



# Road Traffic Act 1974

## CHAPTER 50

### ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1974

#### *Liability of vehicle owners*

- 1 Liability of vehicle owner in respect of certain fixed penalty offences
- 2 Liability of vehicle owner in respect of excess parking charges
- 3 Hired vehicles
- 4 Time for bringing, and evidence in, proceedings for certain offences
- 5 Provisions supplementary to sections 1 to 4 and Schedule 1

#### *Amendments of Road Traffic Act 1972*

- 6 Traffic surveys
- 7 Prohibition of parking of vehicles on verges, central reservations and footways
- 8 Duty of local authorities to promote road safety
- 9 Extension of construction and use regulations to lights
- 10 Extension of type approval scheme to all vehicles and to vehicle parts
- 11 Extension of prohibition on dealing in unroadworthy vehicles
- 12 Fitting and sale of defective or unsuitable vehicle parts
- 13 Amendments relating to licensing of drivers of vehicles
- 14 Weighing of motor vehicles
- 15 Reduction of minimum age for driving heavy goods vehicles
- 16 Amendments relating to operators' licences
- 17 Experimental introduction of road humps for controlling vehicle speeds
- 18 Use of pyrotechnic flares by police for traffic purposes
- 19 Power of police or local authority to retain custody of removed vehicles until charges are paid
- 20 Authorised insurers required to be members of Motor Insurers' Bureau
- 21 Variation of penalties for certain offences

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- 22 Jurisdiction of courts of summary jurisdiction in Scotland for certain offences
- 23 Interpretation
- 24 Short title, amendments, repeals, commencement and extent

## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 1 — Statutory Statements

#### PART I — STATUTORY STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP OR HIRING

- 1 For the purposes of sections 1 to 4 of this...
  - 2 (1) For the purposes of sections 1 to 4 of...
- #### PART II — STATUTORY STATEMENT OF FACTS
- 3 For the purposes of sections 1 to 4 of this...

### SCHEDULE 2 — Type Approval of Vehicles and Vehicle Parts

#### PART I — AMENDMENTS OF PART III OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1960

- 1 (1) In section 129, in subsection (1) after the words...
- 2 Section 130 shall cease to have effect.
- 3 In section 131(1), paragraph (b) shall be omitted.
- 4 In section 133(4) for the word "if" there shall be...
- 5 After section 133 there shall be inserted the following section:—...

#### PART II — AMENDMENTS OF ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1972

- 6 In section 40(4) for the words "manufacturer's certificate" there shall...
- 7 In the provisions of Part II subsequent to section 49A,...
- 8 (1) In subsection (1) of section 50, in paragraph (a)...
- 9 (1) In section 51, in subsection (1) the word "..."
- 10 In section 52(2) for the word " or ", in...
- 11 (1) In section 62, in subsection (1) for the words...
- 12 In section 64, in each of subsections (2) and (4),...
- 13 At the end of section 82 there shall be added...
- 14 In section 169, in subsections (2)(b) and (3), for the...
- 15 In section 170(2) for the words " 49 or 51..."
- 16 In section 171 for the words "manufacturer's certificate" there shall...
- 17 In section 173, in subsection (2)(b) for the words "manufacturers'..."
- 18 In section 188(4) the word "goods", in both places where...

### SCHEDULE 3 — Amendments of Part III of Road Traffic Act 1972

- 1 In section 84(4) (cases where a person who is entitled...
- 2 (1) In section 87, in subsection (1) (applicants for licences...
- 3 After section 87 there shall be inserted the following section:—...
- 4 (1) In section 88, in subsection (1) (grant of licences)...
- 5 (1) In section 89, in subsection (1) (duration of driving)...
- 6 In section 90(1) (appeals relating to licences) for paragraph (b)...
- 7 (1) In section 92 (notification by a court of disease)...
- 8 After section 94 there shall be inserted the following sections—...
- 9 In section 98, in subsection (1) (licence to be suspended)...
- 10 (1) In section 101, in subsection (4) (licence holder who)...
- 11 (1) In section 104 (information to be given as to)...
- 12 In section 105, in subsection (2) (on disqualification, licence to)...

### SCHEDULE 4 — Amendments of Transport Act 1968 Relating to Operators' Licences

- 1 In section 62 (applications for operators' licences) after subsection (4)...
- 2 In section 64(2) (requirements to be satisfied on an application...
- 3 (1) In section 67 (duration of operators' licences and grant...
- 4 (1) In section 69 (revocation, suspension and curtailment of operators'...
- 5 In section 70(1)(b) (rights of appeal in connection with certain...

SCHEDULE 5 — Variation of Penalties for Certain Offences

PART I — SUMMARY PENALTIES UNDER ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1960

PART II — SUMMARY PENALTIES UNDER ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT  
1967

PART III — SUMMARY PENALTIES UNDER ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1972

PART IV — AMENDMENTS RELATING TO OFFENCES PUNISHABLE ON  
INDICTMENT OR SUMMARILY

- 1 In section 233 of the 1960 Act (forgery, misuse, etc....
- 2 In section 234 of the 1960 Act (falsification of records)...
- 3 In section 86 of the 1967 Act (forgery, misuse, etc....
- 4 (1) In Schedule 4 to the 1972 Act (prosecution and...

SCHEDULE 6 — Minor and Consequential Amendments

*The Road Traffic Act 1960*

- 1 (1) In section 133 of the 1960 Act (suspension of...
- 2 In section 144 of that Act (drivers' and conductors' licences)...

*The Airports Authority Act 1965*

- 3 In section 12 of the Airports Authority Act 1965 (control...

*The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967*

- 4 In section 1 of the 1967 Act (traffic regulation orders...
- 5 In section 6 of that Act (traffic regulation orders in...
- 6 (1) In section 9 of that Act (experimental traffic orders)...
- 7 In sections 24 and 25 of that Act (school crossing...
- 8 In subsection (1) of section 80 of that Act (fixed...
- 9 In section 85(1) of that Act (where an offence under...

*The Criminal Appeal Act 1968*

- 10 In section 31 of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 (powers...
- 11 At the end of section 44 of that Act (powers...

*The Road Traffic Act 1972*

- 12 In section 25(1) of the 1972 Act (duty to stop,...
- 13 In section 36A of that Act the following subsections shall...
- 14 (1) In section 53 of that Act (testing of condition...
- 15 In section 57(7) of that Act (power to prohibit the...
- 16 Section 65 of that Act (restriction on number of trailers...
- 17 In section 94 of that Act (appeals against disqualification and...
- 18 In section 115 of that Act (duration of heavy goods...
- 19 (1) In section 161 of that Act (power of constables...
- 20 In section 166(2) of that Act (if a driver does...
- 21 In section 168(2) of that Act (information to be given...

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- 22 In section 179 of that Act (restrictions on prosecutions for...
- 23 In section 198(2) of that Act (certain provisions not to...
- 24 In Part I of Schedule 4 to that Act (prosecution...

#### SCHEDULE 7 — Enactments Repealed