

**2003 No. 2003**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment)  
(No. 4) Regulations 2003**

<i>Made - - - - -</i>	<i>11th August 2003</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>11th August 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	
<i>all regulations except regulation 5</i>	<i>1st September 2003</i>
<i>regulation 5 - - -</i>	<i>1st October 2003</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 89(3), (4), and (5), and 105(1), (3), and (4) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(a) and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act, and in the case of regulations 4 and 6 with the approval of the Treasury, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

**1.**—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2003 and shall come into force—

- (a) as to all regulations except regulation 5, on 1st September 2003, and
- (b) as to regulation 5, on 1st October 2003.

(2) In these Regulations “the principal Regulations” means the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999(b).

**Amendment of regulation 23 of the principal Regulations (persons by whom theory tests may be conducted)**

**2.** For regulation 23(1)(d)(c) of the principal Regulations substitute—

“(d) In England and Wales, a person appointed by the chief officer of any fire brigade maintained in pursuance of the Fire Services Act 1947(d) or, in Scotland, by the firemaster of such a brigade, for the purpose of testing members of any fire brigade maintained in pursuance of that Act.”.

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(a) 1988 (c. 52). Section 89(3) was amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40), section 48 and Schedule 4, paragraph 63; section 89(4) was amended by the Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c. 22), section 7 and Schedule 8, paragraph 8(a) (there are other amendments to section 89(4) but none is relevant); section 105(4) was amended by the Driving Licences (Community Driving Licences) Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998/1420), regulation 10(3). See section 108(1) for the meaning of “prescribed” and “regulations”.

(b) S.I. 1999/2864 as amended, such amendments are footnoted in this instrument as and where relevant.

(c) Regulation 23(1)(d) of the principal Regulations was amended by the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations (S.I. 2000/3157), regulations 2 and 5.

(d) 1947 (c. 41).

**Amendment of regulation 24 of the principal Regulations (persons by whom practical and unitary tests may be conducted) and consequential amendments to regulations 35 and 48 of the principal Regulations**

3.—(1) Regulation 24(a) of the principal Regulations is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) to (4) as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1)(c) substitute—

“(c) In England and Wales, a person appointed by the chief officer of any fire brigade maintained in pursuance of the Fire Services Act 1947<sup>(b)</sup> or, in Scotland, by the firemaster of such a brigade, for the purpose of testing members of any fire brigade maintained in pursuance of that Act.”.

(3) Omit paragraph (1)(e).

(4) In each of paragraphs (3) and (5) for “(b), (c), (d), (e) or (f)” substitute “(b), (c), (d) or (f)”.

(5) In regulation 35(1) of the principal Regulations for “24(1)(b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) or (2)(b)” substitute “24(1)(b), (c), (d) or (f) or (2)(b)”.

(6) In regulation 48(3)(c) of the principal Regulations for “(b), (c), (d), (e), or (f)” substitute “(b), (c), (d) or (f)”.

**Amendment of regulation 30 of the principal Regulations (fees for theory tests)**

4. For regulation 30(1)(d) of the principal Regulations substitute—

“(1) The fee payable for a theory test to be conducted by an appointed person in respect of any category of motor vehicle is £20.50 and is payable to the Secretary of State.”.

**Amendment of regulation 37 of the principal Regulations (test vehicles)**

5.—(1) Subject to paragraph (6), regulation 37 of the principal Regulations is amended as follows.

(2) For paragraph (1) substitute—

“(1) Subject to paragraph (3), the prescribed practical or unitary test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in a category shown in column (1) of the Table at the end of this regulation must be conducted in a vehicle having a power, mass, size or other specification, equivalent to or (except in the case of a test prescribed in respect of category F, G, H, K or P) greater than that shown, and conforming to such description as may be set out, in relation to that category in column (2) of the Table.”.

(3) For paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the prescribed practical test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in a sub-category shown in column (1) of the Table at the end of this regulation must be conducted in a vehicle having a power, mass, size or other specification, equivalent to or greater than that shown, and conforming to such description as may be set out, in relation to that sub-category in column (2) of the Table.”.

(4) Insert after regulation 37(10)—

“(10A) A person submitting himself for a practical test prescribed in respect of category C, C + E, D, or D + E shall provide a motor vehicle which is fitted with an anti-lock braking system and a tachograph.

(10B) A person submitting himself for a practical test prescribed in respect of category C or C + E shall provide a motor vehicle which has at least eight forward ratios.”.

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(a) Regulation 24(1)(c) of the principal Regulations was amended by the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2000 (S.I. 2000/3157), regulations 2 and 6(1)(b); there are other amendments to regulation 24 but none of them is relevant.

(b) 1947 (c. 41).

(c) Regulation 48(3)(a) of the principal Regulations was amended (and the relevant fee raised from £2.43 to £2.75) by the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2641), regulations 2 and 7.

(d) Regulation 30(1)(b) of the principal Regulations was amended (and the relevant fee raised from £15.50 to £18) by the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2641), regulations 2 and 4.

(5) For the table at the end of regulation 37 of the principal Regulations substitute the following table—

<i>(1) Category or sub-category</i>	<i>(2) Specification or description</i>
A, in the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of large motor bicycles	A motor bicycle without a side car, capable of an unassisted speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level, and having an engine with a maximum net power output of at least 35 kilowatts.
A, in the case of any other test	A learner motor bicycle without a sidecar, capable of an unassisted speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level, and having an engine with a cylinder capacity of at least 121 cubic centimetres.
A1	A learner motor bicycle without a sidecar having an engine with a cylinder capacity of at least 75 cubic centimetres.
B	Any four-wheeled vehicle in category B capable of an unassisted speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level.
B1	Any vehicle in sub-category B1 capable of an unassisted speed of 60 kilometres per hour on the level.
B + E	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for category B and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 1,000 kilograms, which combination is capable of an unassisted speed of 100 kilometres per hour on the level. The cargo compartment of the trailer shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and as high as the corresponding dimensions of the tractor vehicle. The closed box body may be narrower than the tractor vehicle provided that the driver's view to the rear of the trailer is only made possible by the use of the external rear-view mirrors of the tractor vehicle.
C1	Any vehicle in sub-category C1 having a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms, a length of at least 5 metres, and capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level. The cargo compartment of the vehicle shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and as high as the corresponding dimensions of the cab.
C1 + E	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for sub-category C1 and a trailer with a maximum authorised mass of 2,000 kilograms, which combination is at least 8 metres long and capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level. The combination must have a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms. The cargo compartment of the trailer shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and as high as the corresponding dimensions of the tractor vehicle. The closed box body may be narrower than the tractor vehicle provided that the driver's view to the rear of the trailer is only made possible by the use of the external rear-view mirrors of the tractor vehicle.
D1	Any vehicle in sub-category D1 having a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms, a length of at least 5 metres, which is capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.

<i>(1) Category or sub-category</i>	<i>(2) Specification or description</i>
D1 + E	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for sub-category D1 and a trailer having a maximum authorised mass of 1,250 kilograms which is capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level. The cargo compartment of the trailer shall consist of a closed box body which is at least 2 metres wide and at least 2 metres high.
C	Any vehicle in category C, other than an articulated goods vehicle, having a maximum authorised mass of 12,000 kilograms, a length of at least 8 metres and a width of at least 2.4 metres, which is capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level. The cargo compartment of the vehicle shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and as high as the corresponding dimensions of the cab.
C + E	<p>Either—</p> <p>(a) an articulated goods vehicle combination having a maximum authorised mass of 20,000 kilograms, a length of at least 14 metres and a width of at least 2.4 metres, and which is capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level, or</p> <p>(b) a combination of a minimum test vehicle for category C and a trailer having a length of at least 7.5 metres (each having a width of at least 2.4 metres), a maximum authorised mass of 4,000 kilograms, and which has, in aggregate, a maximum authorised mass of 20,000 kilograms and an overall length of 14 metres and which is capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.</p> <p>The cargo compartment of the articulated goods vehicle combination or the trailer (as the case may be) shall consist of a closed box body which is at least as wide and as high as the corresponding dimensions of the cab or tractor vehicle.</p>
D	Any vehicle in category D having a length of at least 10 metres, a width of at least 2.4 metres, and capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level.
D + E	A combination of a minimum test vehicle for category D and a trailer of a width of at least 2.4 metres having a maximum authorised mass of 1,250 kilograms, which combination is capable of an unassisted speed of 80 kilometres per hour on the level. The cargo compartment of the trailer shall consist of a closed box body which is at least 2 metres wide and at least 2 metres high.
F	Any vehicle in category F.
G	Any vehicle in category G.
H	Any vehicle in category H.
K	Any vehicle in category K.
P	Any vehicle in category P.

(6) Paragraphs (1) to (5) of this regulation shall not apply in respect of a practical or unitary test conducted in a vehicle which was first used, whether or not as a test vehicle, on a road before 1st October 2003, and regulation 37 of the principal Regulations, as it had effect immediately before 1st October 2003, shall accordingly continue to apply in respect of such tests.

**Amendment of regulation 47 of the principal Regulations (evidence of results of theory test)**

6. In regulation 47(8)(a) of the principal Regulations for “£7.50” substitute “£10”.

**Amendment of Schedule 8 to the principal Regulations (specified requirements for practical or unitary test) concerning vehicle safety checks and vehicle manoeuvres**

7. For Schedule 8(b) to the principal Regulations substitute the Schedule set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Signed by the authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

4th August 2003

*David Jamieson*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

We approve the making of these Regulations

11th August 2003

*Jim Murphy*  
*Joan Ryan*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

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(a) Regulation 47(8) of the principal Regulations was amended (and the relevant fee raised to £7.50) by the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2641), regulations 2 and 6.  
(b) Schedule 8 was amended by the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2003 (S.I. 2003/166), regulation 8.

## SCHEDULE 8

## SPECIFIED REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTICAL OR UNITARY TEST

## PART 1

*Practical Test: Categories A and P*

Each test candidate must satisfy the person conducting the test as to—

- (a) his ability to—
  - (i) carry out properly the activities, and
  - (ii) perform competently, without danger to and with due consideration for other road users, the manoeuvresspecified in sections A to F below in all respects in accordance with those sections; and
- (b) his understanding of how to balance safely with a passenger.

**A. Eyesight**

Either—

read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle and containing letters and figures 79 millimetres high and 57 millimetres wide at a distance of 20.5 metres, or

read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle and containing letters and figures 79 millimetres high and 50 millimetres wide at a distance of 20 metres.

**B. Vehicle safety checks**

- (a) Describe how to perform a check on the condition and safety of one component of the vehicle, chosen at the test conductor's discretion, from the list of components specified in paragraph (b) below, and demonstrate an actual check on the condition and safety of a second part, similarly chosen from the list.
- (b) The components are: tyres, brakes, steering, emergency stop switch (if fitted to the vehicle), chain, oil levels, lights, reflectors, direction indicators and audible warning device.

**C. Preparation to drive**

1. Adjust rear view mirrors.
2. Adjust crash helmet.

**D. Technical control of the vehicle**

1. Start the engine and move off smoothly (uphill and downhill as well as on the flat).
2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course, including during gear-changes.
3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions, possibly in restricted spaces, while maintaining control of the vehicle.
4. Lean over to turn.
5. Keep balance at various speeds.
6. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by performing an emergency stop.
7. Park the vehicle on its stand.
8. Remove motor bicycle from its stand and move it, without the aid of the engine, by walking alongside it.
9. Cause the vehicle to face in the opposite direction by driving it forward (a "U-turn").

## **E. Behaviour in traffic**

1. Observe (including the use of the rear view mirrors) road alignment, markings, signs and potential or actual risks.
2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the police and traffic controllers.
5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting speed to traffic conditions and the line of the road.
7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
8. Change lanes.
9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
10. Approach and cross junctions.
11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the carriageway.
12. Where the opportunity arises—
  - (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in confined spaces.
  - (b) Overtake in various situations.
  - (c) Approach and cross level-crossings.
  - (d) Drive in road tunnels.

## **F. Alighting from vehicle**

Take all precautions necessary when alighting.

## **PART 2**

### *Practical Test: Categories B and B + E*

(1) Each test candidate must, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), satisfy the person conducting the test as to his ability to—

- (i) carry out properly the activities, and
- (ii) perform competently, without danger to and with due consideration for other road users, the manoeuvres

specified in sections A to F below in all respects in accordance with those sections.

(2) Any requirement contained in those paragraphs shall, in the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving a motor vehicle in sub-category B1, only be complied with to the extent that it is compatible with the characteristics of the vehicle on which the test is taken.

(3) A test candidate undertaking a test for a licence authorising the driving of a vehicle included in category B + E must in addition satisfy the person conducting the test as to his ability to carry out properly the activities specified in section G but in the case of a disabled driver, the requirements to uncouple and re-couple the tractor vehicle and trailer are met by the driver describing under oral questioning how these activities should be performed.

## **A. Eyesight**

Either—

read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle and containing letters and figures 79 millimetres high and 57 millimetres wide at a distance of 20.5 metres, or

read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle and containing letters and figures 79 millimetres high and 50 millimetres wide at a distance of 20 metres.

## **B. Vehicle Safety Checks**

1. In the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category B only, describe how to perform a check on the condition and safety of one component of the vehicle, chosen at the test conductor's discretion, from the list of components specified in paragraph 3 below, and demonstrate an actual check on the condition of a second component, similarly chosen from the list.

2. In the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category B + E only, on 5 occasions demonstrate (or at the test conductor's discretion describe how to perform) a check on, at the test conductor's discretion, either—

- (a) the condition and safety of a component of the vehicle or trailer (as relevant) specified in paragraph 3; or
- (b) the condition and safety of one of the following; the body of the trailer, any sheeting used in respect of a load on the trailer, a load itself, anything intended to secure such a load, the trailer's cabin locking (if any), or its cargo doors (if any); or
- (c) the condition and safety of the trailer coupling mechanism or its brake and electrical connections.

3. The components are: tyres, steering, brakes, lights, reflectors, direction indicators, audible warning device, and the liquids used in the braking system, steering system, engine or elsewhere in the vehicle as a coolant, lubricant, cleaner or otherwise.

### **C. Preparation to drive**

1. Adjust the seat as necessary to obtain a correct seating position.
2. Adjust rear view mirrors, head restraint and seat belt.
3. Check that the doors are closed.

### **D. Technical control of the vehicle**

1. Start the engine and move off smoothly (uphill and downhill as well as on the flat).
2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course, including during gear-changes.
3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions, possibly in restricted spaces, while maintaining control of the vehicle.
4. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by performing an emergency stop.
5. Either—
  - (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres—
    - (i) reverse in a straight line and reverse right or left round a corner while keeping within the correct traffic lane;
    - (ii) turn the vehicle to face the opposite way, using forward and reverse gears;
    - (iii) park the vehicle and leave a parking space (parallel, oblique or right-angle) both forwards and in reverse, on the flat, uphill and downhill; or
  - (b) (in the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category B + E only) reverse in an S-shaped curve.

### **E. Behaviour in traffic**

1. Observe (including the use of the rear view mirrors) road alignment, markings, signs and potential or actual risks.
2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the police and traffic controllers.
5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting speed to traffic conditions and the line of the road.
7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
8. Change lanes.
9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
10. Approach and cross junctions.
11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the carriageway.
12. Where the opportunity arises—
  - (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in confined spaces.
  - (b) Overtake in various situations.
  - (c) Approach and cross level-crossings.
  - (d) Drive in road tunnels.

## **F. Alighting from vehicle**

Take all precautions necessary when alighting.

## **G. Trailer**

Uncouple the trailer from the tractor vehicle, then park the tractor vehicle parallel to the trailer, then drive the tractor vehicle from the parked position to in front of the tractor vehicle so that the tractor vehicle and trailer can be easily coupled, and finally re-couple the tractor vehicle and trailer.

## **PART 3**

### *Practical Test: Categories C and C + E*

- (1) Each test candidate must satisfy the person conducting the test as to his ability to—
- (i) carry out properly the activities, and
  - (ii) perform competently, without danger to and with due consideration for other road users, the manoeuvres

prescribed in paragraph (2), (3) or (4), as the case may be, in all respects in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

(2) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in category C or C + E, the manoeuvres and activities mentioned in sections A to D and G below are prescribed.

(3) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in category C or C + E (other than a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in sub-category C1 but not outside that sub-category), the manoeuvres and activities mentioned in section E are also prescribed.

(4) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in category C + E, the activities mentioned in section F are also prescribed.

## **A. Vehicle Safety Checks**

1. In the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category C only, on 5 occasions demonstrate (or at the test conductor's discretion describe how to perform) a check on, at the test conductor's discretion, either—

- (a) the condition and safety of a component of the vehicle specified in paragraph 3;
- (b) the condition and safety of one of the following: the body of the vehicle, any sheeting used in respect of a load on the vehicle, a load itself, anything intended to secure such a load, the vehicle's cabin locking (if any), or its cargo doors (if any); or
- (c) the vehicle's tachograph or any other part of the dashboard instrument panel.

2. In the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category C + E only, demonstrate on one occasion, and describe on a second occasion how to perform, a check (chosen at the test conductor's discretion) on the condition and safety of either—

- (a) a component of the vehicle or trailer (as relevant) specified in paragraph 3;
- (b) one of the following: the body of the trailer, any sheeting used in respect of a load on the trailer, a load itself, anything intended to secure such load, or the trailer's cargo doors (if any); or
- (c) the coupling mechanism or the brake and electrical connection between the tractor vehicle and the trailer.

3. The components are: tyres, steering, brakes, lights, reflectors, direction indicators, audible warning device, the power-assisted braking and steering systems, wheels, wheelnuts, mudguards, windscreen, windows and wipers, the air pressure in the braking system, air tanks for the braking system, the suspension, and the liquids used in the braking system, steering system, engine or elsewhere in the vehicle as a coolant, lubricant, cleaner or otherwise.

## **B. Preparation to drive**

1. Adjust the seat as necessary to obtain a correct seating position.
2. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
3. Check that the doors are closed.

### **C. Technical control of the vehicle**

1. Start the engine and move off smoothly (uphill and downhill as well as on the flat).
2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course, including during gear-changes.
3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions, possibly in restricted spaces, while maintaining control of the vehicle.
4. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by performing an emergency stop.
5. Either—
  - (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres—
    - (i) reverse in a straight line and reverse right or left round a corner while keeping within the correct traffic lane;
    - (ii) turn the vehicle to face the opposite way, using forward and reverse gears;
    - (iii) park the vehicle and leave a parking space (parallel, oblique or right-angle) both forwards and in reverse, on the flat, uphill and downhill; or
  - (b) reverse in an S-shaped curve.
6. Park the vehicle at or by a loading ramp or platform (or equivalent installation) in a position which would enable the safe loading or unloading of the trailer.

### **D. Behaviour in traffic**

1. Observe (including the use of the rear view mirrors) road alignment, markings, signs and potential or actual risks.
2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the police and traffic controllers.
5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting speed to traffic conditions and the line of the road.
7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
8. Change lanes.
9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
10. Approach and cross junctions.
11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the carriageway.
12. Where the opportunity arises—
  - (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in confined spaces.
  - (b) Overtake in various situations.
  - (c) Approach and cross level-crossings.
  - (d) Drive in road tunnels.

### **E. Larger vehicles: speed reduction and steering**

1. Check the power-assisted braking and steering systems.
2. Use the various braking systems.
3. Use the speed reduction systems other than the brakes.
4. Adjust course to allow for the length of the vehicle and its overhang.

### **F. Trailers**

Uncouple the trailer from the tractor vehicle, then park the tractor vehicle parallel to the trailer, then drive the tractor vehicle from the parked position to in front of the tractor vehicle so that the tractor vehicle and trailer can be easily coupled, and finally re-couple the tractor vehicle and trailer.

### **G. Vehicle safety**

Show awareness of vehicle safety measures and be able to operate vehicle safety systems.

## PART 4

### *Practical Test: Categories- D and D + E*

- (1) Each test candidate must satisfy the person conducting the test as to his ability to—
  - (i) carry out properly the activities, and
  - (ii) perform competently, without danger to and with due consideration for other road users, the manoeuvres

prescribed in paragraph (2), (3) or (4), as the case may be, in all respects in accordance with this Part of this Schedule.

(2) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in category D or D + E, the manoeuvres and activities mentioned in sections A to D and G below are prescribed.

(3) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in category D or D + E (other than a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in sub-category D1 but not outside that sub-category), the manoeuvres and activities mentioned in section E are also prescribed.

(4) In the case of candidates taking a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles included in category D + E, the activities mentioned in section F are also prescribed.

#### **A. Vehicle safety checks**

1. In the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category D only, on 5 occasions demonstrate (or at the test conductor's discretion describe how to perform) a check (chosen at the test conductor's discretion) on the condition and safety of either—

- (a) a component of the vehicle (chosen at the test conductor's discretion) listed in paragraph 3; or
- (b) a feature (chosen at the test conductor's discretion) of the vehicle listed in paragraph 4.

2. In the case of a test for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in category D + E only, demonstrate on one occasion, and on a second occasion describe how to perform, a check (chosen at the test conductor's discretion) on the condition and safety of either—

- (a) a component (chosen at the test conductor's discretion) of the vehicle or trailer (as relevant) listed in paragraph 3;
- (b) a feature (chosen at the test conductor's discretion) of the vehicle or trailer (as relevant) listed in paragraph 4; or
- (c) the coupling mechanism or the brake and electrical connection between the tractor vehicle and the trailer.

3. The components are: tyres, steering, brakes, lights, reflectors, direction indicators, audible warning device, the power-assisted braking and steering systems, wheels, wheelnuts, mudguards, windscreen, windows and wipers, the tachograph or other dashboard instrument, the air pressure in the braking system, air tanks for the braking system, the suspension, and the liquids used in the braking system, steering system, engine or elsewhere in the vehicle as a coolant, lubricant, cleaner or otherwise.

4. The features are: the service doors, the emergency exits, the first aid equipment, the fire extinguishers, and any other piece of safety equipment.

#### **B. Preparation to drive**

1. Adjust the seat as necessary to obtain a correct seating position.
2. Adjust rear view mirrors and seat belt.
3. Check that the doors are closed.

#### **C. Technical control of the vehicle**

1. Start the engine and move off smoothly (uphill and downhill as well as on the flat).
2. Accelerate to a suitable speed while maintaining a straight course, including during gear-changes.
3. Adjust speed to negotiate left or right turns at junctions, possibly in restricted spaces, while maintaining control of the vehicle.
4. Brake accurately to stop where directed, if need be by performing an emergency stop.
5. Either—
  - (a) perform any two of the following manoeuvres—
    - (i) reverse in a straight line and reverse right or left round a corner while keeping within the correct traffic lane;

- (ii) turn the vehicle to face the opposite way, using forward and reverse gears;
  - (iii) park the vehicle and leave a parking space (parallel, oblique or right-angle) both forwards and in reverse, on the flat, uphill and downhill; or
- (b) reverse in an S-shaped curve.

6. Park the vehicle in an appropriate place as would enable passengers to alight or board safely.

#### **D. Behaviour in traffic**

1. Observe (including the use of the rear view mirrors) road alignment, markings, signs and potential or actual risks.
2. Communicate with other road users using the authorised means.
3. React appropriately in actual risk situations.
4. Comply with road traffic regulations and the instructions of the police and traffic controllers.
5. Move off from the kerb or a parking space.
6. Drive with the vehicle correctly positioned on the road, adjusting speed to traffic conditions and the line of the road.
7. Keep the right distance between vehicles.
8. Change lanes.
9. Pass parked or stationary vehicles and obstacles.
10. Approach and cross junctions.
11. Turn right and left at junctions or to leave the carriageway.
12. Where the opportunity arises—
  - (a) Pass oncoming vehicles, including in confined spaces.
  - (b) Overtake in various situations.
  - (c) Approach and cross level-crossings.
  - (d) Drive in road tunnels.

#### **E. Larger vehicles: speed reduction and steering**

1. Check the power-assisted braking and steering systems.
2. Use the various braking systems.
3. Use the speed reduction systems other than the brakes.
4. Adjust course to allow for the length of the vehicle and its overhang.

#### **F. Trailers**

Uncouple the trailer from the tractor vehicle, then park the tractor vehicle parallel to the trailer, then drive the tractor vehicle from the parked position to in front of the tractor vehicle so that the tractor vehicle and trailer can be easily coupled, and finally re-couple the tractor vehicle and trailer.

#### **G. Vehicle safety**

Show awareness of vehicle safety measures and be able to operate vehicle safety systems.

### **PART 5**

#### *Unitary Test: Categories F, G, H and K*

1. Either—
  - (a) read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle and containing letters and figures 79 millimetres high and 57 millimetres wide at a distance of—
    - (i) 12.3 metres, in the case of a test conducted in respect of a vehicle included in category K;
    - (ii) 20.5 metres, in any other case, or
  - (b) read in good daylight (with the aid of corrective lenses if worn) a registration mark fixed to a motor vehicle and containing letters and figures 79 millimetres high and 50 millimetres wide at a distance of—
    - (i) 12 metres, in the case of a test conducted in respect of a vehicle included in category K;

- (ii) 20 metres, in any other case.
2. Start the engine of the vehicle.
  3. Move away straight ahead or at an angle.
  4. Overtake, meet or cross the path of other vehicles and take an appropriate course.
  5. Turn right-hand and left-hand corners correctly.
  6. Stop the vehicle in an emergency and normally and, in the latter case, bring it to rest in an appropriate part of the road.

## PART 6

### *Unitary Test: Categories F and G*

1. Carry out manoeuvres involving the use of reverse gear (except in a case where the vehicle is not fitted with a means of reversing).
2. Indicate intended actions at appropriate times by giving appropriate signals in a clear and unmistakable manner.  
In the case of a test taken on a vehicle with a left-hand drive or by a disabled person for whom it is impracticable or undesirable to give signals by arm, there shall be no requirement to give signals which cannot be given by mechanical means.
3. Act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic signs and traffic controllers and take appropriate action in relation to signs given by other road users.

## PART 7

### *Unitary Test: Category H*

1. Indicate intended actions at appropriate times by giving appropriate signals in a clear and unmistakable manner.  
In the case of a test taken on a vehicle with a left-hand drive or by a disabled person for whom it is impracticable or undesirable to give signals by arm, there shall be no requirement to give signals which cannot be given by mechanical means.
2. Act correctly and promptly on all signals given by traffic signs and traffic controllers and take appropriate action in relation to signs given by other road users.
3. Drive the vehicle backwards and cause it to face in the opposite direction by means of tracks.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999 (“the principal Regulations”). The amendments made are as follows.

Regulation 2 amends regulation 23 of the principal Regulations so as to enable a chief officer of a fire brigade to appoint a person to conduct theory tests for members or employees of any fire brigade (and not just of the fire brigade of the appointing chief officer as was the case immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations).

Regulation 3(2) amends regulation 24 of the principal Regulations (and makes consequential amendments to the principal Regulations) so as to enable a chief officer of a fire brigade to appoint a person to conduct practical and unitary tests for members or employees of any fire brigade (and not just of the fire brigade of the appointing chief officer as was the case immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations). Regulation 3(3) removes the provision under which persons appointed by certain approved companies (in practice only ever the Post Office) had been appointed to conduct practical and unitary tests.

Regulation 4 amends regulation 30 of the principal Regulations by increasing the fee payable by a theory test candidate from £18 to £20.50, an increase of 14% (to two significant figures).

Regulation 5 amends regulation 37 of the principal Regulations to provide that the vehicle to be driven by a person submitting himself for a test for a licence authorising the driving of category C, D, C + E, or D + E vehicles (large goods vehicles and passenger-carrying vehicles each with or without a trailer) must be fitted with an anti-lock braking system and a tachograph, and that vehicles in category C or C + E must have at least eight forward ratios. Regulation 5 also varies (on a category by category basis) the minimum specifications of, and imposes new requirements for, vehicles in which drivers will be tested in respect of their driving of vehicles of that category. Regulation 5 contains transitional provisions in respect of practical or unitary tests conducted in a vehicle which was first used on a road before the coming into force of the new minimum specifications and requirements for test vehicles.

Regulation 6 amends regulation 47 of the principal Regulations by increasing the fee payable by a person authorised to conduct theory tests for a theory test pass certificate from £7.50 to £10, an increase of 33% (to two significant figures).

Regulation 7 and the Schedule to these Regulations provide for the substitution of Schedule 8 to the principal Regulations and thereby alter the specified matters which may or will be tested in respect of tests for licences for vehicles in each of vehicle categories A, P, B, B + E, C, C + E, D, and D + E (and their respective sub-categories). The main change is the inclusion of requirements for a candidate to be able to demonstrate or describe safety checks on the vehicle in respect of which he is seeking a licence.

The new Schedule 8 to the principal Regulations also introduces a revised parking exercise (see Part 4, section C6) in respect of practical tests for passenger-carrying vehicles. Positional exercises (see Part 2, section G; Part 3, section F; and Part 4, section F) in respect of the uncoupling and re-coupling of tractor vehicles and trailers have also been added. In each of Parts 1 to 4, by virtue of amendments to the respective sections concerning behaviour in traffic, a test candidate is now required to demonstrate his ability to drive appropriately through a tunnel where the opportunity to do so arises.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the Driving Standards Agency, Stanley House, Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GU.



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