplete months included in the said period and increasing the amount so arrived at by 5 per cent.;

(*b*) a licence may be taken out for any quarterly period and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be 27½ per cent. of the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle; and

(*c*) a licence may be taken out for any period which is shorter than, and ends on the last day of, a quarterly period, and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be as follows:—

(i) if the period is longer than two months, the duty shall be 27½ per cent. of the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle; or

(ii) if the period commences on or after the first day of the second month of a quarterly period, the duty shall be two-thirds of the amount specified in sub-paragraph (i) of this sub-paragraph; or

(iii) if the period commences on or after the first day of the third month of the quarterly period, the duty shall be one-third of the amount specified in sub-paragraph (i) of this sub-paragraph.

(3) In the case of a vehicle which is chargeable with duty at an annual rate of three pounds or less—

(*a*) a licence may be taken out for the last quarterly period in any calendar year and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be 27½ per cent. of the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle;

(*b*) a licence may be taken out for any period falling within, and ending on, the last day of the last quarterly period in any calendar year and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph (2) of this Article but as if the period referred to in those provisions were the period for which a licence is taken out under this sub-paragraph.

(4) Without prejudice to the foregoing provisions of this Article in the case of a goods vehicle which is authorised to be used on a road by virtue of an order made under section 3 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), and the unladen weight of which exceeds eleven tons, a licence may be taken out for any period of seven consecutive days, and the duty payable in respect of such a licence shall be an amount equal to one fifty-second of the annual rate of duty appropriate to the vehicle plus 10 per cent. of that amount.

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.

(5) Notwithstanding anything contained in the foregoing provisions of this Article—

(*a*) where the rate of duty payable in respect of any licence determined in accordance with those provisions contains a fraction of a penny, one penny shall be substituted for that fraction in the rate so payable, and

(*b*) where the rate of duty payable in respect of any licence determined as aforesaid amounts to less than five shillings, the duty payable in respect of that licence shall be five shillings.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this eighteenth day of April, 1957.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.*)

This Order revokes the Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) Order, 1939, and makes new provision as regards the periods of less than a year for which an excise licence may be taken out in respect of a mechanically propelled vehicle and as regards the duty payable in respect of a licence for any such period. The principal changes made by this Order are:—

(1) that in the case of a vehicle for which the annual rate of duty is £3 or less the periods are limited to the last quarter of the calendar year or any period falling within, and ending on, the last day of that quarter, and

(2) that in any case a minimum duty of five shillings will be payable.

1957 No. 832

The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) (Amendment) Order, 1957

Made - - - -	13*th May*, 1957
Coming into Operation	13*th May*, 1957

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under section 11 of the Vehicles (Excise) Act, 1949(**a**), as amended by subsection (4) of section 5 of the Finance Act, 1956(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

1.—(1) This Order shall come into operation on the thirteenth day of May, 1957, and may be cited as "The Road Vehicles (Part Year Licensing) (Amendment) Order, 1957".

(a) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 89. (b) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 54.