STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1997 No. 650

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 1997

Made - - - - 6th March 1997

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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 125(3), 125A(5), 127(2), 129(1) and (2), 132(2) and 141 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(1), hereby makes the following Regulations:—

- **1.** These regulations may be cited as the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) (Amendment) Regulations 1997 and shall come into force on 1st April 1997.
- **2.** The Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) Regulations 1989(2) shall be amended in accordance with the following provisions.
 - **3.** After regulation 9 there shall be inserted—

"Licences granted to disabled driving instructors

- **9A.** There is prescribed for the purposes of section 129(1)(b) of the Act the part of the examination that consists of the instructional ability and fitness test.".
- **4.** In regulation 13, for the Table at the end, there shall be substituted the following Table—

^{(1) 1988} c. 52. Section 125A was inserted by section 1 of the Road Traffic (Driving Instruction by Disabled Persons) Act 1993 (c. 31), section 127(2) was amended by Schedule 1, paragraph 5, of that Act and subsections (1)(b) and (2) of section 129 were substituted respectively by subsections (1) and (2) of section 2 of that Act. Powers to prescribe fees are to be read with the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988 (S.I.1988/643), the relevant amending instruments being S.I. 1991/811, 1993/1601 and 1995/1684.

⁽²⁾ S.I. 1989/2057. The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1990/1113, 1991/1129, 1992/1621, 1994/554, 1995/1218 and 1996/1983.

$\hbox{``TABLE}$

| (1) | (2) | (3) |
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| Item No. | Matter in respect of which application is made | Fee |
| 1. | Submission to written examination | £50 |
| 2. | Submission to driving ability and fitness test | £62 |
| 3. | Submission to instructional ability and fitness test | £62 |
| 4. | Retention of name in the register | £200 |
| 5. | A licence | £100 |
| 6. | Entry to the register following the passing of the examination | £200 |
| 7. | Entry to the register without passing the examination by virtue of section 125(7), 125B(3) or 126(3) or (4) of the Act | £200" |

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

John Bowis
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
Department of Transport

6th March 1997

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) Regulations 1989.

In consequence of the entry into force of the Road Traffic (Driving Instruction by Disabled Persons) Act 1993, trainee instructors' licences may be granted to persons with a disability who have already passed some parts of the qualifying examination in order that they may prepare for the remaining, prescribed, parts of that examination. The Regulations prescribe the test of instructional fitness and ability for that purpose.

Secondly, the fees payable in respect of the qualifying examination and the entry of a name on the Register of Approved Driving Instructors are increased from 1st April 1997. The new fees, with the percentage increases and the dates when they were last raised shown in brackets, are:—

| Written examination | £50 (No change) | |
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| Driving ability and fitness test | £62 (3.3%, May 1995) | |
| Instructional ability and fitness test | £62 (3.3%, May 1995) | |
| Retention of a name in the register | £200 (5.26%, May 1995) | |
| Trainee instructor's licence | £100 (17.62%, January 1985) | |
| Entry of name on register (with or without examination pass) | £200 (5.26%, May 1995) | |