
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs
(Coronavirus) Regulations and General Directions 2020**

PART 1

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Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999

4.—(1) The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999⁽¹⁾ are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 3 (interpretation)—

(a) after the definition of “dual purpose vehicle”, insert—

““electric scooter” means a category Q vehicle which—

- (a) is fitted with an electric motor with a maximum continuous power rating not exceeding 500 watts;
- (b) is not fitted with pedals that are capable of propelling the vehicle;
- (c) has two wheels, one front and one rear, aligned along the direction of travel;
- (d) is designed to carry no more than one person;
- (e) has a maximum weight, excluding the driver, not exceeding 55 kilograms;
- (f) has a maximum design speed not exceeding 15.5 miles per hour;
- (g) has a means of directional control through the use of handlebars which are mechanically linked to the steered wheel;
- (h) has a means of controlling the speed through hand controls; and
- (i) has a power control that defaults to the ‘off’ position;”;

(b) after the definition of “large vehicle theory test pass certificate”, insert—

““local public authority” means—

- (a) in England and Wales, any body, other person or holder of any office listed in Part 2 (local government) of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000; and
- (b) in Scotland, any body, other person or holder of any office listed in Part 3 (local government) of Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002;”;

(c) after the definition of “training load package”, insert—

““trial” means an assessment as to the suitability of electric scooters for use on roads conducted by virtue of—

- (a) an order made under sections 44 and 63(5) of the Traffic Act; or

- (b) an arrangement made between one or more local public authorities and a person who hires out electric scooters;”.
- (3) In regulation 5 (classes for which licences may be granted)—
 - (a) in paragraph (5), for “A licence” substitute “Subject to paragraph (5A), a licence”; and
 - (b) after paragraph (5), insert—
 - “(5A) A provisional licence may be granted for a class included in category AM, A or B which includes authorisation to drive an electric scooter being used in a trial.”.
- (4) In regulation 6 (competence to drive classes of vehicle: general)—
 - (a) after paragraph (2A), insert—
 - “(2B) Where a person holds a relevant provisional licence, the holder is authorised to drive an electric scooter being used in a trial.”; and
 - (b) after paragraph (3), insert—
 - “(4) In this regulation, “relevant provisional licence” means a provisional licence granted under Part III of the Traffic Act, a full Northern Ireland licence or a Community licence.”.
- (5) In regulation 16 (conditions attached to provisional licences), after paragraph (4), insert—
 - “(4A) When the holder of the provisional licence is driving an electric scooter being used in a trial the condition specified in paragraph 2(b) shall not apply.”.
- (6) In regulation 19 (full licences and provisional entitlement), in paragraph (4), after “category Q vehicle” insert “other than an electric scooter being used in a trial”.
- (7) In regulation 43 (entitlement upon passing a test other than an appropriate driving test), in paragraph (5)—
 - (a) after sub-paragraph (a)(ii)(bb), omit “or”; and
 - (b) at the end of sub-paragraph (a)(iii)(bb) insert—
 - “; or
 - (iv) the vehicles in category Q are electric scooters being used in a trial”.
- (8) In Schedule 2, in Part 1 (categories and sub-categories of vehicle for licensing purposes), in column 2 of the table—
 - (a) opposite the reference to category AM, listed in column (1), after “Mopeds” insert “, electric scooters being used in a trial”;
 - (b) opposite the reference to category A, listed in column (1), after “Motor bicycles” insert “, electric scooters being used in a trial”;
 - (c) opposite the reference to category A1, listed in column (1), for “and A1 motor tricycles” substitute “, A1 motor tricycles and electric scooters being used in a trial”;
 - (d) opposite the reference to category A2, listed in column (1), after “motorcycles” insert “and electric scooters being used in a trial”;
 - (e) opposite the reference to category A3, listed in column (1), for “and A3 motor tricycles” substitute “, A3 motor tricycles and electric scooters being used in a trial”; and
 - (f) opposite the reference to category B, listed in column (1), after “category Q,” insert “which are not electric scooters being used in a trial”.