
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2012 No. 261

**The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators)
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**PART 1
GENERAL**

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2012.

Commencement Information

II Reg. 1 in operation at 1.7.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Regulations—

“the 2010 Act” means the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act (Northern Ireland) 2010;

“application for a licence” means an application for an operator’s licence for which publication is required by section 9(1);

“application for the variation of a licence” means an application for the variation of an operator’s licence for which publication is required by section 16(4) and, “application” when used otherwise than as part of those expressions means—

- (a) an application for a licence; or
- (b) an application for the variation of a licence;

“Applications and Decisions” means a statement published by the Department under regulation 19;

“company” shall be construed as provided in section 1 of the Companies Act 2006(1);

“disc” means a disc issued in accordance with regulation 21(1) and (2) or 25(2);

“firm” has the same meaning as in section 4 of the Partnership Act 1890(2);

[^{F1}“heavy goods vehicle” has the meaning given in section 58(1);]

“keeper”, in relation to a goods vehicle, is the person in whose name the vehicle is registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994⁽³⁾;

“interim licence” means a licence issued under section 21(3);

“interim direction” means a direction given by the Department pursuant to section 22;

“licence” means an operator’s licence as defined in section 1(1) and, where the context so requires, includes the documentation which evidences the grant of an application;

“licence-holder”, and “holder” in relation to a licence, means the person to whom the licence was issued;

“maintenance” in relation to a goods vehicle includes inspection, repair and fuelling;

“the Qualification of Operators Regulations” means the Goods Vehicles (Qualification of Operators) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012⁽⁴⁾.

[^{F2}“transport manager” has the meaning given in section 12A(5);]

(2) In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires, any reference to a numbered section is a reference to the section of the 2010 Act bearing that number.

F1 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (17.3.2022) by [The Goods Vehicles \(Licensing of Operators\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/293\)](#), regs. 2(1), **125(a)**

F2 Words in reg. 2(1) inserted (17.3.2022) by [The Goods Vehicles \(Licensing of Operators\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2022 \(S.I. 2022/293\)](#), regs. 2(1), **125(b)**

Commencement Information

I2 Reg. 2 in operation at 1.7.2012, see [reg. 1](#)

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012, PART 1.