

## 1986 No. 33

## ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

## Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986

Made . . . . . 5th February 1986

Coming into operation . . . . . 10th March 1986

The Department of the Environment in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 66(1), 70(4) and (5) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a) and of all other powers enabling it in that behalf and with the approval of the Department of Finance and Personnel(b) as regards regulation 2(4) makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1986 and shall come into operation on 10th March 1986.

*Amendment of the 1985 regulations*

2. The Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985(c) shall be amended as follows:

- (1) Regulations 19 and 21 shall be deleted.
- (2) After regulation 60 there shall be added—

*“Wearing of badges by taxi drivers*

61.—(1) While a taxi is used in standing or plying for hire, or carrying passengers for hire other than in connection with a wedding or a funeral, the driver shall wear a badge supplied by the Department.

(2) The driver shall wear the badge in a conspicuous position on his person.

62.—(1) The driver shall not—

- (a) either by writing, drawing or in any other manner, deface, mutilate or add anything to the badge;
- (b) transfer the badge to any other taxi driver.

(2) Where a licence has been revoked or suspended under regulation 32, the badge shall be returned by the licensee to the Department.”

(3) In Schedule 2 for “the Order” there shall be substituted “the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981.”

(4) In Schedule 7 (fees for vehicle and drivers’ licences) for paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 there shall be substituted—

*“5. Fee payable for a driver’s licence  
(see regulation 24(3))*

(a) Taxi	...	£10·00
(b) Bus	...	£10·00

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)

(b) Formerly the Department of Finance. See S.I. 1982/338 (N.I. 6) Art. 3

(c) S.R. 1985 No. 123 and a further amending instrument not relevant to these regulations

6. *Fee payable for a duplicate driver's licence (see regulation 30(1))*

(a) Taxi	...	£ 3·00
(b) Bus	...	£ 3·00

7. *Fee payable for exchange of current driver's licence to one of a different type (see regulation 31(3))*

(a) where application is made for a licence to be issued for the remainder of the period for which the existing licence was granted	...	£ 3·00
(b) all other cases	...	£10·00'

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 5th February 1986.

(L.S.)

*J. M. Irvine*

Assistant Secretary

The Department of Finance and Personnel approves of regulation 2(4).

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Finance and Personnel on 5th February 1986.

(L.S.)

*D. W. Alexander*

Assistant Secretary

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations amend the Public Service Vehicles Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1985. The principal amendments are—

- (1) to revoke regulations 19 and 21 the provisions of which are included in Article 62 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 (regulation 2(1));
- (2) to require taxi drivers—
  - (a) to wear a badge provided by the Department except when driving a taxi in connection with a wedding or a funeral, and
  - (b) to return the badge to the Department if a driver's licence has been revoked or suspended (regulation 2(2));
- (3) to make a slight improvement to the wording of Schedule 2 (regulation 2(3));
- (4) to increase the fee for a public service vehicle driver's licence from £5·00 to £10·00 (regulation 2(4));
- (5) to increase the fee for a duplicate public service vehicle driver's licence from £2·00 to £3·00 (regulation 2(4));
- (6) to increase the fee for exchange of a current public service vehicle driver's licence to one of a different type—
  - (a) where the exchanged licence is to stay in force for the remainder of the period for which the existing licence was granted, from £2·00 to £3·00;
  - (b) in all other cases from £5·00 to £10·00 (regulation 2(4)).