STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1751

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1996

Made	4th July 1996
Laid before Parliament	9th July 1996
Coming into force	1st August 1996

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45 and 46 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(1) and by the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(2), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 1st August 1996.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981(**3**) shall be further amended in accordance with the provisions of the following regulations.

3.—(1) Regulation 20 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In the sub-paragraphs of paragraph (1) specified in column (1) of the Table below, for the amounts specified in column (2) of that Table there shall be substituted the amounts specified in column (3) of that Table.

Table

(1) Sub-paragraph of regulation 20(1)	(2) Existing amount £	(3) Substituted amount £
Sub-paragraph (a)	11.52	11.90
Sub-paragraph (aa)	19.42	20.00
Sub-paragraph (b)	22.74	23.40

(1) 1988 c. 52; sections 45 and 46 were amended by paragraphs 52 and 53 of Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40).

(2) S.I.1988/643; the relevant reference is paragraphs 1 and 2 of Table III of Schedule 1 and the relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/1684.

(3) S.I. 1981/1694; relevant amending instruments are 1982/1783, 1984/401, 1986/1372, 1987/144, 1988/339 and 989, 1991/253, 455 and 1525, 1992/1609, 1993/3011, 1994/2136 and 1995/2438.

(1) Sub-paragraph of regulation 20(1)	(2) Existing amount £	(3) Substituted amount £
Sub-paragraph (c)	27.38	28.66
Sub-paragraph (d)	34.18	35.12
Sub-paragraph (f)	29.84	30.68

4.—(1) Regulation 25 shall be amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2), for "£27.00" there shall be substituted "£36.00".

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Steven Norris Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department of Transport

4th July 1996

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981. The 1981 Regulations make provision for certain motor vehicles to be examined by persons authorised by the Secretary of State ("examiners") and for test certificates to be issued for vehicles that are found to meet certain requirements.

Regulation 20 of the 1981 Regulations prescribes the fees payable for examinations of vehicles pursuant to applications made under regulation 12.

Fees payable for test examinations (the fees were last fixed on 9th October 1995) are increased as follows—

- (a) motor bicycles not having a side car attached, from $\pounds 11.52$ to $\pounds 11.90$;
- (b) motor bicycles with a side car attached, from $\pounds 19.42$ to $\pounds 20.00$;
- (c) vehicles in Class III ("light motor vehicles" other than motor bicycles), from £22.74 to £23.40;
- (d) vehicles in Class IV ("motor cars" and "heavy motor cars" not being vehicles within Classes III, V, VI or VII), from £27.38 to £28.66;
- (e) vehicles in Class V ("large passenger-carrying vehicles", particular public service vehicles and "play buses"), from £34.18 to £35.12; and
- (f) vehicles in Class VII (goods vehicles with a design gross weight of more than 3,000 but not more than 3,500 kgs), from £29.84 to £30.68.

In the case of the vehicles mentioned above, the fee payable on an appeal, where a notice of the refusal of a test certificate has been issued, is the same amount as the fee payable under regulation 20(1), while the fee for a duplicate test certificate is one half of this amount. These fees are to be increased accordingly.

The fee payable for the supply of 100 forms of test certificate is increased from £27.00 to £36.00.

A compliance cost assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department of Transport, Zone 2/05, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR (Telephone 0171-271-4653). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.