
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order increases the amounts payable under sections 157(2) and 158(2) of the Road Traffic Act 1988. Section 157 provides for payments for hospital treatment of traffic casualties to be made by an owner or insurer of a vehicle the use of which gave rise to the injuries, and section 158 for payments to be made, by the person using such a vehicle, for emergency treatment and a medical practitioner's travelling expenses.

The maximum amounts payable for hospital treatment are increased from £2,856.00 to £2,949.00 for persons treated as in-patients, and from £286.00 to £295.00 for persons treated as out-patients (article 2).

For emergency treatment the fee is increased from £20.65 to £21.30. For travelling expenses, the amount for each mile in excess of two covered by a practitioner to provide such treatment is increased from 40 pence to 41 pence (article 3).