
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 2994

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

Part III

Construction and Use of Vehicles and Equipment

Test of certain classes of goods vehicles

Restriction on carrying passengers on goods vehicles

71.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), no passenger shall be carried on a goods vehicle except on permanently attached seats placed beside the driver's seat.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to—

- (a) any passenger on a goods vehicle which is a dual-purpose vehicle within the meaning of Article 2(2) of the Order of 1981; or
- (b) any authorised passenger on a goods vehicle which is not a dual-purpose vehicle.

(3) A driver of a goods vehicle who allows or permits any passenger to be carried on the vehicle in contravention of paragraph (1), and any passenger so carried, is guilty of an offence.

(4) For the purposes of paragraph (2)(b) the following are authorised passengers—

- (a) the owner of the vehicle;
- (b) any person in the employment of the owner carried on the vehicle in connection with such employment and with the consent of the owner;
- (c) any person (in this paragraph referred to as “the hirer”) who hires the vehicle for his exclusive use in connection with his trade or business;
- (d) any person in the employment of the hirer carried on the vehicle in connection with such employment and with the consent of the hirer and the owner; and
- (e) any other persons (not exceeding 2) carried on the vehicle, with the consent of the owner, for the purpose of work in connection with the load.

Changes to legislation:

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, Section 71 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 03 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amended by [1996 c. 25 s.79Sch.4 para.26](#)
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 13A inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 2\(3\)](#)
- art. 17(8)(b)(v) and word added by [2008 c. 4 \(N.I.\) Sch. 2 para. 7\(b\)](#)
- art. 17D(1B) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(a\)](#)
- art. 17D(2)(aa) substituted for word by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(b\)](#)
- art. 17D(2A)(a) substituted for words by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(c\)\(i\)](#)
- art. 17D(2A)(b) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 5\(2\)\(c\)\(ii\)](#)
- art. 55(2)(m) inserted by [S.I. 2008/1216 \(N.I.\) art. 54\(1\)](#)
- art. 110(3A) inserted by [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\) s. 22\(b\)](#)