

**2021 No. 344 (C. 14)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Taxis (2008 Act) (Commencement No. 6) Order (Northern  
Ireland) 2021**

*Made* - - - - *15th December 2021*

The Department for Infrastructure<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 59 of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008<sup>(b)</sup> and vested in it<sup>(c)</sup>.

**Citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Taxis (2008 Act) (Commencement No. 6) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

**Appointed day**

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 specified in the Schedule is 20th December 2021.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 15th December 2021



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A senior officer of the  
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(a) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment is dissolved  
(b) 2008 c. 4 (N.I.)  
(c) See Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 (S.R. 2016 No. 76)

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

### Provisions coming into operation on 20th December 2021

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<i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
Section 51	Payment of grants

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings into operation on the 20th December 2021 section 51 of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (“the Act”).

Section 51 allows the Department, with the approval of the Department of Finance, to pay grants in connection with any provision of, or the purposes of the Act and to determine the terms and conditions of those grants.

## NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have been brought into operation by commencement orders made before the date of this Order

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Section 21	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2009	2009 No. 352 (C. 25)
Section 40		
Section 54(1) insofar as it relates to the power in Article 65 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) to make bye-laws the provisions of which are, or could be, included in an order under article 27A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(b), (4) and (5)		
Schedule 2, paragraphs 1, 6(a), 11, 12 and 13(a) and section 58(1) insofar as it relates to those paragraphs		
Section 1 (partially)	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	2012 No. 313 (C. 28)
Section 2 (partially)	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 3 (partially)	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 4	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 25	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 26	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 27	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 28 (partially)	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2012 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 29	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 30 (partially)	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2012	

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

(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 12)

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Section 31	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 32	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 33 (partially)	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 33(1)(a), (c) to (e) and (2) in so far as not already in operation	8 <sup>th</sup> August 2012
Section 34	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 35	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 37	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 38	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 44	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 45	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 46	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 47	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 48 and Schedule 1 relating to offences under the following sections—	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012
Section 1(3) Operating a taxi service without an operator’s licence,	
Section 3(5) Knowingly keeping or making false records etc.,	
Section 3(10) Operating a taxi service in respect of unlicensed taxi or in respect of taxi driven by unlicensed driver,	
Section 3(11) Contravention of other operator’s duties,	
Section 4(2) Sub-contracting work to a non-licensed operator,	
Section 31(5) Failure to produce documents etc.,	
Section 32(6) Failure to comply with requirement or direction to return licence, plate, etc., or badge,	
Section 37(3) Failure to comply with an enforcement notice,	
Section 44(1) Knowingly etc., to make false	

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statement or furnish false information,		
Section 44(2) Forging, possessing documents, etc., with intent to deceive,		
Section 45(1) Obstruction of constable or authorised officer,		
Section 45(2) Failure to comply with requirement of constable or authorised officer or failure to give a constable or authorised officer assistance or information.		
Section 45(3) Knowingly to make false statement to authorised officer or constable.	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 50	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2012	
Section 53		

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Section 22	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	2014 No. 238 (C. 15)
Section 23 (partially)	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	
Section 23 insofar as not already in operation, except for subsection (8)	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	
Section 24	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	
Section 48 and Schedule 1 relating to offences under the following sections—	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	
Section 22(2) Driving a taxi without a taxi driver's licence,		
Section 22(3) Operating a taxi service driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver's licence or owning a taxi being driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver's licence,		
Section 22(5) Driving a taxi without a taxi driver's licence for that class of taxi,		
Section 22(6) Operating a taxi service driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver's licence for that class of taxi or owning a taxi driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver's licence for that class of taxi,		
Section 24(5) Failure to wear a taxi driver's badge or display other identification.		
Section 52 (partially)	24 <sup>th</sup> September 2014	
Section 52 insofar as not already in operation	31 <sup>st</sup> October 2014	

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Section 58(2) and Schedule 3 insofar as they relate to the repeal of— 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014

Article 79A of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981;

Article 6 of, and Part 2 of Schedule 3 to, the Road Traffic (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) Order 1991(a); and

In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(b), the entry relating to Article 79A of the 1981 Order.

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Section 13 (partially)	9 <sup>th</sup> December 2014	2014 No. 300 (C. 16)(c)
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Section 15 (partially)

Section 19 (partially)

Section 20 (partially)

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Section 16 (partially)	2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015	2015 No. 389 (C. 35)
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Section 17(1) and (3) (partially)

Section 18(1), (4) and (5) (partially)

Section 13(1) insofar as not already in operation 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016

Section 5 31<sup>st</sup> May 2016

Section 6

Section 7

Section 12

Section 13 insofar as not already in operation

Section 14

Section 15 insofar as not already in operation

Section 16 insofar as not already in operation

Section 17(1), (3) and (4) insofar as not

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(a) S.I. 1997/197 (N.I. 3)

(b) S.I. 1996/1320 (N.I. 10)

(c) S.R. 2014 No. 300 (C. 16) was amended by S.R. 2015 No. 257 (C. 20)

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already in operation

Section 18 insofar as not already in operation

Section 19 insofar as not already in operation

Section 20 insofar as not already in operation

Section 39

Section 41

Section 42

Section 43

Section 48 and Schedule 1 for the purpose of the insertions into the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 only insofar as they relate to offences under sections 5(2), 12(2) and (3), 14(6), 15(3) and (4), 16(4), 17(4), 18(6) and (8), 19(2), 20(3), 39(3) and 43(1)

Section 54(1) insofar as not already in operation

Schedule 2, paragraphs 2, 5, 6(b), 8, 9, 10 and 13(b) and section 58(1) insofar as it relates to those paragraphs

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