



2011 CHAPTER 11

PART 2

BUSES, TAXIS AND TRAINS

Bus operator's licences

Road service licence renamed

18.—(1) In section 4(1) of the 1967 Act (grant of road service licences), for the words ““road service licence”) to provide such a service as may be specified therein” there shall be substituted the words ““bus operator’s licence”)”.

(2) In section 81(1) of the 1967 Act (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “the Authority” there shall be inserted the following definition—

““bus operator’s licence” has the meaning assigned to it by section 4(1);”;

(b) the definition of “road service licence” shall cease to have effect.

Particulars to be provided

19. In section 5(1) of the 1967 Act (particulars to be provided by applicants), paragraphs (b) and (c) shall cease to have effect.

Functions as to grant of licences

20. In section 6 of the 1967 Act (functions as to grant of licences), the following provisions (which relate to services to be provided under the licence) shall cease to have effect—

- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) the words “have regard to the interests of persons likely to use the service to be provided under the licence and those of persons holding other road service licences, and” and the word “shall” in the second place where it occurs;
 - (ii) paragraphs (a), (b), (h) and (i);
- (b) subsections (2) and (3) (role of General Consumer Council and representations by others).

Taxis

Amendments of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008

21.—(1) The Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 4) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In section 5 (hiring of taxis at separate fares - general), in subsection (1) for paragraph (c) (operator authorised under operator’s licence) there shall be substituted the following paragraph—

“(c) a service agreement or service permit under the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011 so provides.”.

(3) In section 8 (operator’s licence authorising separate fares)—

- (a) paragraph (a) shall cease to have effect;
- (b) in paragraph (b), for the words “that taxi service” there shall be substituted the words “a taxi service for or in respect of the carriage of passengers at separate fares”;
- (c) in the heading for the word “authorising” there shall be substituted the words “conditions relating to”.

(4) The following provisions shall cease to have effect—

- (a) section 9 (duty to give information for the purposes of section 10);
- (b) section 10 (functions of the Department of the Environment in relation to licence authorising separate fares);
- (c) section 11 (appeals in relation to operator’s licence authorising separate fares);
- (d) section 54(3) (licence authorising separate fares deemed for purposes of section 14 of Finance Act (Northern Ireland) 1966 to be road service licence under Part 2 of 1967 Act).

Railway services

Provision of railway services

22. In section 55 of the 1967 Act (provision of railway services), in subsection (1) (duty of railway undertaking), after the words “in Northern Ireland” there shall be inserted the words “in accordance with any service agreement under the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011”.