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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**The Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023**

Made - - - - *5th September 2023*

Coming into operation *1st October 2023*

The Department for Infrastructure(a), makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 41(2) and 45(1)(b) of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995(b) and now vested in it(c).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2023 and shall come into operation on 1st October 2023.

Amendment of the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations

2.—(1) The Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003(d) are amended in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) In regulation 7 (applications and fees for accessibility certificates), in paragraph (2)—

- (a) in sub-paragraph (a)—
 - (i) in head (i) for “£28.00” substitute “£46.00”; and
 - (ii) in head (ii) for “£55.00” substitute “£70.50”; and
- (b) in sub-paragraph (b)—
 - (i) in head (i) for “£10.00” substitute “£17.00”; and
 - (ii) in head (ii) for “£20.00” substitute “£38.00”.

(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) 1995 c. 50; sections 41 and 45 were modified in their application to Northern Ireland by paragraphs 25 and 29 respectively of Schedule 8

(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)

(d) S.R. 2003 No. 37; to which there are no relevant amendments.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 5th September 2023



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Public Service Vehicles Accessibility Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 in order to increase the fees payable in respect of applications for accessibility certificates.

On first application, where the vehicle is required to comply with the only one of Schedules 1, 2 or 3 the fee is increased from £28.00 to £46.00 and on subsequent application the fee is increased from £10.00 to £17.00.

On first application, where the vehicle is required to comply with Schedules 1 and 2 or Schedules 1 and 3 the fee is increased from £55.00 to £70.50 and on subsequent application the fee is increased from £20.00 to £38.00.

An Explanatory Memorandum and Regulatory Impact Assessment have been produced and are available from Safe and Accessible Travel Division, Department for Infrastructure, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 8GB or online alongside this Regulation at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr>

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