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**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2)  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000**

*Made* . . . . . 10th October 2000

*Coming into operation* . . . . . 27th November 2000

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Articles 5(3) and 218(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a), and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2000 and shall come into operation on 27th November 2000.

*Amendment of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996*

2.—(1) Regulation 18 (persons by whom practical and unitary tests may be conducted) of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996(b) shall be amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) For paragraph (1)(d) there shall be substituted—

“(d) the Chief Fire Officer of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland in so far as concerns the testing of persons employed or to be employed by him to drive motor vehicles;

(e) a person authorised with the approval of the Department by a person specified in sub-paragraph (b), (c) or (d), to conduct tests on his behalf.”.

(3) In paragraphs (2) and (3), for the words “sub-paragraphs (b), (c) or (d), there shall be substituted “sub-paragraphs (b), (c), (d) or (e)”.

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(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of “Department” and “prescribed”; Article 5 was substituted by Schedule 1 to S.I. 1991/197 (N.I. 3) and amended by S.R. 1996 No. 426, Schedule 1, paragraph 2

(b) S.R. 1996 No. 542; regulation 18 was amended by S.R. 1997 No. 383, regulation 5

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on  
10th October 2000.

(L.S.)

*Sam Foster*  
Minister of the Environment

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#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations amend regulation 18 of the Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 so as to authorise the Chief Fire Officer of the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland to conduct practical driving tests for persons employed, or to be employed, by him to drive motor vehicles.

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