
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences)
(Amendment) Regulations 2003**

Amendment of regulation 72 (disabilities prescribed in respect of Group 1 licences)

5.—(1) Regulation 72 of the principal Regulations is amended as provided in paragraphs (2) to (4).

(2) For paragraph (1) there is substituted—

“(1) There is prescribed for the purposes of section 92(2) of the Traffic Act as a relevant disability in relation to an applicant for, or a holder of, a Group 1 licence, the inability to read in good daylight, with the aid of corrective lenses if worn, a registration mark which is affixed to a motor vehicle and contains characters of the prescribed size.

(1A) In paragraph (1) the “prescribed size” means—

- (a) characters 79 millimetres high and 57 millimetres wide in a case where they are viewed from a distance of—
 - (i) 12.3 metres, by an applicant for, or the holder of, a licence authorising the driving of a vehicle of a class included in category K, and
 - (ii) 20.5 metres, in any other case; or
- (b) characters 79 millimetres high and 50 millimetres wide in a case where they are viewed from a distance of—
 - (i) 12 metres, by an applicant for, or the holder of, a licence authorising the driving of a vehicle of a class included in category K, and
 - (ii) 20 metres, in any other case.”.

(3) In paragraph (2), for the words “the Secretary of State is satisfied that the driving of a vehicle by him in accordance with the licence is not likely to be source of danger to the public” there are substituted the words “where the conditions set out in paragraph (2A) are satisfied”.

(4) After paragraph (2) there is inserted—

“(2A) The conditions are that—

- (a) so far as is practicable, he complies with the directions regarding his treatment for epilepsy, including directions as to regular medical check-ups made as part of that treatment, which may from time to time be given to him by the registered medical practitioner supervising the treatment,
- (b) if required to do so by the Secretary of State, he has provided a declaration signed by him that he will observe the condition in sub-paragraph (a), and
- (c) the Secretary of State is satisfied that the driving of a vehicle by him in accordance with the licence is not likely to be a source of danger to the public.”.