



Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 14

PART V

MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Provisions relating to offences and legal proceedings

65 Forgery and misuse of documents etc.

- (1) This section applies to the following documents and other things, namely—
- (a) a licence under Part II ^{F1}... of this Act;
 - [^{F2}(ea) a control document issued under [^{F3}Article 12(4) or 17(3) of Regulation (EC) No 1073/2009^{F4}...];]
 - (b) a certificate of initial fitness under section 6 of this Act;
 - [^{F5}(bb) a notice removing a prohibition under section 9 of this Act;]
 - (c) a certificate under section 10 of this Act that a vehicle conforms to a type vehicle;
 - (d) an operator's disc under section 18 of this Act;
 - (e) a certificate under section 21 of this Act as to the repute, financial standing or professional competence of any person;
 - ^{F6}(f)
- (2) A person who, with intent to deceive—
- (a) forges or alters, or uses or lends to, or allows to be used by, any other person, a document or other thing to which this section applies, or
 - (b) makes or has in his possession any document or other thing so closely resembling a document or other thing to which this section applies as to be calculated to deceive,
- shall be liable—
- (i) on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years;
 - (ii) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding the statutory maximum.

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(3) In the application of this section to England and Wales—

[^{F7}“forges” means makes a false document or other thing in order that it may be used as genuine.]

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^{F9}(4)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words repealed by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), s. 139(3), **Sch. 8**
- F2** S. 65(1)(ea) inserted (28.1.2000) by [S.I. 1999/3413](#), **reg. 10(3)**
- F3** Words in s. 65(1)(ea) substituted (4.12.2011) by [The Public Service Vehicles \(Community Licences\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/2634\)](#), regs. 1(1), **17(2)**
- F4** Words in s. 65(1)(ea) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of [The Common Rules for Access to the International Market for Coach and Bus Services \(Amendment etc.\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019 \(S.I. 2019/741\)](#), regs. 1(2), **2(3)**; 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)
- F5** S. 65(1)(bb) inserted (*prosp.*) by [Transport Act 1982 \(c. 49, SIF 58, 107:1, 126\)](#), **ss. 23(4)**, 76(2)
- F6** S. 65(1)(f) repealed (1.7.1992) by [Road Traffic Act 1991 \(c. 40, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 83, **Sch. 8**; [S.I. 1992/1286](#), art. 2(2), **Sch.**, Appendix
- F7** Definition substituted by [Forgery and Counterfeiting Act 1981 \(c. 45, SIF 39:7\)](#), **s. 12**
- F8** Definition of 'statutory maximum' in s. 65(3) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIV** Group 2
- F9** S. 65(4) repealed (5.11.1993) by 1993 c. 50, s. 1(1), **Sch. 1 Pt. XIV** Group 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 65 extended by [Transport Act 1985 \(c. 67, SIF 126\)](#), **s. 127(1)**
- C2** S. 65(1)(a) extended by [S.I. 1984/748](#), **reg. 21**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 51(1A)(1B) inserted by [1982 c. 49 s. 21\(4\)\(b\)](#)