
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1998 No. 1074

The Road Traffic (New Drivers) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998

Introductory

Probationary period for newly qualified drivers

3.—(1) For the purposes of this Order, a person's probationary period is, subject to Article 9, the period of 2 years beginning with the day on which he becomes a qualified driver.

(2) For the purposes of this Order, a person becomes a qualified driver on the first occasion on which he passes—

- (a) any test of competence to drive mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) or (c) of Article 5(1) of the Order of 1981;
- (b) any test of competence to drive conducted under the law of—
 - (i) ^{F1}an]EEA State;
 - (ii) the Isle of Man;
 - (iii) any of the Channel Islands; or
 - (iv) Gibraltar.

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| <p>F1 Word in art. 3(2)(b)(i) substituted (31.12.2020) by The Driving Licences (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/194), regs. 1(1), 5(a); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)</p> <p>F2 Art. 3(3) omitted (31.12.2020) by virtue of The Driving Licences (Amendment) (Northern Ireland) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/194), regs. 1(1), 5(b); 2020 c. 1, Sch. 5 para. 1(1)</p> |
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Changes to legislation:

The Road Traffic (New Drivers) (Northern Ireland) Order 1998, Section 3 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 March 2023. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

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

- Sch. 1 para. 5(6) added by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(4\)\(a\)\(iv\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 8(4) added by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(4\)\(c\)\(iv\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 5(1ZB)-(1ZC) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(4\)\(a\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 5A inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(4\)\(b\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 8(1ZB)-(1ZC) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(4\)\(c\)\(iii\)](#)
- Sch. 1 para. 8A inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(4\)\(d\)](#)
- art. 5(1ZB)(1ZC) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(2\)\(c\)](#)
- art. 5(4) added by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(2\)\(d\)](#)
- art. 5A5B inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 20\(3\)](#)