

1982 No. 129

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1982

Made 27th April 1982

Coming into operation 31st May 1982

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 6(2), 11(1), 18 and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Order") 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) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1982 and shall come into operation on 31st May 1982.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981(b) shall be amended as follows:

(1) In regulation 3(1), in paragraph (b) of the definition of "moped", for "are" there shall be substituted "were".

(2) In regulation 14 for "paragraphs" there shall be substituted "sub-paragraph".

(3) In regulation 16—

(a) in paragraph (1) for "£10.30" there shall be substituted "£13.00"; and

(b) in paragraph (2) for "paragraphs" there shall be substituted "sub-paragraph".

(4) In regulation 20, for paragraph (2) there shall be substituted—

"(2) Epilepsy is prescribed for the purposes of Article 6(2)(d) of the Order and an applicant for a licence suffering from epilepsy shall satisfy the conditions that—

(a) he shall have been free from any epileptic attack during the period of two years immediately preceding the date when the licence is to have effect; or

(b) in the case of an applicant who has had such attacks whilst asleep during that period, he shall have had such attacks only whilst asleep during a period of at least three years immediately preceding the date when the licence is to have effect; and

(c) the driving of a vehicle by him in pursuance of the licence is not likely to be a source of danger to the public."

(5) In regulation 25 there shall be deleted "(whether full or provisional)".

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

(b) S.R. 1981 No. 239

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 27th April 1982.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 as follows:—

1. The fee for a driving test on all types of vehicles except invalid carriages (for which no fee is payable) is increased from £10.30 to £13.00.

2. Regulation 20(2) of the 1981 Regulations prescribes epilepsy for the purposes of Article 6(2)(d) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 thereby allowing licences to be granted in the case of persons suffering from epilepsy if they satisfy certain conditions. These Regulations introduce new conditions for the grant of licences to persons suffering from epilepsy. They require, if a licence is to be granted, a period of freedom from epileptic attacks of two years immediately before the licence is to take effect or, in the case of a person who has had epileptic attacks whilst asleep during that period, that he has had attacks only whilst asleep during a period of at least three years immediately before the licence is to take effect. In either case the driving of a vehicle by the applicant must not be a source of danger to the public.

3. The opportunity has also been taken to make some drafting amendments.