
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force on 1st April 2002 the following provisions of the Transport Act 2000—

- (a) (as respects England only) those parts of section 144 as are not already in force and which enable provision to be made for, and in connection with, the imposition of penalty charges in respect of contravention of bus lane restrictions on roads in Greater London and the payment, notification, adjudication and enforcement of such charges;
- (b) sections 258 and 259 and section 260, so far as it relates to paragraphs 7 to 12 of Schedule 29, and associated repeals, provisions which amend Part V of the Road Traffic Act 1998 as regards the date when decisions by the Registrar of Approved Driving Instructors come into effect, transfer the function of hearing appeals from decisions of the Registrar from the Secretary of State to the Transport Tribunal and make provision relating to tests of continuing fitness and ability to give driving instruction (“check tests”) and emergency control assessments;
- (c) those parts of section 267 as are not already in force and which amend the Greater London Authority Act 1999 by removing the power of the Mayor to determine appeals brought by applicants for a London service permit and transferring this function to an independent appeals panel.

The Order contains transitional provisions which preserve the provisions of pre-existing legislation in relation to decisions of the Registrar made on or before 31st March 2002 (including provisions about appeals from those decisions) and in relation to check tests and emergency control assessments undertaken on or before that date.