
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1996 No. 304

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences)
(Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996**

Made - - - - *17th July 1996*
Coming into operation *27th August 1996*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 79A(2) and (4) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(1), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel as regards regulation 2(1), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 and shall come into operation on 27th August 1996.

Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991

2. The Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(2) shall be amended as follows—

(1) In regulation 4 (fee for a licence) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted—

“(1) The fee for a licence shall be £58·50.”

(2) Part III and the Schedule are hereby revoked.

Revocation

3. The Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(3) and the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(4) are hereby revoked.

(1) S.I.1981/154 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of “Department” and “prescribed”; Article 79A was inserted by Part II of Sch. 3 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3)
(2) S.R. 1991 No. 454; relevant amending Regulations are S.R. 1993 No. 108, S.R. 1994 No. 412, S.R. 1995 No. 153 and S.R. 1996 No. 142
(3) S.R. 1995 No. 153
(4) S.R. 1996 No. 142

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Trevor Pearson
Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel hereby approves regulation 2(1).
Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 17th July 1996.

V. N. Hewitt
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

Article 8 of the Deregulation and Contracting Out (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 amends Article 79A(3)(b)(ii) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 on 27th August 1996 by removing the requirement to pass a test of competence before the grant of a taxi driver's licence. As a consequence of this amendment the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 are amended as follows—

(1) The two tier system of fees for licences is replaced by a single fee for a licence and the fee payable is £58·50.

(2) The provisions which dealt with tests of competence are revoked.

The Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 are revoked as a consequence of these Regulations.