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SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 3

DRIVING LICENCES: MINOR, CONSEQUENTIAL, AND FURTHER AMENDMENTS

Road Traffic Act 1988 (c.52)

- 6 In section 23 of the 1988 Act (restriction on carriage of persons on motor cycles), for the words “two-wheeled motor cycle” in both places where they occur, there shall be substituted the words “motor bicycle”.

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Textual Amendments

F1 Sch. 3 para. 7 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 14](#)

- 8 In section 89 of the 1988 Act (tests of competence to drive)—
- F2(a)
- (b) in subsection (6)—
- (i) for the words “(1)(a) above”, where first occurring, there shall be substituted the words “(1)(a)(iii) above or section 89A(2)(b)(iii) below”;
 - (ii) in paragraph (b), for the word “any” where it first occurs there shall be substituted the word “all”, and
 - (iii) after paragraph (b) there shall be inserted the following paragraph—
“, and
- (c) vehicles of all classes included in another such group, if a person passing the test is treated by virtue of regulations made for the purposes of this paragraph as competent also to drive vehicles of a class included in that other group.”;
- (c) in subsection (7), for the words from “(1)(b) to authorise” to “in the group” there shall be substituted “(1)(b)(i) above or section 89A(4)(a) below to authorise the driving of—
- (a) vehicles of all classes included in the group, and
 - (b) vehicles of all classes included in another such group, if a person holding the licence is treated by virtue of regulations as competent also to drive vehicles of a class included in that other group”;
- (d) in subsection (8), for the word “category” in both places where it occurs, there shall be substituted the word “class”; and
- (e) for subsection (9), there shall be substituted the following subsections—

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- “(9) A test of competence falling within paragraphs (a)(ii), (c) or (e) of subsection (1) above shall be sufficient for the granting of a licence authorising the driving of—
- (a) vehicles of all classes designated by regulations as a group for the purposes of subsection (1)(a) above, if at the time the test was passed it authorised the granting of a licence to drive vehicles of any class included in the group, or of any class corresponding to a class included in the group, and
 - (b) vehicles of all classes included in another such group, if a person passing a test of competence authorising the granting of a licence to drive vehicles of a class included in the group mentioned in paragraph (a) above is treated by virtue of regulations as competent also to drive vehicles of a class included in that other group.
- (10) A full Northern Ireland licence, a full British external licence, a full British Forces licence or an exchangeable licence shall be treated for the purposes of paragraphs (b)(ii), (d) or (f) (as the case may be) of subsection (1) above as authorising the driving of—
- (a) vehicles of all classes designated by regulations as a group for the purposes of subsection (1)(b) above, if the licence authorises the driving of vehicles of any class included in the group, or any class corresponding to a class included in the group, and
 - (b) vehicles of all classes included in another such group, if by virtue of regulations a person holding a licence authorising him to drive vehicles of any class included in the group mentioned in paragraph (a) above is treated as competent also to drive vehicles of a class included in that other group.
- (11) In this section “designated country or territory” means a country or territory designated under section 108(2) of this Act for the purposes of the definition of exchangeable licence and in this section and section 89A “the appointed day” means the day appointed for the coming into force of section 1 of the Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989.”

Textual Amendments

- F2** Sch. 3 para. 8(a) repealed (27.2.2007) by [Road Safety Act 2006 \(c. 49\), s. 61\(1\)\(10\), Sch. 7\(9\); S.I. 2007/237, art. 2\(e\)](#)

Commencement Information

- II** Sch. 3 para. 8 wholly in force at 1.4.1991; para. 8 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 17(2); para. 8(b)(ii)(iii) in force at 1.6.1990 by [S.I. 1990/802](#); para. 8 in force at 1.4.1991 so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1990/2610, art. 2, Sch.](#)

- 9 In section 97(1) of the 1988 Act (licences to be granted on fulfilment of certain conditions)—

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- (a) after the words “section 92 of this Act” there shall be inserted the words “ and, in the case of licences to drive large goods vehicles or passenger-carrying vehicles, to Part IV of this Act ”;
- (b) in paragraph (a), at the end, there shall be inserted the words “ and pays the fee (if any) which is prescribed ”;
- (c) in paragraph (c), for the words “1st June 1970” there shall be substituted the words “ 1st January 1976 ” and for the words from “89(1)(c)” to the end there shall be substituted the words “ 89(1)(d) or (f) of this Act, surrenders to the Secretary of State his British external licence, his British Forces licence or his exchangeable licence, as the case may be, and ”; and
- (d) in paragraph (d), for the words from “disqualified” to “application” there shall be substituted the words “ , in accordance with section 88(1B) of this Act, subject to a current disqualification which is relevant to the licence he applies for ”.

Commencement Information

- I2** Sch. 3 para. 9 wholly in force at 1.4.1991; para. 9 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 17(2); para. 9(b) (d) in force at 1.6.1990 by [S.I. 1990/802](#); para. 9 in force at 1.4.1991 so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1990/2610](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F3** Sch. 3 para. 10 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 14](#)

- 11 In section 98 of the 1988 Act (form of licence and provisional entitlement)—
- (a) **F4**
 - (b) in subsection (2), for paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) there shall be substituted—
 - “(a) a provisional licence, or
 - (b) any other prescribed description of licence”;
 - (c) in subsection (3)—
 - (i) in paragraph (b), for the words “motor cycle” there shall be substituted the words “ motor bicycle without a side-car ”, and
 - (ii) after paragraph (b), there shall be inserted the words “; or
 - (c) unless he has passed a test of competence to drive, a motor bicycle on a road in circumstances in which, by virtue of section 97(3)(e) of this Act, a provisional licence would not authorise him to drive it before he had passed that test.”; and
 - (d) in subsection (4), after the words “In such cases” there shall be inserted the words “ or as respects such classes of vehicles ”.

Textual Amendments

- F4** Sch. 3 para. 11(a) repealed by [S.I. 1990/144](#), [regs. 2\(3\)](#), [3](#), [Sch. 3 para. 3\(3\)](#)

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- I3** Sch. 3 para. 11 wholly in force at 1.4.1991; para. 11 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 17(2); para. 11(b) in force at 1.6.1990 by [S.I. 1990/802](#); para. 11(c) in force at 1.12.1990 by [S.I. 1990/2228](#); para. 11 in force at 1.4.1991 so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1990/2610](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

- 12 In section 99 of the 1988 Act (duration of licences)—
- (a) in subsection (1), for the words “A licence”, in the first place where they occur, there shall be substituted the words “In so far as a licence authorises its holder to drive motor vehicles of classes other than any prescribed class of goods vehicle or any prescribed class of passenger-carrying vehicle, it”;
 - (b) in subsection (3), at the end, there shall be inserted the words “and it shall be the duty of that person to comply with the requirement.”; and
 - (c) in subsection (5)—
 - (i) after the word “who” there shall be inserted the words “without reasonable excuse”, and
 - (ii) after the word “subsection” there shall be inserted the words “(3) or”.

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- I4** Sch. 3 para. 12 wholly in force at 1.4.1991; para. 12 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 17(2); para. 12(b) (c) in force at 1.6.1990 by [S.I. 1990/802](#); para. 12 in force at 1.4.1991 so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1990/2610](#), [art. 2](#) [sch.](#)

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Textual Amendments

- F5** Sch. 3 para. 13 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 14](#)

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- I5** Sch. 3 para. 13 wholly in force at 1.4.1991 see s. 17(2) and [S.I. 1990/2610](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch.](#)

- 14 In section 105 of the 1988 Act (regulations), in subsection (2), there shall be inserted, after paragraph (e), the following paragraph—
- “(ee) the correspondence for any purpose of this Part of this Act of one class of motor vehicle with another class of motor vehicle or of one test of competence to drive with another (whatever the law under which the classification is made or the test conducted),”.
- 15 In section 108(1) of the 1988 Act (interpretation)—
- (a) after the definition of “articulated goods vehicle” there shall be inserted the following—

““British external licence” and “British Forces licence” have the meanings given by section 88(8) of this Act.”;
 - (b) in the definition of “disqualified”, after the word “licence” there shall be inserted the words “or, in cases where the disqualification is limited, a licence to drive motor vehicles of the class to which the disqualification relates”;

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- (c) after the definition of “exchangeable licence” there shall be inserted the following—
 - ““full licence” means a licence other than a provisional licence,”;
- (d) in the definition of “licence”, before the word “means” there shall be inserted the words “ (except where the context otherwise requires) ”;
- (e) after the definition of “medium-sized goods vehicle” there shall be inserted the following—
 - ““Northern Ireland driving licence” or “Northern Ireland licence” means a licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under the law of Northern Ireland,
 - “passenger-carrying vehicle” has the meaning given by section 121(1) of this Act,”;
- (f) after the definition of “relevant disability” there shall be inserted the following—
 - ““relevant external law” has the meaning given by section 88(8) of this Act,”; and
- (g) after the definition of “test of competence to drive” there shall be inserted the following—
 - ““approved training course for motor cyclists” and, in relation to such a course, “prescribed certificate of completion” mean respectively any course of training approved under, and the certificate of completion prescribed in, regulations under section 97(3A) of this Act.”.

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- I6** Sch. 3 para. 15 wholly in force at 1.4.1991; para. 15 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 17(2); para. 15(a) (f) wholly in force and para. 15(e) partly in force at 1.6.1990 by [S.I. 1990/802](#); para. 15(g) wholly in force at 1.12.1990 by [S.I. 1990/2228](#); para. 15 in force at 1.4.1991 so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1990/2610](#), [art. 2](#), [Sch](#)

- 16 In section 109 of the 1988 Act (driving in Great Britain as holder of Northern Ireland licence)—
- (a) in subsection (1)—
 - (i) for the words “licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under the law of Northern Ireland” there shall be substituted the words “ Northern Ireland driving licence ”, and
 - (ii) after the words “this Part”, where first occurring, there shall be inserted the words “ or Part IV ”; and
 - (b) in subsection (2), for the words “licence so granted” there shall be substituted the words “ Northern Ireland driving licence ”.

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Textual Amendments

- F6** Sch. 3 para. 17 repealed (22.7.2004) by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 2004 \(c. 14\)](#), [Sch. 1 Pt. 14](#)

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- 18 In section 164 of the 1988 Act (production to constables of driving licences)—
- (a) in subsection (3)—
- (i) for paragraph (a) there shall be substituted—
- “(a) the Secretary of State has—
- (i) revoked a licence under section 93 or 99 of this Act, or
- (ii) revoked or suspended a large goods vehicle driver’s licence or a passenger-carrying vehicle driver’s licence under section 115 of this Act, and” and
- (ii) in paragraph (b), after the words “Secretary of State” there shall be inserted the words “ or the traffic commissioner, as the case may be ” and for the words “the section in question” there shall be substituted the words “ section 93, 99 or 118 (as the case may be)”;
- (b) after subsection (4) there shall be inserted the following subsection—
- “(4A) Where a constable to whom a provisional licence has been produced by a person driving a motor bicycle has reasonable cause to believe that the holder was not driving it as part of the training being provided on a training course for motor cyclists, the constable may require him to produce the prescribed certificate of completion of a training course for motor cyclists.”;
- (c) in subsection (6), after the words “date of birth” there shall be inserted the words “ or to produce his certificate of completion of a training course for motor cyclists ”; and
- (d) in subsection (11), after the words “ “provisional licence”” there shall be inserted the words “ and “training course for motor cyclists” and, in relation to such a course, “the prescribed certificate of completion” ”.

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- I7** Sch. 3 para. 18 wholly in force at 1.4.1991; para. 18 not in force at Royal Assent see s. 17(2); para. 18(b) (c)(d) in force at 1.12.1990 by [S.I. 1990/2228](#); para. 18 in force at 1.4.1991 so far as not already in force by [S.I. 1990/2610](#), art. 2, [Sch.](#)

- 19 In section 165(4) of the 1988 Act (defence in case of failure to produce certain documents), for “subsection (1)” there shall be substituted “ subsection (3) ”.
- 20 For section 166 of the 1988 Act (powers of certain officers as respects goods vehicles) there shall be substituted the following section—

“166 Powers of certain officers as respects goods vehicles and passenger-carrying vehicles.

Any of the following officers, namely—

- (a) an examiner appointed under section 68 of this Act,
- (b) a certifying officer appointed under section 7(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981,
- (c) an examiner appointed under section 7(2) of that Act, and
- (d) a person authorised for the purpose by a traffic commissioner appointed for the purposes of that Act,

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may, on production if so required of his authority, exercise in the case of goods vehicles or passenger-carrying vehicles of any prescribed class all such powers as are, under section 164(1) or (3) or 165 of this Act, exercisable by a constable.”

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I8 Sch. 3 para. 20 wholly in force at 1.4.1991 see s. 17(2) and [S.I. 1990/2610, art. 2, Sch.](#)

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Textual Amendments

F7 Sch. 3 para. 21 repealed (1.7.1992) by [Road Traffic Act 1991 \(c. 40, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 83, [Sch.8](#); [S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, Sch.](#), Appendix

22 In section 173(2) of the 1988 Act (forgery of documents, etc.), in paragraph (f), the words “or 117(2)” shall be omitted.

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I9 Sch. 3 para. 22 wholly in force at 1.4.1991 see s. 17(2) and [S.I. 1990/2610, art. 2, Sch.](#)

23 For section 183(6) of the 1988 Act (discharge of Part IV functions in relation to H. M. Forces) there shall be substituted the following subsection—

“(6) The functions under Part IV of this Act of traffic commissioners in relation to licences issued to persons subject to the Naval Discipline Act 1957, to military law or to air force law to drive large goods vehicles or passenger-carrying vehicles in the public service of the Crown shall be exercised by the prescribed authority.”.

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I10 Sch. 3 para. 23 wholly in force at 1.4.1991 see s. 17(2) and [S.I. 1990/2610, art. 2, Sch.](#)

24 In section 192(3) of the 1988 Act (interpretation of references to “class” of vehicles), at the end, there shall be inserted the words “ and accordingly as authorising the use of “category” to indicate a class of vehicles, however defined or described ”.

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

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

- Sch. 3 para. 18(b)(d) by [2000 c. 38 s. 274](#)[Sch. 31 Pt. 5\(1\)](#)