
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2014 No. 300 (C. 16)

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Taxis (2008 Act) (Commencement
No.4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014

Made - - - - 5th December 2014

The Department of the Environment makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 59 of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008(1).

Citation and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Taxis (2008 Act) (Commencement No.4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014.

(2) In this Order “the Act” means the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Commencement Information

I1 Art. 1 in operation at made date

Appointed days

2.—(1) The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act specified in Part 1 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of making regulations, is 9th December 2014.

(2) The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act specified in Part 2 of the Schedule, for the purpose of only of making an application for a taxi licence, is 1st June 2015.

(3) The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Act specified in Part 3 of the Schedule, for all purposes is, 29th June 2015.

Commencement Information

I2 Art. 2 in operation at made date

Status: Point in time view as at 05/12/2014.

Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Taxis (2008 Act) (Commencement No.4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2014. (See end of Document for details)

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 5th December 2014



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Department of the Environment

SCHEDULE

Article 2

PART 1

Provisions coming into operation on 9th December
2014 for the purpose only of making regulations

Commencement Information

I3 Sch. Pt. 1 in operation at made date

| <i>Provisions of the Act</i> | <i>Subject Matter</i> |
|------------------------------|---|
| Section 13 | Taxi licences |
| Section 15 | Identification of licensed vehicles |
| Section 19 | Taxis not to carry more than the prescribed number of persons |
| Section 20 | Regulations concerning taxis or use of taxis |

PART 2

Provisions coming into operation on 1st June 2015 for the
purpose only of making an application for a taxi licence

Commencement Information

I4 Sch. Pt. 2 in operation at made date

| <i>Provisions of the Act</i> | <i>Subject Matter</i> |
|---|-----------------------|
| Section 13(1) insofar as not already in operation | Taxi licences |

PART 3

Provisions coming into operation on 29th June 2015 for all purposes

Commencement Information

I5 Sch. Pt. 3 in operation at made date

| <i>Provisions of the Act</i> | <i>Subject Matter</i> |
|------------------------------|--|
| Section 5 | Hiring of taxis at separate fares – General |
| Section 6 | Compliance with Departmental taxi-sharing scheme |

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| <i>Provisions of the Act</i> | <i>Subject Matter</i> |
|---|---|
| Section 7 | Advance booking |
| Section 12 | Requirement for taxi licence |
| Section 13 insofar as not already in operation | Taxi licences |
| Section 14 | Duties of owners of licensed taxis |
| Section 15 insofar as not already in operation | Identification of licensed vehicles |
| Section 19 insofar as not already in operation | Taxis not to carry more than the prescribed number of persons |
| Section 20 insofar as not already in operation | Regulations concerning taxis or use of taxis |
| Section 39 | Power to stop and examine licensed taxis |
| Section 41 | Power of seizure |
| Section 42 | Regulations concerning vehicles and equipment seized under section 38 or 41 |
| Section 48 and Schedule 1 for the purpose of the insertions into the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(2) only insofar as they relate to offences under sections 5(2), 12(2) and (3), 14(6), 15(3) and (4), 19(2), 20(3) and 39(3) | Offences |
| Section 54(1) insofar as not already in operation | Application of other statutory provisions |
| Paragraphs 2, 5, 6(b), 8, 9, 10 and 13(b) of Schedule 2 and section 58(2) insofar as it relates to those paragraphs | Minor and consequential amendments |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation the provisions of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 specified in—

- (a) Part 1 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of making regulations, on 9th December 2014;
- (b) Part 2 of the Schedule, for the purpose only of making an application for a taxi licence, on 1st June 2015; and
- (c) Part 3 of the Schedule, for all purposes, on 29th June 2015.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS*(This note is not part of the Order)*

The following provisions of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 have been brought into operation by commencement order made before the date of this Order.

| <i>Provision</i> | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.R. No.</i> |
|---|--------------------------------|--|
| Section 21 | 23rd November 2009 | S.R. 2009 No.352 (C.25) |
| Section 40 | | |
| Section 54(1) insofar as it relates to the power in Article 65 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 ⁽³⁾ to make bye-laws the provisions of which are, or could be, included in an order under Article 27A of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 ⁽⁴⁾ , (4) and (5) | | |
| Paragraphs 1, 6(a), 11, 12 and 13(a) of Schedule 2 and section 58(1) insofar as it relates to those paragraphs | | |
| Section 1 (partially) | 8 th August 2012 | S.R. 2012 No. 313 (C.28) |
| | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 2 (partially) | 8 th August 2012 | |
| | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 3 (partially) | 8 th August 2012 | |
| | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 4 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 25 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 26 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 27 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 28 (partially) | 8 th August 2012 | |
| | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 29 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 30 (partially) | 8 th August 2012 | |

(3) [S.I.1981/154 \(N.I.\)](#)

(4) [S.I.1997/276 \(N.I.2\)](#)

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| <i>Provision</i> | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.R. No.</i> |
|---|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 31 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 32 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 33 (partially) | 8 th August 2012 | |
| Section 33(1)(a), (c) to (e) and (2) in so far as not already in operation | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 34 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 35 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 37 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 38 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 44 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 45 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 46 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 47 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 48 and Schedule 1 relating to offences under the following sections— | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 1(3) Operating a taxi service without an operator’s licence, | | |
| Section 3(5) Knowingly keeping or making false records etc, | | |
| Section 3(10) Operating a taxi service in respect of unlicensed taxi or in respect of taxi driven by unlicensed driver, | | |
| Section 3(11) Contravention of other operator’s duties, | | |
| Section 4(2) Sub-contracting work to a non-licensed operator, | | |
| Section 31(5) Failure to produce documents etc., | | |
| Section 32(6) Failure to comply with requirement or direction to return licence, plate, etc. or badge, | | |
| Section 37(3) Failure to comply with an enforcement notice, | | |

| <i>Provision</i> | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.R. No.</i> |
|--|---------------------------------|---|
| Section 44(1) Knowingly etc. to make false statement or furnish false information, | | |
| Section 44(2) Forging, possessing, documents, etc. with intent to deceive, | | |
| Section 45(1) Obstruction of constable or authorised officer, | | |
| Section 45(2) Failure to comply with requirement of constable or authorised officer or failure to give a constable or authorised officer assistance or information, | | |
| Section 45(3) Knowingly to make a false statement to authorised officer or constable. | | |
| Section 50 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 53 | 1 st September 2012 | |
| Section 22 | 31 st October 2014 | S.R. 2014 No.238 (C.15) |
| Section 23 (partially) | 24 th September 2014 | |
| Section 23 insofar as not already in operation, except for subsection (8) | 31 st October 2014 | |
| Section 24 | 31 st October 2014 | |
| Section 48 and Schedule 1 relating to offences under the following sections— | 31 st October 2014 | |
| Section 22(2) Driving a taxi without a taxi driver’s licence, | | |
| Section 22(3) Operating a taxi service driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver’s licence or owning a taxi being driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver’s licence, | | |
| Section 22(5) Driving a taxi without a taxi driver’s licence for that class of taxi, | | |
| Section 22(6) Operating a taxi service driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver’s licence for that class of taxi or owning a taxi driven by a taxi driver without a taxi driver’s licence for that class of taxi, | | |

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| <i>Provision</i> | <i>Date of Commencement</i> | <i>S.R. No.</i> |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Section 24(5) Failure to wear a taxi driver's badge or display other identification. | | |
| Section 52 (partially) | 24 th September 2014 | |
| Section 52 insofar as not already in operation | 31 st October 2014 | |
| Section 58 (2) and Schedule 3 insofar as they relate to the repeal of— | 31 st October 2014 | |
| Article 79A of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981; | | |
| Article 6 of, and Part 2 of Schedule 3 to the Road Traffic (Amendment)(Northern Ireland) Order 1991; and | | |
| In Part 1 of Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, the entry relating to Article 79A of the 1981 Order. | | |

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