

1984 No. 254

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations
(Northern Ireland) 1984

Made 18th July 1984

Coming into operation 3rd September 1984

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 61(1), 66(1), 70(4) and (5) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b) as regards regulation 2(1), (3) and (5) makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 and shall come into operation on 3rd September 1984.

Regulations amended

2. The Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965(c) shall be amended as follows:

(1) For regulation 10(1) there shall be substituted—

“10.—(1) The fees payable on an application for a public service vehicle licence shall be as follows:

- (a) for a motor hackney carriage, a fee of £10·00;
- (b) for an omnibus constructed or adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, a fee of £31·50;
- (c) for an omnibus not so constructed or adapted, a fee of £22·00;
- (d) where a vehicle is presented for re-examination in the circumstances described in regulation 9(5)—
 - (i) for a motor hackney carriage, a fee of £5·00,
 - (ii) for an omnibus constructed or adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, a fee of £16·00,
 - (iii) for an omnibus not so constructed or adapted, a fee of £11·00.”

(2) For regulation 22A there shall be substituted—

“Duration of drivers’ and conductors’ licences

22A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (3) a public service vehicle driver’s or conductor’s licence shall, unless revoked or suspended, remain in force for 5 years.

(2) Such licences may be renewed for a further period of 5 years if application is made to the Department as prescribed by regulation 22 within one month from the expiration of the licence.

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

(b) Formerly the Department of Finance. See S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1965 No. 161 as amended by S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 310, S.Rs. 1976 No. 106, 1980 No. 322, 1982 No. 379, 1983 No. 301 and other amending instruments not relevant for the purpose

(3) A licence granted on surrender and revocation of an existing licence shall, unless revoked or suspended, remain in force for the remainder of the period for which the existing licence was granted and may be renewed as provided in paragraph (2).”

(3) For regulation 23 there shall be substituted—

“*Fees for drivers’ and conductors’ licences*

23.—(1) The fee for a public service vehicle driver’s licence shall be—

(a) if the applicant is the holder of a public service vehicle driver’s licence, which he surrenders on making the application and the licence granted on the application has the same expiry date as that shown on the surrendered licence, £2;

(b) in any other case, £5;

and such licence shall be in Form No. 10 in the First Schedule.

(2) The fee for a public service vehicle conductor’s licence shall be £2.50 and the licence shall be in Form No. 11 in the First Schedule.”

(4) After regulation 25(e) (revocation or suspension of licence) there shall be added—

“(f) If in the case of a public service vehicle driver’s licence, in addition to the types of vehicle described in the licence, the licensee, before the date for expiry of the licence, is granted a new licence to include other types of vehicle.”

(5) For regulation 34 (duplicate licence, etc.) there shall be substituted—

“*Duplicate licences, etc.*

34. If a person satisfies the Department that—

(a) a public service vehicle driver’s or conductor’s licence granted to him has been lost or accidentally defaced or destroyed, the Department shall issue a duplicate licence on payment of a fee of £2;

(b) a public service vehicle licence granted to him has been lost or accidentally defaced or destroyed, the Department shall issue a duplicate licence on payment of a fee of £7.

An application for a duplicate licence shall be on a form issued by the Department. If at any time after the issue of a duplicate licence the original licence is found then the licensee shall take all reasonable steps to obtain possession of such original and shall return it to the nearest centre or to any police station.”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 18th July 1984.

(L.S.)

J. M. Irvine

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel approves of regulation 2(1), (3) and (5).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel for Northern Ireland on 18th July 1984.

(L.S.)

J. M. Dowdall

Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1965 by—

1. Increasing the fees payable on application for public service vehicle licences as follows:—

- (a) for a motor hackney carriage from £9·00 to £10·00;
- (b) for an omnibus constructed or adapted to carry more than 12 passengers from £29·00 to £31·50;
- (c) for an omnibus not so constructed or adapted from £20·00 to £22·00;
- (d) where an application is made within 21 days from a notice of refusal, for re-examination of a vehicle on a date arranged by the Department of the Environment—
 - (i) for a motor hackney carriage, from £4·50 to £5·00;
 - (ii) for an omnibus constructed or adapted to carry more than 12 passengers, from £15·00 to £16·00;
 - (iii) for an omnibus not so constructed or adapted, from £10·00 to £11·00 (regulation 2(1)).

2. (a) Introducing a fee of £2 for a licence to drive a public service vehicle exchanged for a licence with the same expiry date (regulation 2(3));

(b) increasing from £2·50 to £5 the fee for a licence to drive a public service vehicle other than a licence mentioned in paragraph (a) (regulation 2(3)); and

(c) enabling the Department to revoke or suspend a public service vehicle driver's licence if the licensee is granted a new licence to include additional types of vehicle (regulation 2(2) and (4)).

3. The fee for a public service vehicle conductor's licence remains unchanged at £2·50.

4. Increasing the fees for a duplicate—

(a) public service vehicle driver's or conductor's licence from 25 pence to £2; and

(b) public service vehicle licence from 25 pence to £7 (regulation 2(5)).