



# Road Traffic Act 1988

## 1988 CHAPTER 52

### PART III

#### LICENSING OF DRIVERS OF VEHICLES

##### *Disqualification (otherwise than on conviction)*

#### **101 Disqualification of persons under age.**

- (1) A person is disqualified for holding or obtaining a licence to drive a motor vehicle of a class specified in the following Table if he is under the age specified in relation to it in the second column of the Table.

<sup>[F1]</sup> Class of motor vehicle	Age (in years)
1. Invalid carriage	16
2. Moped	16
3. Motor bicycle	17
4. Agricultural or forestry tractor	17
5. Small vehicle	17
6. Medium-sized good vehicle	18
Other motor vehicle	21]

- (2) The Secretary of State may by regulations provide that subsection (1) above shall have effect as if for the classes of vehicles and the ages specified in the Table in that subsection there were substituted different classes of vehicles and ages or different classes of vehicles or different ages.
- (3) Subject to subsection (4) below, the regulations may—
- apply to persons of a class specified in or under the regulations,
  - apply in circumstances so specified,

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- (c) impose conditions or create exemptions or provide for the imposition of conditions or the creation of exemptions,
  - (d) contain such transitional and supplemental provisions (including provisions amending section 108, 120 or 183(5) of this Act) as the Secretary of State considers necessary or expedient.
- (4) For the purpose of defining the class of persons to whom, the class of vehicles to which, the circumstances in which or the conditions subject to which regulations made by virtue of subsection (2) above are to apply where an approved training scheme for drivers is in force, it is sufficient for the regulations to refer to a document which embodies the terms (or any of the terms) of the scheme or to a document which is in force in pursuance of the scheme.
- (5) In subsection (4) above—
- “approved” means approved for the time being by the Secretary of State for the purpose of the regulations,
  - “training scheme for drivers” means a scheme for training persons to drive vehicles of a class in relation to which the age which is in force under this section (but apart from any such scheme) is 21 years,
- but no approved training scheme for drivers shall be amended without the approval of the Secretary of State.

#### Textual Amendments

- F1** Table in s. 101(1) substituted (23.7.1996 for specified purposes and otherwise 1.1.1997) by [S.I. 1996/1974, reg. 2, Sch. 1 para. 15](#)

#### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 101 excluded (23.6.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1736, art. 8\(5\)](#)

## 102 Disqualification to prevent duplication of licences.

A person is disqualified for obtaining a licence authorising him to drive a motor vehicle of any class so long as he is the holder of another licence authorising him to drive a motor vehicle of that class, whether the licence is suspended or not.

- [<sup>F2</sup>(2) A person is also disqualified for holding or obtaining a licence authorising him to drive a motor vehicle of any class so long as he is authorised by virtue of section 109(1) of this Act to drive a motor vehicle of that or a corresponding class.]

#### Textual Amendments

- F2** S. 102(2) inserted (11.10.2004) by virtue of [Crime \(International Co-operation\) Act 2003 \(c. 32\), ss. 78\(4\), 94; S.I. 2004/2624, art. 2\(2\)\(a\)](#)

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