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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2003 No. 304**

**Goods Vehicles (Testing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003**

**PART II**

**TIMING AND METHOD OF APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS**

**Dates by which vehicles are to be submitted for first tests**

7.—(1) Every motor vehicle having a maximum gross weight over 3,500 kilograms shall be submitted for a first test no later than the end of the month in which falls the first anniversary of the date on which it was registered.

(2) Every trailer shall be submitted for a first test not later than the end of the month in which falls the first anniversary of the date on which it was first sold or supplied by retail.

(3) Every motor vehicle having a maximum gross weight of 3,500 kilograms or under shall be submitted for a first test no later than the end of the month in which falls the third anniversary of the date on which it was registered.

**Dates by which vehicles are to be submitted for periodical tests**

8.—(1) Every vehicle shall, in each year subsequent to the issue of a first goods vehicle test certificate, be submitted for a periodical test either –

- (a) not later than the first anniversary of the date on which the vehicle was required under regulation 7 to be submitted for a first test; or
- (b) if there is in force for the vehicle a goods vehicle test certificate with an expiry date other than that anniversary, not later than that expiry date.

(2) Every vehicle, for which there is a goods vehicle certificate granted under the Goods Vehicles (Certification) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1990(1), shall be submitted for a periodical test on the date that the goods vehicle certificate ceases to continue in force and subsequently in each year thereafter not later than the anniversary of that date.

**Period of validity of goods vehicle test certificate**

9.—(1) A goods vehicle test certificate issued as a result of a first test, a periodical test, or a re-test following a first test or a periodical test, or an appeal by a person aggrieved by a determination on a first test, a periodical test or on a consequent re-test of a vehicle, shall be valid from the date of its issue for a period of 12 months.

(2) Within the appropriate period after a goods vehicle test certificate is issued, but not earlier than 6 weeks before the end of that period, a further goods vehicle test certificate is issued as respects the same vehicle, the further certificate shall be treated for the purposes of these Regulations as if issued at the end of the said appropriate period.

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(1) [S.R. 1990 No. 224](#) to which there are amendments not relevant to these Regulations

(3) In this regulation “appropriate period” means a period of 12 months.

**Manner of making application for first tests or periodical tests, and fees**

**10.**—(1) Any person wishing to have a first test or a periodical test carried out on a vehicle shall make an application for that purpose to the Department.

(2) Every person making an application under paragraph (1) shall provide such particulars as the Department may reasonably require and the appropriate fee as determined in accordance with Part I of Schedule 1.

**Time of application for first tests or periodical tests**

**11.** Every application for a first test or periodical test of a vehicle shall be made –

- (a) at least six weeks before the date on which the applicant desires to submit the vehicle for the test, and
- (b) not more than three months before the last day by which the vehicle is required by these Regulations to be submitted for that test.

**Notice of place and time of first tests or periodical tests**

**12.** As soon as reasonably practicable after the date of the receipt of an application for a first test or periodical test and the appropriate fee for that test the Department shall issue notice to the applicant of the vehicle testing centre at which the test is to take place, and the date and time reserved by the Department for that test.

**Application for re-tests following first tests or periodical tests**

**13.**—(1) Where, under regulation 14, a notification of the refusal of a goods vehicle test certificate in respect of a vehicle is issued the vehicle may be submitted, if need be on more than one occasion, at a vehicle testing centre for a re-test.

(2) Where an applicant desires to submit a vehicle for a re-test he shall make a further application for that purpose.

(3) The fee payable on such an application shall be determined in accordance with Part I of Schedule 1.

(4) Where an application is made under paragraph (2) within 21 days from the date of service of the notice and the vehicle is presented for re-test on a date and at a time appointed by the Department, the fee payable shall be determined in accordance with Part II of Schedule 1.