
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1074

The Road Traffic (New Drivers) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

Introductory

Probationary period for newly qualified drivers

3.—(1) For the purposes of this Order, a person's probationary period is, subject to Article 9, the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which he becomes a qualified driver.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, a person becomes a qualified driver on the first occasion on which he passes—

- (a) any test of competence to drive mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (c) of Article 5(1) of the Order of 1981;
- (b) any test of competence to drive conducted under the law of—
 - (i) another EEA State;
 - (ii) the Isle of Man;
 - (iii) any of the Channel Islands; or
 - (iv) Gibraltar.

(3) In paragraph (2) "EEA State" means a State which is a contracting party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area signed at Oporto on 2nd May 1992, as adjusted by the Protocol signed at Brussels on 17th March 1993.