
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 212

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations 1996

5. For regulations 15 (Applications for tests) and 16 (Qualifications of applicants) there shall be substituted—

“**15.** In this Part—

“applicant in person” means a person making an application for an appointment for a test with a view to taking the test himself;

“DSA examiner” means a person appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct tests under regulation 19(1)(a) below;

“LGV/PCV instructor” means a person operating an establishment for providing instruction in the driving of large goods vehicles or passenger-carrying vehicles or both such classes of vehicle.

“working day” means a day other than a Saturday, Sunday, bank holiday, Christmas Day or Good Friday (and “bank holiday” means a day to be observed as such under section 1 of and Schedule 1 to the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971⁽¹⁾).

15A.—(1) An applicant in person wishing to take a test to be conducted by a DSA examiner, or someone acting on behalf of that applicant, shall—

- (a) apply for an appointment for such a test to the Secretary of State,
- (b) provide the Secretary of State with such details relating to himself, the nature of the test to be taken and the vehicle in which the test is to be taken as the Secretary of State may reasonably require, and
- (c) pay such fee as is specified in regulation 15C below.

(2) Upon receipt of such details and such fee the Secretary of State shall make the arrangements necessary for the taking of the test.

(3) An applicant in person for whom an appointment is made as aforesaid in respect of a vehicle in any category may not apply for a further appointment for a test in a vehicle of a class in the same category unless—

- (a) the first appointment has been cancelled, or
- (b) the test does not take place for any reason other than cancellation, or
- (c) he has submitted himself for the test (whether or not the test is completed).

15B.—(1) An LGV/PCV instructor who wishes to make an appointment for a test to be conducted by a DSA examiner and to be taken by a person who is then unnamed but who will have received from that instructor instruction in the driving of large goods or passenger-carrying vehicles shall—

- (a) apply for such an appointment to the Secretary of State,

- (b) provide such details relating to himself, his establishment and the nature of the test to be taken as the Secretary of State may reasonably require,
- (c) specify the date and time of the appointment which the instructor wishes to reserve, and
- (d) pay such fee as is specified in regulation 15C below.

(2) The Secretary of State may refuse to accept an application from an LGV/PCV instructor (or, where two or more applications have been made on the same occasion, to accept all or any of those applications) where any appointment specified in the application is unavailable or where, in the opinion of the Secretary of State, it is otherwise necessary to do so.

(3) Subject to paragraph (2) above, upon receipt of such details and such fee the Secretary of State shall confirm to the LGV/PCV instructor the date and time of the appointment.

(4) The Secretary of State shall make the arrangements necessary for the taking of the test upon receipt from the LGV/PCV instructor before the expiration of the qualifying period of the name and such other details relating to the person who will at the appointment submit himself for the test, the nature of the test to be taken and the vehicle in which the test is to be taken as the Secretary of State may reasonably require.

(5) The qualifying period in respect of any appointment made pursuant to an application under paragraph (1) of this regulation expires at midday on the day which is two working days before the day for which the appointment is made.

15C.—(1) No fee shall be payable in respect of a test to be conducted by an examiner appointed by or by virtue of paragraphs (b), (c), (d) or (e) of regulation 19(1) below.

(2) The fee payable in respect of a test to be conducted by a DSA examiner is—

- (a) in the case of a test to be conducted between Monday and Friday (inclusive of both those days), £62, and
- (b) in the case of a test to be conducted on a Saturday, £80.

16. An applicant in person or a person whose name is given to the Secretary of State by an LGV/PCV instructor pursuant to regulation 15B(4) above must be a person who holds a provisional licence or a full licence which is treated as a provisional licence entitling him to drive vehicles in the category in respect of which he wishes to take the test.”.