

1980 No. 413

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980**

Made 18th November 1980

Coming into operation 18th November 1980

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2, 15 and 189 of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(a) and now vested in it(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1980 and shall come into operation on 18th November 1980.

Regulation amended

2. In regulation 2A(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(c) after sub-paragraph (c) there shall be inserted the following sub-paragraph—

“(d) in items 5 and 6, the age of 17 were substituted for the ages of 18 and 21 respectively in the case of members of the armed forces of the Crown in relation to any vehicle when being used in the course of urgent work of national importance in accordance with an order of the Defence Council in pursuance of the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations 1939(d), which were continued permanently in force, in the form set out in Part C of Schedule 2 to the Emergency Laws (Repeal) Act 1959(e), by section 2 of the Emergency Powers Act 1964(f).”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 18th November 1980.

(L.S.)

J. H. Armstrong
Deputy Secretary

(a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.) as amended by S.I. 1976/581 (N.I. 11) Art. 3 and Sch. 1 para. 6

(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Art. 5(b) (II, p. 2992)

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 42 (p. 203) as amended by S.R. 1978 No. 209 (I, p. 681) and other amending instruments not relevant for the purpose

(d) S.I. 1939/1304

(e) 1959 c. 19

(f) 1964 c. 38

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 by lowering from 18 and 21 to 17 the qualifying age for holding or obtaining a driving licence or a provisional licence (as prescribed by section 2(1) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970 as amended) to drive certain classes of motor vehicles. The classes are those specified in items 5 and 6 of the Table in that section and the qualifying age of 17 applies in the case of members of the Armed Forces in relation to any vehicle in those classes when being used in the course of urgent work of national importance under instructions given by the Defence Council under the Defence (Armed Forces) Regulations 1939.