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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1999 No. 2199**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1999**

*Made* - - - - *31st July 1999*  
*Laid before Parliament* *10th August 1999*  
*Coming into force* - - *1st September 1999*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45 and 46 of the Road Traffic Act 1988(1) and 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:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into force on 1st September 1999.

**Preliminary**

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

**Amendments relating to fees**

3. In each provision specified in column (1) of the Table below for the amount specified in relation to that provision in column (2) there shall be substituted the amount so specified in column (3).

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(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). Section 45 was also amended by paragraph 159 of Schedule 13 to the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (c. 39).  
(2) S.I. 1988/643, which was made under section 102 of the Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c. 51). The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1995/1684 and S.I. 1996/1961 and the relevant entry in Table III of Schedule 3 is item 1.  
(3) S.I. 1981/1694; relevant amending instruments are 1984/1126, 1988/989 and 1894, 1991/253, 1992/1609, 1993/3011, 1995/2438, 1996/1751, 1997/1679 and 1998/1672.

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## TABLE

(1) <i>Regulation</i>	(2) <i>Existing Amount</i>	(3) <i>Substituted Amount</i>
20(1)(a)	£12.74	£13.04
20(1)(aa)	£21.28	£21.80
20(1)(b)	£25.02	£25.63
20(1)(c)(i)	£32.62	£33.91
20(1)(c)(ii)	£30.87	£32.11
20(1)(ca)	£37.26	£38.67
20(1)(d)(i)	£51.88	£53.36
20(1)(d)(ii)	£38.08	£39.18
20(1)(da)(i)	£74.60	£76.68
20(1)(da)(ii)	£46.55	£47.87
20(1)(f)	£32.77	£33.80

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

*Larry Whitty*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

31st July 1999

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981 (“the 1981 Regulations”). Those Regulations make provision for certain motor vehicles to be examined by persons authorised by the Secretary of State 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 of those Regulations. Regulation 20 is amended by regulation 3 of these Regulations.

The fees (last fixed on 1st August 1998) payable for test examinations from 1st September 1999 (with the percentage increase shown in brackets), other than in the case of Class VI or VIA vehicles, are increased as follows—

- (a) motor bicycles without a side car, from £12.74 to £13.04 (2.4%);
- (b) motor bicycles with a side car, from £21.28 to £21.80 (2.4%);
- (c) vehicles in Class III (“light motor vehicles” other than motor bicycles), from £25.02 to £25.63 (2.4%);
- (d) vehicles in Class IV (“motor cars” and “heavy motor cars” not being vehicles within Class III, IVA, V, VA, VI, VIA or VII)—
  - (i) from £32.62 to £33.91 (4%) if the vehicle is a minibus, and
  - (ii) from £30.87 to £32.11 (4%) in any other case;
- (e) vehicles in Class IVA (“minibuses”, other than those excluded by virtue of a certificate of initial fitness issued on or after 1st August 1998 or compliance with certain type approval requirements, not being vehicles within Class III, V, VA, VI or VIA, in respect of which any forward-facing seat is fitted with a relevant seat belt), from £37.26 to £38.67 (3.8%);
- (f) vehicles in Class V (“large passenger-carrying vehicles”, particular public service vehicles and “play buses” not being vehicles within Class VA)—
  - (i) from £51.88 to £53.36 (2.9%) if the vehicle is constructed or adapted to carry more than 16 passengers, and
  - (ii) from £38.08 to £39.18 (2.9%) in any other case;
- (g) vehicles in Class VA (“large passenger-carrying vehicles”, particular public service vehicles and “play buses”, other than those excluded by virtue of a certificate of initial fitness issued on or after 1st August 1998 or compliance with certain type approval requirements, in respect of which any forward-facing seat is fitted with a relevant seat belt)—
  - (i) from £74.60 to £76.68 (2.8%) if the vehicle is constructed or adapted to carry more than 16 passengers, and
  - (ii) from £46.55 to £47.87 (2.8%) in any other case; and
- (h) vehicles in Class VII (goods vehicles with a design gross weight of more than 3,000 but not more than 3,500 kgs), from £32.77 to £33.80 (3.1%).

In the case of the vehicles mentioned above, under regulations 21 and 23 of the 1981 Regulations the fee payable on an appeal against a notice of the refusal of a test certificate is the same amount as the

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fee payable under regulation 20(1) of those Regulations while the fee for a duplicate test certificate in respect of a motor bicycle without a side care is half this amount. These fees will be increased accordingly.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared and copies can be obtained from the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions, Zone 2/05, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR (Telephone 0171-676 2467). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament.