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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 2116**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2014**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>6th August 2014</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>19th August 2014</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st October 2014</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 57(1) to (3) and 61B(1)(d) of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994<sup>(1)</sup>. In determining the amount of the fees specified in these Regulations, the Secretary of State has taken into account the costs of the functions listed in paragraph 42 of Schedule 1 to the Department for Transport (Fees) Order 2009<sup>(2)</sup> and has taken into account the matters listed in Schedule 2 to that Order in determining the costs of those functions.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 1st October 2014.

**Amendment of Regulations**

2. The Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002<sup>(3)</sup> are amended as follows.

**Amendments to Schedule 2 (Reduced pollution certificates and the reduced pollution requirements)**

3. In paragraph 13 (prescribed fees) of Schedule 2—

(1) In sub-paragraph (1), for “sub-paragraph (2)” substitute “sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (3A)”.

(2) In sub-paragraph (1)(a), for “£34” substitute “£42”.

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(1) 1994 c.22; section 57(1) was amended by the Finance Act 1996 (c.8), sections 23 and 205 and Schedule 2, paragraph 16 and Schedule 41, Part II(6); section 61B was inserted by the Finance Act 1998 (c.36), section 16 and Schedule 1, paragraph 2 and amended by the Finance Act 2006 (c.25), section 14 and by the Finance Act 2008 (c.9), section 148.

(2) S.I. 2009/711; the relevant provisions are articles 6(3) and 9.

(3) S.I. 2002/2742; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2003/2335, 2004/1872 and 2009, 2005/2344, 2007/498, 2008/1444, 2009/880, 2009/3103 and 2012/304.

- (3) In sub-paragraph (1)(b), for “£20” substitute “£25”.
- (4) In sub-paragraph (3)—
  - (a) for “£2” substitute “£12”; and
  - (b) for “£1” substitute “£7”.
- (5) After sub-paragraph (3), insert—
  - “(3A) In the case of an examination carried out in Northern Ireland the fee payable under sub-paragraph (1)(a) shall be reduced by £8, and the fee payable under sub-paragraph (1)(b) shall be reduced by £5.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

6th August 2014

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Road Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations 2002 (S.I. 2002/2742) (“the 2002 Regulations”).

The Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (“the 1994 Act”) provides for reduced rates of vehicle excise duty to be applicable to certain buses, haulage vehicles and heavy goods vehicles (“eligible vehicles”) which meet the reduced pollution requirements. Regulation 5 of, and Schedule 2 to, the 2002 Regulations prescribe the reduced pollution requirements for the purposes of the 1994 Act and provide for the issue of reduced pollution certificates where those requirements are shown to be satisfied.

The fees in relation to the determination of applications for reduced pollution certificates are prescribed in paragraph 13 of Schedule 2 to the 2002 Regulations and *regulation 3* makes several amendments to that paragraph.

Where an examination is undertaken to determine an application for a reduced pollution certificate in a specified case or for an eligible vehicle at the applicant’s request, and the examination is not carried out at the same time as an examination for other specified purposes, *regulation 3* provides that the fee in paragraph 13(1)(a) is increased from £34 to £42 (+23.5%). Where the examination is carried out at the same time as an examination for other specified purposes, the fee in paragraph 13(1)(b) is increased from £20 to £25 (+25.0%). These fees were last adjusted with effect from 1st April 2012. Where the examinations mentioned above are carried out in Great Britain at premises not provided by the Secretary of State, paragraph 13(3) now provides that the fees are reduced by £12 and £7 respectively with the effect that the total fees charged in these circumstances have been reduced from £32 to £30 (-6.3%) and from £19 to £18 (-5.3%). A new sub-paragraph (3A) has been inserted to provide for separate overall fees in such circumstances for examinations carried out in Northern Ireland so that the total fees charged there remain unchanged at £34 and £20 respectively.

These changes to the fees take effect from 1st October 2014.

An impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the DVSA Corporate Office, Berkeley House, Croydon Street, Bristol BS5 0DA (telephone: 0117 954 3200). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. The impact assessment is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the website, [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk). DVSA (Driver and Vehicles Standards Agency) was formed on 1st April 2014 following the merger of VOSA (Vehicle and Operator Services Agency) with the DSA (Driving Standards Agency) to form a single entity.