STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2004 No. 179

Motor Cars (Driving Instruction) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004

PART 3

EXAMINATION OF ABILITY TO GIVE INSTRUCTION

General provisions

9.—(1) A person who desires to submit himself for any part of the examination shall supply the Registrar with such particulars as the Department may determine.

(2) Where a person has passed the theory test (whether before or after these Regulations are made) he shall not be eligible to take it again during the following 2 years.

(3) Where a person has failed the theory test on his third attempt he shall not be eligible to take it again for a period of 2 years commencing on the date of the first attempt.

(4) Subject to the provisions of this regulation, a person shall be regarded as having passed the examination only if the following conditions are fulfilled in his case –

- (a) he has passed the three parts of the examination in the following order:
 - (i) the theory test;
 - (ii) the driving ability and fitness test; and
 - (iii) the instructional ability and fitness test;
- (b) he passed the driving ability and fitness test on his first, second or third attempt after he had passed the theory test;
- (c) within two years after passing the theory test and having passed the driving ability and fitness test he made an application to take the instructional ability and fitness test; and
- (d) he passed the instructional ability and fitness test on his first, second or third attempt after he had passed the theory test, and on a date appointed by the Registrar in respect of an application made in accordance with sub-paragraph (c).
- (5) For the purposes of this regulation
 - (a) where a person has commenced the driving ability and fitness test or the instructional ability and fitness test and does not complete the test, the person shall be treated as having failed the test in question unless the Registrar is satisfied that the person had a reasonable excuse for not completing that test;
 - (b) subject to sub-paragraph (c), a reference to the passing of the theory test or the driving ability and fitness test (including paragraph (4)(a)) shall, in relation to a person who has passed that examination or test (as the case may be) on more than one occasion, be read as a reference to the last of those occasions; and
 - (c) if a person takes the theory test on an occasion when he is not eligible to take it he shall not in any circumstances be regarded as having passed on that occasion.

(6) For the purposes of this regulation a person shall be deemed to have made an application on the date that his application and the fee prescribed by these Regulations are received by the Registrar.