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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made	*17th June 1992*
Coming into operation . .	*1st August 1992*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(2)(**a**) and 79A(3)(**b**) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**c**) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf, makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st August 1992.

Regulations amended

2. For regulation 14(1)(*b*)(ii)(B) (disabilities) of the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(**d**) substitute the following sub-paragraphs—

"(B) in the case of a person who did not hold an existing licence on 1st January 1983 but who held a licence or an existing licence on 1st August 1992, the visual acuity is worse than 6/9 in the better eye and worse than 6/12 in the other eye and, if corrective lenses are worn, the uncorrected acuity in each eye is worse than 3/60, or

(C) in any other case, the visual acuity is worse than 6/9 in the better eye or worse than 6/12 in the other eye or, if corrective lenses are worn to ensure that the visual acuity is at least 6/9 in the better eye and 6/12 in the other eye, the uncorrected acuity in each eye is worse than 3/60;".

(a) *See* the definition of "Department" and "prescribed"
(b) Article 79A was inserted in the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 by Part II of Schedule 3 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3)
(c) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)
(d) S.R. 1991 No. 454

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 17th June 1992.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles (Taxi Drivers' Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 so as to require that a person who has abnormal sight in one or both eyes and who does not fall within regulation 14(1)(*b*) (ii)(A) of those Regulations, has a relevant disability for the purposes of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 if—

(*a*) in the case of a person who, on the operative date of these Regulations, holds a licence entitling him to drive a taxi—

(i) the visual acuity in his better eye is worse than 6/9; and

(ii) the visual acuity in his poorer eye is worse than 6/12; and

(iii) in the case of a person who wears glasses or contact lenses, the uncorrected acuity in each of his eyes is worse than 3/60;

(*b*) in any other case—

(i) the visual acuity in his better eye is worse than 6/9; or

(ii) the visual acuity in his poorer eye is worse than 6/12; or

(iii) in the case of a person who has to wear glasses or contact lenses to ensure that the visual acuity is at least 6/9 in his better eye and 6/12 in the other eye, the uncorrected acuity in each of his eyes is worse than 3/60.

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Road Races (Carrowdore 100) Order (Northern Ireland) 1992

This Order, being of a temporary character, is not printed at length in this volume.