



Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989

1989 CHAPTER 22

PART I

DRIVING LICENCES

6 Compulsory training courses for riders of motor cycles.

(1) In section 89 of the 1988 Act (tests of competence to drive)—

(a) after subsection (2), there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(2A) Except as provided under subsection (5A) below, no person submitting himself for a test of competence to drive a motor bicycle shall be permitted to take the test unless he furnishes the prescribed certificate of completion by him of an approved training course for motor cyclists either with his application for an appointment for a test or to the person who is to conduct the test.”; and

(b) after subsection (5), there shall be inserted the following subsection—

“(5A) Regulations may prescribe cases in which persons are exempt from the requirement imposed by subsection (2A) above; and the regulations may—

- (a) limit the exemption to persons in prescribed circumstances;
- (b) limit the exemption to a prescribed period;
- (c) attach conditions to the exemption; and
- (d) regulate applications for, and the issue and form of, certificates evidencing a person’s exemption from that requirement.”

(2) In section 97 of the 1988 Act (licences to be granted on fulfilment of certain conditions)—

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- (a) in subsection (1), for the words “subsection (2) below” there shall be substituted the words “the following provisions of this section”;
- (b) in subsection (3) (provisional licences), after paragraph (d), there shall be inserted the following “, and
 - (e) except as provided under subsection (3B) below, shall not authorise a person, before he has passed a test of competence to drive, to drive on a road a motor bicycle except where he has successfully completed an approved training course for motor cyclists or is undergoing training on such a course and is driving the motor cycle on the road as part of the training.”; and
- (c) after subsection (3), there shall be inserted the following subsections—
 - “(3A) Regulations may make provision as respects the training in the driving of motor bicycles of persons wishing to obtain licences authorising the driving of such motor cycles by means of courses of training provided in accordance with the regulations; and the regulations may in particular make provision with respect to—
 - (a) the nature of the courses of training;
 - (b) the approval by the Secretary of State of the persons providing the courses and the withdrawal of his approval;
 - (c) the maximum amount of any charges payable by persons undergoing the training;
 - (d) certificates evidencing the successful completion by persons of a course of training and the supply by the Secretary of State of the forms which are to be used for such certificates; and
 - (e) the making, in connection with the supply of forms of certificates, of reasonable charges for the discharge of the functions of the Secretary of State under the regulations;
 and different provision may be made for training in different classes of motor cycles.
 - (3B) Regulations may prescribe cases in which persons holding a provisional licence are exempt from the restriction imposed by subsection (3)(e) above on their driving under the licence; and the regulations may—
 - (a) limit the exemption to persons in prescribed circumstances;
 - (b) limit the exemption to a prescribed period or in respect of driving in a prescribed area;
 - (c) attach conditions to the exemption; and
 - (d) regulate applications for, and the issue and form of, certificates evidencing the holder’s exemption from the restriction.”.

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- s. 6 by 2000 c. 38 s. 274Sch. 31 Pt. 5(1)

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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

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