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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992

Made	*26th August 1992*
Coming into operation . .	*1st October 1992*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 2(2)(**a**), 9(2), 19C, 214(1) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**b**) 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 (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1992 and shall come into operation on 1st October 1992.

Regulations amended

2. The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991(**c**) are amended as follows—

(1) For regulation 6(1)(*b*)(ii) (disabilities) substitute the following sub-paragraphs—

"(ii) 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 October 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

(iii) 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 have to be 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;".

(2) After regulation 9 insert the following regulation—

(**a**) *See* the definition of "Department" and "prescribed"
(**b**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); Articles 9 and 19C were substituted by Sch. 1 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3)
(**c**) S.R. 1991 No. 100 to which there is an amendment not relevant to these Regulations

"Production of licences to examiners

9A.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (2), on being required to do so by an examiner, the holder of a licence shall forthwith produce his licence for examination.

(2) If any person is unable to produce his licence when required to do so in accordance with paragraph (1) it shall be a sufficient compliance with that paragraph if within 10 days after the production of the licence was so required, it is made available for examination at an office specified by the examiner at the time its production was required.

(3) In this regulation—

"examiner" means an inspector of vehicles or driving examiner in the Department; and

"licence" includes a Great Britain driving licence.".

(3) In regulation 25(5) (exemptions) for "24" substitute "36".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 26th August 1992.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Large Goods and Passenger-Carrying Vehicles) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1991 so as to provide—

(1) that a person who has abnormal sight in one or both eyes and who does not fall within regulation 6(1)(*b*)(i) 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 large goods or passenger-carrying vehicles—

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

(ii) the visual acuity of 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 (regulation 2(1));

(2) that the holder of a large goods vehicle driver's licence or a passenger-carrying vehicle driver's licence shall produce the licence for examination to an inspector of vehicles or a driving examiner on request. If the holder is unable to produce the licence forthwith he must produce it within 10 days at an office specified by the inspector or the driving examiner (regulation 2(2));

(3) that the exemption for large goods vehicles driven by members of the armed forces of the Crown shall be extended to include vehicles adapted to carry up to 36 passengers (regulation 2(3)).