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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 790**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment)  
(Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>21st July 2020</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>23rd July 2020</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st July 2020</i>

The Secretary of State makes the following Regulations in exercise of the power conferred by section 47(5) of the Road Traffic Act 1988(1).

The Secretary of State, in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act, has consulted such representative organisations as the Secretary of State thinks fit.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 and come into force on 31st July 2020.

**Amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981**

2. In regulation 6(1B)(a) of the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981(2) for “before 31st March 2021” substitute “before 2nd August 2020”.

**Amendment to the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020**

3. In regulation 1(3) of the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020(3) for “30th September 2021” substitute “1st February 2021”.

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(1) 1988 c. 52; section 47 was amended by the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994 (c. 22), section 63 and Schedule 3, paragraph 24(2), and the Finance Act 1994 (c. 9), section 5 and Schedule 2, paragraph 25.  
(2) S.I. 1981/1694, amended by S.I. 2020/382; there are other amending instruments but none is relevant.  
(3) S.I. 2020/382.

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Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

21st July 2020

*Vere of Norbiton*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department of Transport

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

The Road Traffic Act 1988 generally prohibits the use of a motor vehicle without a test certificate on a road in Great Britain. In anticipation of disruption to the vehicle testing regime caused by the spread of coronavirus, the Motor Vehicles (Tests) (Amendment) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020 provided for a six-month exclusion from the test certificate requirement for light vehicles due to be tested between 30th March 2020 and 29th March 2021, with the six-month period for each vehicle beginning on the day after it was due to be tested.

This instrument brings forward the last day on which an exclusion can begin to 1st August 2020 and provides for the revocation on 1st February 2021 of the provisions relating to the exclusion immediately after the last six-month period ends.

No impact assessment has been prepared for these Regulations. An Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared and is available alongside this instrument on the UK Legislation website [www.legislation.gov.uk](http://www.legislation.gov.uk).