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PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

**The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees)
(Amendment) Regulations 2007**

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| <i>Made</i> - - - - | <i>6th March 2007</i> |
| <i>Laid before Parliament</i> | <i>8th March 2007</i> |
| <i>Coming into force</i> - - | <i>1st April 2007</i> |

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52(1) and 60(1)(e) and (1A) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(a) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(b).

He has consulted with representative organisations in accordance with section 61(2) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(c).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2007 and shall come into force on 1st April 2007.

Amendments

2. The Schedule to the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995(d) (the "principal Regulations") is amended by substituting—

- (a) in relation to fee number (i), "£213" for "£202";
- (b) in relation to fee number (ii), "£141" for "£134";
- (c) in relation to fee numbers (iii) and (iv), respectively—
 - (i) in column 3, "£141" for "£134"; and
 - (ii) in column 5, "£28" for "£27" in each place where it occurs;
- (d) in relation to fee number (v), "£108" for "£102";
- (e) in relation to fee number (vi)—

(a) 1981 c.14 (in these footnotes called "the 1981 Act"). Relevant amendments to section 52(1) of the 1981 Act were made by the Transport Act 1985 (c.67) (in the footnotes called "the 1985 Act"), sections 1(3), 3(5) and 139(3), and paragraph 7 of Schedule 1, paragraphs 4(1) and 4(14) of Part II of Schedule 2 and Schedule 8, and by the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c.40) (in the footnotes called "the 1994 Act"), section 66. In section 60: subsection (1) was amended by the 1994 Act, section 66(5); and subsection (1A) was inserted by the 1985 Act, section 134(1) and (2). For the definition of "prescribed" see section 60(2) of the 1981 Act, as amended by the 1985 Act, sections 134(1) and (2)(c).

(b) S.I. 1988/643, which was made under the Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c.51), section 102. The relevant entry in S.I. 1988/643 is Schedule 1, Table V, Item 2.D.

(c) By virtue of section 135 of the 1985 Act, section 61 of the 1981 Act has effect as if Part I of the 1985 Act were contained in the 1981 Act. Section 61(2) of the 1981 Act was amended by the 1985 Act, section 139(3) and Schedule 8.

(d) S.I. 1995/2909, amended by S.I. 2002/2535 and S.I. 2005/2346.

- (i) in column 3, “£6” for “£5.75”; and
- (ii) in column 5, “£7” for “£6.50”;
- (f) in relation to fee numbers (vii) and (viii), respectively “£56” for “£53”; and
- (g) in relation to fee number (ix), “£15” for “£14”.

Transitional provisions

3. Where a decision has been made before the coming into force of these Regulations on an application for the grant of a standard or restricted licence under section 14(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(a), the fee prescribed in the principal Regulations immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations applies notwithstanding that the period of 21 days within which it is payable has not expired before that date.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

6th March 2007

S.J. Ladyman
Minister of State
Department for Transport

(a) Section 14(1) was amended by the 1985 Act, section 3(5) and Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 4(1).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations increase the fees which are payable under the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995.

The fee increases (with percentage increases shown in brackets) are shown in the table below. The fees were last increased on 30th September 2005.

| | <i>Old Fee</i> | <i>New Fee</i> |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Application for a standard licence | £202 | £213 (5.4%) |
| Application for a restricted licence | £134 | £141 (5.2%) |
| Grant of a standard or restricted licence: | | |
| - for a period of 5 years paid in advance | £134 | £141 (5.2%) |
| - for a period of 5 years paid annually | £27 | £28 (3.7%) |
| Continuation in force of an existing standard or restricted licence: | | |
| - for a period of 5 years paid in advance | £134 | £141 (5.2%) |
| - for a period of 5 years paid annually | £27 | £28 (3.7%) |
| Application to vary a condition on a licence so as to increase the maximum number of vehicles | £102 | £108 (5.9%) |
| Application for a special licence | £53 | £56 (5.7%) |
| Continuation in force of an existing special licence | £53 | £56 (5.7%) |
| Issue of a disc under section 18 of the Act (payable for each month or part month) | | |
| - for a period of 5 years paid in advance | £5.75 | £6 (4.3%) |
| - for a period of 5 years paid annually | £6.50 | £7 (7.7%) |
| Issue of a new disc in place of one lost or destroyed | £14 | £15 (7.1%) |

The Regulations also contain transitional provisions in respect of fees for the grant of a standard or a restricted operators' licence.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the DVO Policy Unit of the Department for Transport, Zone 5/20, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1P 4DR. The regulatory impact assessment is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website at www.opsi.gov.uk.

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