



Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994

1994 CHAPTER 22

PART I

VEHICLE EXCISE DUTY AND LICENCES

Trade licences

11 Issue of trade licences.

(1) Where—

- (a) a motor trader or vehicle tester, or
- (b) a person who satisfies the Secretary of State that he intends to commence business as a motor trader or vehicle tester,

applies to the Secretary of State (in the manner [^{F1}specified] by the Secretary of State) to take out a licence under this section (a “trade licence”), the Secretary of State may, subject to the conditions [^{F2}prescribed by regulations made by the Secretary of State], issue such a licence to him on payment of vehicle excise duty at the rate applicable to the licence.

[^{F3}(1A) The power to prescribe conditions under subsection (1) includes, in particular, the power to prescribe conditions which are to be complied with after the licence is issued.]

(2) In the case of a motor trader who is a manufacturer of vehicles, a trade licence is a licence for—

- (a) all vehicles which are from time to time temporarily in his possession in the course of his business as a motor trader,
- (b) all vehicles kept and used by him solely for purposes of conducting research and development in the course of his business as such a manufacturer, and
- (c) all vehicles which are from time to time submitted to him by other manufacturers for testing on roads in the course of that business.

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- (3) In the case of any other motor trader, a trade licence is a licence for all vehicles which are from time to time temporarily in his possession in the course of his business as a motor trader.
- (4) In the case of a vehicle tester, a trade licence is a licence for all vehicles which are from time to time submitted to him for testing in the course of his business as a vehicle tester.

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 11(1) substituted (1.5.1995 with effect as mentioned in [Sch. 4 para. 30\(3\)](#) of the amending Act) by [1995 c. 4, s. 19](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. V para. 30\(2\)\(a\)\(3\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 11(1) substituted (1.5.1995 with effect as mentioned in [Sch. 4 para. 30\(3\)](#) of the amending Act) by [1995 c. 4, s. 19](#), [Sch. 4 Pt. V para. 30\(2\)\(b\)\(3\)](#)
- F3** S. 11(1A) inserted (29.4.1996) by [1996 c. 8, s. 23](#), [Sch. 2 para. 3](#)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 7(1A) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(2\)](#)
- s. 7(5)(za) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(3\)](#)
- s. 22(1)(aa) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(6\)](#)
- s. 22(1AA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(9\)](#)
- s. 22(1BA) inserted by [2006 c. 49 s. 47\(10\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 1N inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(5\)\(e\)\(7\)](#)
- Sch. 2 para. 20G(2)(za)-(zc) inserted by [2023 c. 1 s. 10\(2\)\(a\)\(i\)\(7\)](#)