

1983 No. 93 (C. 5)

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**The Road Traffic (1981 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order
(Northern Ireland) 1983***Made**22nd April 1983*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 1(3) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and paragraph 2(1) and (2) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974(b) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (1981 Order) (Commencement No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1983.

Appointed day

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of Articles 6(3) and (4) (and the references to paragraph (3) in Article 6(2)) and 7 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 shall be 1st July 1983.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 22nd April 1983.

(L.S.)

J. M. Irvine

Assistant Secretary

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

(b) 1974 c. 28

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order brings into operation Articles 6(3) and (4) (and the references to paragraph (3) in Article 6(2)) and 7 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

(1) Article 6(3) empowers the Department of the Environment to require an applicant for a driving licence or a provisional licence who appears to be suffering from any relevant disease or physical disability to submit himself for examination by a medical practitioner, nominated by the Department, before being permitted or required to be subjected to a driving test.

A relevant disease or physical disability is one prescribed by regulation 20(1) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1981 or any other disease or physical disability which would be likely to cause a person driving a motor vehicle to be a source of danger to the public.

(2) Article 6(4) requires the Department to defray the fees or other reasonable expenses of a medical practitioner in connection with such an examination.

(3) Article 7 requires a licence holder, in certain circumstances, to notify the Department in writing about any relevant disease or physical disability mentioned in paragraph (1)—

- (a) of which he becomes aware after the grant of his licence, or
- (b) about which he has previously informed the Department and which has become more acute.

An offence under Article 7 carries a penalty of a maximum £100 fine.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order.)

The following provisions of the Order have been brought into force by commencement order made before the date of this Order:—

<i>Provision</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Articles 67 and 68	1982/382 (C. 11)