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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2014 No. 613**

**The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2014**

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 and come into force on 10th April 2014.

**Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999**

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999(1) are amended in accordance with the following regulations.

3. In regulation 7 (competence to drive classes of vehicle: special cases), after paragraph (9) insert the following paragraph—

“(10) A person who holds a relevant full licence authorising the driving of vehicles of a class included in category B, other than vehicles in former sub-category B1, sub-category B1 or sub-category B1 (invalid carriages) and is aged 21 or over may drive an A3 motor tricycle.”.

4. In regulation 9 (minimum ages for holding or obtaining licences), in paragraph (2E)(c)(ii)(bb) for “9.16” substitute “0.16”.

5. In regulation 37 (test vehicles)—

(a) in paragraphs (1) and (2) for “paragraph 3” substitute “paragraphs (3) and (3A)”;

(b) for paragraph (3) substitute—

“(3) Subject to paragraph (3A), where the test referred to in paragraph (1) is for a licence authorising the driving of vehicles in sub-category A1, A2 or A3 shown in column (1) of Table 1, the test must be conducted in a vehicle conforming to the description set out in relation to that sub-category in column (2) of Table 1.”;

(c) after paragraph (3) insert—

“(3A) Where in an application for a manoeuvres test or a practical test prescribed in respect of category A it is declared that the applicant is suffering from a relevant disability of such a nature that the applicant is unable to ride a motorcycle without side-car, the test must be conducted—

(a) in the case of the test for a licence authorising the driving of a vehicle in sub-category A1, on an A1 motor tricycle or an A1 motorcycle with sidecar where the capacity and unassisted speed on the level of the motor tricycle or the motorcycle, (as the case may be), conforms to the specification in the description set out in relation to sub-category A1 in column (2) of Table 1;

(b) in the case of the test for a licence authorising the driving of a vehicle in sub-category A2, on an A2 motorcycle with sidecar where the capacity and power

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(1) [S.I. 1999/2864](#); relevant amending instruments are [S.I. 2003/2003](#), [2012/977](#) and [2013/258](#).

output of the motorcycle conforms to the specification in the description set out in relation to sub-category A2 in column (2) of Table 1; and

- (c) in the case of the test for a licence authorising the driving of a vehicle in sub-category A3, on an A3 motor tricycle or an A3 motorcycle with sidecar where the capacity and unassisted speed on the level of the motor tricycle or the motorcycle, (as the case may be) conforms to the specification in the description set out in relation to sub-category A3 in column (2) of Table 1 which-
- (i) applies until 30<sup>th</sup> December 2018 where the test is conducted on or before that date; and
  - (ii) applies on and from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018 where the test is conducted on or after that date”;
- (d) in paragraph (10B), for the words “has at least eight forward ratios”, substitute “is capable of manual transmission”; and
- (e) in Table 1 for the entries in column (2) (specification or description) corresponding to the sub-categories A1, A2 and A3 in column (1) substitute—
- (i) for sub-category A1—
 

“An A1 motorcycle without side-car, with a power rating not exceeding 11kW and a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.1 kW/kg that is capable of an unassisted speed of at least 90 kilometres per hour on the level. If powered by an internal combustion engine, the cylinder capacity shall be at least 115 cubic centimetres. If powered by an electric motor, the power to weight ratio of the vehicle shall be at least 0.08 kW/kg.”;
  - (ii) for sub-category A2—
 

“An A2 motorcycle without side-car, with a power rating of at least 20kW but not exceeding 35kW and a power to weight ratio not exceeding 0.2 kW/kg. If powered by an internal combustion engine, the cylinder capacity of the engine shall be at least 395 cubic centimetres. If powered by an electric motor, the power to weight ratio of the vehicle shall be at least 0.15 kW/kg.”; and
  - (iii) for sub-category A3—
 

“Until 30th December 2018, an A3 motorcycle without side-car and a power of at least 40kW. If powered by an internal combustion engine, the cylinder capacity of the engine shall be at least 595 cubic centimetres. If powered by an electric motor, the power to weight ratio of the vehicle shall be at least 0.25 kW/kg.

From 31st December 2018, an A3 motorcycle without side-car with a power of at least 50kW whose unladen mass is more than 175kg. If powered by an internal combustion engine, the cylinder capacity of the engine shall be at least 595 cubic centimetres. If powered by an electric motor, the power to weight ratio of the vehicle shall be at least 0.25 kW/kg.”.
- 6.** In regulation 45 (upgrading of entitlements by virtue of passing second test), in paragraph (3) (b) for “(8)” substitute “(10)”.
- 7.** In regulation 72 (disabilities prescribed in respect of Group 1 licences), in paragraph (1D) omit the words “since developing that condition,”.
- 8.** In Schedule 2 (categories and sub-categories of vehicle for licensing purposes), in Part 1, in the table in column (2)—
- (a) opposite vehicle category B in column (1), for the words from “Motor vehicles” to “including:” substitute—

“Motor vehicles, other than vehicles included in category Q, AM, A, F or K, having a maximum authorised mass not exceeding 3.5 tonnes and designed and constructed for not more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, including.”;

- (b) for the words opposite vehicle category D in column (1) substitute—

“Motor vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of more than eight passengers in addition to the driver, including any such vehicle drawing a trailer having a maximum authorised mass not exceeding 750 kilograms.”; and

- (c) for the words opposite vehicle sub-category D1 in column (1) substitute—

“A sub-category of category D comprising motor vehicles designed and constructed for the carriage of not more than sixteen passengers not including the driver, with a maximum length not exceeding 8 meters and including any such vehicle drawing a trailer with a maximum authorised mass not exceeding 750 kilograms.”.

**9.** In Schedule 7 (specified matters for theory test), in Parts 3 and 4 at section E4, for each reference to “Council Regulation 3820/85 (EEC)” substitute “(EC) Regulation 561/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006(2)”.

- 10.** In Schedule 8 (specified requirements for practical or unitary test)—

- (a) in Part 3—

(i) in paragraph (2), for “and G” substitute “, G and H”; and

(ii) after section G insert—

**“H Safe and energy-efficient driving**

Drive in such a way so as to ensure safety and reduce fuel consumption and emissions during acceleration, deceleration, uphill and downhill driving, when necessary by selecting gears manually.”; and

- (b) in Part 4—

(i) paragraph (2), for “and G” substitute “, G and H”; and

(ii) after section G insert—

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**11.** In Schedule 9 (upgraded entitlements on passing second test), for Table B substitute the table set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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