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ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment)
Regulations 2007**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>21st February 2007</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>27th February 2007</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>1st April 2007</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 49 and 51(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(a) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(b).

In accordance with section 195(2) of that Act he has consulted with such representative organisations as he thinks fit.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 1st April 2007.

Preliminary

2. The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988(c) shall be amended as follows.

Amendment to regulation 12 (manner of making application for first examinations or periodic tests, and fees)

3. In regulation 12(3), for the Table there shall be substituted the following Table—

(a) 1988 c. 52; sections 49 and 51 were amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 41), Schedule 4, paragraph 54 and Schedule 8.
(b) S.I. 1988/643, which was made under the Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c. 51), section 102. The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/1684 and the relevant entry in S.I. 1988/643 is Schedule 1, Table III, item 3.
(c) S.I. 1988/1478; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1989/1693, 1990/448, 1991/454, 1992/564 and 2447, 1993/2048 and 3013, 1997/82 and 263, 1998/1671, 2000/1433, 2001/1650, 2002/487, 2003/1816, 2004/1873 and 2005/2343.

“Table

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	49.00
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	70.00
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	91.00
Trailer with 1 axle	24.00
Trailer with 2 axles	36.00
Trailer with 3 or more axles	46.00”

Amendment to regulation 16 (fees for re-tests)

4. In regulation 16(1), for the Table there shall be substituted the following Table—

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<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	32.00
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	46.00
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	60.00
Trailer with 1 axle	16.00
Trailer with 2 axles	23.00
Trailer with 3 or more axles	31.00”

Further amendments relating to fees

5. In the regulations specified in column (1) of the following Table, for the amounts specified in column (2) there shall be substituted the amounts specified in column (3).

Table

<i>(1) Regulation</i>	<i>(2) Existing Amount (£)</i>	<i>(3) Substituted Amount (£)</i>
12(4)	32.00	34.00
	20.00	21.00
12(4A)	11.00	12.00
16(4)	16.00	17.00
	11.00	12.00
16(5)	32.00	34.00
	20.00	21.00
16(5A)	11.00	12.00
16(6)	10.00	11.00
25(4)	25.00	26.00
34(1)	22.00	23.00
34(2)	11.00	12.00
37B(2)	22.00	23.00
41(1)	11.00	12.00

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

21st February 2007

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Minister of State
Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988 (“the 1988 Regulations”). *Regulations 3, 4, and 5* make extensive amendments to the fees prescribed by the 1988 Regulations.

Regulation 3 changes the fee payable on an application for a first examination or periodical test as shown in Table 1 below (with the percentage increase shown in brackets).

Table 1

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Old Fee (£)</i>	<i>New Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	46	49 (6.5%)
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	66	70 (6.1%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	86	91 (5.8%)
Trailer with 1 axle	23	24 (4.3%)
Trailer with 2 axles	34	36 (5.9%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	44	46 (4.5%)

Where the appointment for such an examination or test is, at the applicant’s request, “out of hours”, the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 6.3% from £32 to £34 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 5% from £20 to £21 in the case of a trailer (regulation 12(4) of the 1988 Regulations). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such an examination or test is, at the applicant’s request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement, is increased by 9.1% from £11 to £12 in the case of a motor vehicle (regulation 12(4A) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 5*). There is no change in the case of a trailer, which remains at £6.

Regulation 4 changes the fee payable on an application for a re-test or further re-test carried out within 14 days after the vehicle was submitted for its first examination, periodic test or previous re-test (regulation 16(1) and (3) of the 1988 Regulations). The new fees are shown in Table 2 below (with the percentage increase shown in brackets).

Table 2

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Old Fee (£)</i>	<i>New Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	30	32 (6.7%)
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	44	46 (4.5%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	57	60 (5.3%)
Trailer with 1 axle	15	16 (6.7%)
Trailer with 2 axles	22	23 (4.5%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	29	31 (6.9%)

Where the appointment for a re-test or further re-test within 14 days is, at the applicant's request, "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 6.3% from £16 to £17 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 9.1% from £11 to £12 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(4) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 5*). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-test or further re-test is, at the applicant's request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is "out of hours", further supplement, the fee of £7 in the case of a motor vehicle and £3 in the case of a trailer remains unchanged (regulation 16(4A) of the 1988 Regulations).

Where the appointment for a re-test or further re-test not within 14 days is, at the applicant's request, "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 6.3% from £32 to £34 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 5% from £20 to £21 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(5) of the 1988 Regulations). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-test or further re-test is, at the applicant's request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is "out of hours", further supplement is increased by 9.1% from £11 to £12 in the case of a motor vehicle (regulation 16(5A) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 5*); and there is no change in the case of a trailer, which remains at £6. Where a re-test is carried out in the circumstances specified in regulation 16(6) of the 1988 Regulations, the fee in the case of a motor vehicle is increased by 10% from £10 to £11 (*regulation 5*). The fee of £5 in the case of a trailer remains unchanged.

The fee payable on an appeal in respect of a determination made on a first examination, or on a consequent retest of a vehicle is increased by 4% from £25 to £26 (regulation 25(4) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 5*).

The fee payable on a request for an amendment to a plating certificate following a notifiable alteration or for a re-examination where a particular contained in a plating certificate is or may be no longer applicable is increased by 4.5% from £22 to £23 (regulation 34(1) of the 1988 Regulations). Where an appointment for a re-examination following a notifiable alteration or with a view to amendment of a plating certificate is, at the applicant's request, "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 9.1% from £11 to £12 (regulation 34(2) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 5*). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-examination is, at the applicant's request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is "out of hours", further supplement, the fee of £7 in the case of a motor vehicle and £3 in the case of a trailer remains unchanged (regulation 34(2A) of the 1988 Regulations).

The fee payable for the alteration of the plated weights (or any of the plated weights) for a vehicle without an examination is increased by 4.5% from £22 to £23 (regulation 37B(2) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 5*).

The fee payable for replacements of Ministry plates, plating certificates, goods vehicle test certificates or Ministry test date discs is increased by 9.1% from £11 to £12 (regulation 41(1) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 5*).

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the Department for Transport, 5th floor, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DT (telephone: 020 7944 2455). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. The regulatory impact assessment is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website www.opsi.gov.uk.

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