EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order makes provision in relation to newly qualified drivers of motor vehicles in Northern Ireland. Where such a driver commits certain road traffic offences during a probationary period of 2 years beginning with the day on which he became a qualified driver, his licence is to be revoked and he must pass a relevant driving test before a further full licence may be issued to him.

Provision for newly qualified drivers to hold a temporarily restricted licence (and to display "R" plates) is retained; but that provision will only apply on the first occasion when a driver passes a test of competence to drive in Northern Ireland.