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## ROAD TRAFFIC

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment)  
Regulations 1969

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The Minister of Transport in exercise of his powers under sections 99 and 113 of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a) and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 260(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 2nd June 1969, and may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 1969.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963(c), as amended(d), shall have effect as though:—

(a) in Regulation 3(1) there were added after the definition of “vehicle propelled by electric power” the following definition:—

““vehicle with automatic transmission” means a vehicle in which the driver is not provided with any means whereby he may, independently of the use of the accelerator or the brakes, vary gradually the proportion of the power being produced by the engine which is transmitted to the road wheels of the vehicle.”;

(b) in Regulation 13(b) there were substituted for the words “the Admiralty, the Army Council, the Air Council” the words “the Ministry of Defence”;

(c) for Regulation 18 there shall be substituted the following Regulation:—

“Production of vehicle for test etc.

18.—(1) A person submitting himself for a test shall—

(a) provide for the purposes of the test a motor vehicle, which—

(i) is suitable for the purposes of the test,

(ii) is not fitted with a device designed to permit a person other than the driver to operate the accelerator, unless any pedal or lever by which the device is operated and any other parts which it may be necessary to remove to make the device inoperable by such a person during the test have been removed;

(a) 1960 c.16.

(b) 1889 c.63.

(c) S.I. 1963/1026 (1963 II, p.1730).

(d) There is no amendment which relates expressly to the subject matter of these regulations.

(b) produce to the examiner who is to conduct his test his licence or other driving permit by virtue of which he is entitled to drive in Great Britain and shall sign the examiner's attendance record.

(2) Where a person submitting himself for a test fails to produce a vehicle or a vehicle which complies with the foregoing paragraph or fails to produce his licence as aforesaid or fails to sign the examiner's attendance record the examiner may refuse to conduct the test.”;

(d) for Group 1 and the entries relating thereto in Schedule 5 there were substituted the following:—

Group	Class or description of vehicle comprised in the Group	Additional requirements	Additional Groups covered
1A	Heavy locomotive, light locomotive, motor tractor, heavy motor car, motor car but excluding any vehicle comprised in Group 1B, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 13.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J.	1B, 2, 3, 11, 12 and 13.
1B	A vehicle with automatic transmission which is a heavy locomotive, light locomotive, motor tractor, heavy motor car, motor car but excluding any vehicle comprised in Group 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or 13.	A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J.	2, 3, 12 and 13.

3.—(1) Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken as altering the classes or descriptions of vehicles in respect of which a person who has held a licence before the coming into operation of these Regulations is entitled to be granted a licence.

(2) An applicant for a driving licence who has passed a test of competence to drive before the date of the coming into operation of these Regulations shall for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1960 and of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963, as amended, including the amendments made by these Regulations, be deemed to be competent to drive a vehicle of any class or description which he was deemed to be competent to drive before that date by virtue of the regulations in operation before that date.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 26th February 1969.

(L.S.)

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Minister of Transport.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1963 by:—

- (a) requiring a person submitting himself for a driving test to produce for the purposes of the test a suitable motor vehicle and one which is not fitted with a dual accelerator control unless the control has been rendered inoperable;
- (b) requiring such a person to produce to the examiner his licence and to sign the examiner's attendance record;
- (c) empowering a driving examiner to refuse to conduct a test where the above requirements are not complied with;
- (d) dividing Group 1 of the classes and descriptions of motor vehicles listed in Schedule 5 to the 1963 Regulations into two new Groups (1A and 1B). Group 1A comprises all those vehicles previously in Group 1 which do not have automatic transmission and Group 1B comprises all those vehicles previously in Group 1 which do have automatic transmission. The effect of the change will be that a person who passes a driving test on a vehicle with automatic transmission will be entitled to a full licence only for vehicles previously in Group 1 with automatic transmission and for certain other groups. Nothing in the Regulations will affect any entitlement obtained before the coming into force of the Regulations.