

1985 No. 3

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicle Testing (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985

Made 3rd January 1985

Coming into operation in accordance with Article 1

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1
to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 34(4) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf hereby orders and directs as follows:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Motor Vehicle Testing (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985.

(2) This Order, except Article 3(1), shall come into operation on 31st March 1985.

(3) Article 3(1) shall come into operation on the date specified in column 1 of the Schedule in respect of the motor vehicles referred to in column 2.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“ambulance” means a motor vehicle which is constructed or adapted, and primarily used, for the carriage of persons to a place where they will receive, or from a place where they have received, medical or dental treatment, and which, by reason of design, marking or equipment is readily identifiable as a vehicle so constructed or adapted;

“the Order” means the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.

Extension of the Order

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), Article 34(2) and (6)(c) of the Order shall have effect with the substitution, for 7 years, of 6 years.

(2) In relation to an ambulance, Article 34(2) and (6)(c) of the Order shall continue to have effect with the substitution, for 7 years, of 1 year.

Revocations

4. The Motor Vehicle Testing (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1976(b), the Motor Vehicle Testing (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1977(c) and the Motor Vehicle Testing (Extension) Order (Northern Ireland) 1982(d) are hereby revoked.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 3rd January 1985.

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J. M. Irvine

Assistant Secretary

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

(b) S.R. 1976 No. 154

(c) S.R. 1977 No. 186

(d) S.R. 1982 No. 363

SCHEDULE

Column 1 <i>Date of coming into operation</i>	Column 2 <i>Motor Vehicles other than Ambulances</i>
31st March 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of March.
30th April 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of April.
31st May 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of May.
30th June 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of June.
31st July 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of July.
31st August 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of August.
30th September 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of September.
31st October 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of October.
30th November 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of November.
31st December 1985	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of December.
31st January 1986	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of January.
28th February 1986	As respects a motor vehicle first registered in the month of February.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Article 34 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 requires, subject to certain exceptions, that motor vehicles registered more than 7 years ago and ambulances registered more than 1 year ago are not to be used on a road unless a valid vehicle test certificate has been issued by the Department.

This Order amends the provisions of Article 34 so that motor vehicles registered more than 6 years ago are required to be tested. It comes into operation in respect of such motor vehicles at different times, so that a motor vehicle to which this Order applies may not be used on a road after the end of the month which is the anniversary of its first registration, unless a test certificate has been issued within the preceding 12 months.

The provision in relation to ambulances is unchanged.