
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Motor Vehicles (Wearing of Seat Belts) Regulations 1993

PART II

ADULTS IN THE FRONT OR REAR OF A VEHICLE

General

4. This Part of these Regulations shall have effect for the purpose of section 14 of the Act.

Requirement for adults to wear adult belts

5.—(1) Subject to the following provisions of these Regulations, every person—

- (a) driving a motor vehicle (other than a two-wheeled motor cycle with or without a sidecar);
- (b) riding in a front seat of a motor vehicle (other than a two-wheeled motor cycle with or without a sidecar); or
- (c) riding in a rear seat of a motor car or a passenger car which is not a motor car;

shall wear an adult belt.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a person under the age of 14 years.

Exemptions

6.—(1) The requirements of regulation 5 do not apply to—

- (a) a person holding a medical certificate;
- (b) a person using a vehicle constructed or adapted for the delivery of goods or mail to consumers or addressees, as the case may be, while engaged in making local rounds of deliveries or collections;
- (c) a person driving a vehicle while performing a manoeuvre which includes reversing;
- (d) a qualified driver (within the meaning given by regulation 9 of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1987⁽¹⁾) who is supervising the holder of a provisional licence (within the meaning of Part III of the Act) while that holder is performing a manoeuvre which includes reversing;
- (e) a person by whom, as provided in the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1987, a test of competence to drive is being conducted and his wearing a seat belt would endanger himself or any other person;
- (f) a person driving or riding in a vehicle while it is being used for fire brigade or police purposes or for carrying a person in lawful custody (a person who is being so carried being included in this exemption);
- (g) the driver of—

⁽¹⁾ S.I.1987/1378; relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1990/1396.

- (i) a licensed taxi while it is being used for seeking hire, or answering a call for hire, or carrying a passenger for hire, or
 - (ii) a private hire vehicle while it is being used to carry a passenger for hire;
 - (h) a person riding in a vehicle, being used under a trade licence, for the purpose of investigating or remedying a mechanical fault in the vehicle;
 - (j) a disabled person who is wearing a disabled person's belt; or
 - (k) a person riding in a vehicle while it is taking part in a procession organised by or on behalf of the Crown.
- (2) Without prejudice to paragraph (1)(k), the requirements of regulation 5 do not apply to a person riding in a vehicle which is taking part in a procession held to mark or commemorate an event if either—
- (a) the procession is one commonly or customarily held in the police area or areas in which it is being held, or
 - (b) notice in respect of the procession was given in accordance with section 11 of the Public Order Act 1986(2).
- (3) The requirements of regulation 5 do not apply to—
- (a) a person driving a vehicle if the driver's seat is not provided with an adult belt;
 - (b) a person riding in the front of a vehicle if no adult belt is available for him in the front of the vehicle;
 - (c) a person riding in the rear of a vehicle if no adult belt is available for him in the rear of the vehicle.