



Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995

1995 CHAPTER 23

Revocation etc. of operators' licences

28 Disqualification.

- (1) Where, under section 26(1) or 27(1), a traffic commissioner directs that an operator's licence be revoked, the commissioner may order the person who was the holder of the licence to be disqualified (either indefinitely or for such period as the commissioner thinks fit) from holding or obtaining an operator's licence; and so long as the disqualification is in force—
 - (a) any operator's licence held by him at the date of the making of the order (other than the licence revoked) shall be suspended, and
 - (b) notwithstanding anything in section 13 or 24, no operator's licence may be issued to him.
- (2) If a person applies for or obtains an operator's licence while he is disqualified under subsection (1)—
 - (a) he is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale, and
 - (b) any operator's licence issued to him on the application, or (as the case may be) the operator's licence obtained by him, shall be void.
- (3) An order under subsection (1) may be limited so as to apply only to the holding or obtaining of an operator's licence in respect of one or more specified traffic areas and, if the order is so limited—
 - (a) paragraphs (a) and (b) of that subsection and subsection (2) shall apply only to any operator's licence to which the order applies, but
 - (b) notwithstanding section 5(4)(b), no other operator's licence held by the person in question shall authorise the use by him of any vehicle at a time when its operating centre is in a traffic area in respect of which he is disqualified by virtue of the order.

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- (4) Where [^{F1}a traffic commissioner] makes an order under subsection (1) in respect of any person, the commissioner may direct that if that person, at any time or during such period as the commissioner may specify—
- (a) is a director of, or holds a controlling interest in—
 - (i) a company which holds a licence of the kind to which the order in question applies, or
 - (ii) a company of which such a company is a subsidiary, or
 - (b) operates any goods vehicles in partnership with a person who holds such a licence,
- that licence of that company or, as the case may be, of that person, shall be liable to revocation, suspension or curtailment under section 26.
- (5) The powers conferred by subsections (1) and (4) in relation to the person who was the holder of a licence shall be exercisable also—
- (a) where that person was a company, in relation to any director of that company, and
 - (b) where that person operated vehicles under the licence in partnership with other persons, in relation to any of those other persons;
- and any reference in this section or in section 26 or 29 to subsection (1) or (4) above includes a reference to that subsection as it applies by virtue of this subsection.
- (6) [^{F2}Where an order has been made under subsection (1) disqualifying any person, a traffic commissioner] may at any time—
- (a) cancel that order together with any direction that was given under subsection (4) when the order was made;
 - (b) cancel any such direction; or
 - (c) with the consent of the person disqualified, vary the order or any such direction (or both the order and any such direction).
- (7) Where an operator's licence is suspended under this section, the licence remains in force during the time of its suspension subject to the limitation that no vehicles are authorised to be used under it.
- (8) For the purposes of this section a person holds a controlling interest in a company if he is the beneficial owner of more than half its equity share capital (as defined in [^{F3}section 548 of the Companies Act 2006]).

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 28(4) substituted (3.7.2013) by [The Local Transport Act 2008 \(Traffic Commissioners\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1644\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 1(3), 2, 7)
- F2** Words in s. 28(6) substituted (3.7.2013) by [The Local Transport Act 2008 \(Traffic Commissioners\) \(Consequential Amendments\) Order 2013 \(S.I. 2013/1644\)](#), art. 1(1), **Sch. 1** (with arts. 1(3), 2, 7)
- F3** Words in s. 28(8) substituted (1.10.2009) by [The Companies Act 2006 \(Consequential Amendments, Transitional Provisions and Savings\) Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1941\)](#), art. 1(2), **Sch. 1 para. 153(3)** (with art. 10)

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

- s. 5(6)(6A) substituted for s. 5(6) by [2000 c. 38 s. 263](#)