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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**2012 No. 316**

**The Taxi Operators Licensing  
Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012**

**Transitional provisions**

17.—(1) Until such time as a taxi or a driver is licensed under the 2008 Act references to taxis and drivers will also include taxis and drivers licensed under Articles 59 and 60 of the 1981 Order.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where an application is made to the Department by 31st October 2012, the Department shall—

- (a) issue the applicant with a temporary operator's licence; or
- (b) make a temporary variation of the applicant's operator's licence in the terms applied for, which shall have the effect as if it were a licence granted or, as the case may be, variation made under the 2008 Act.

(3) Where the application is received by the Department by 31st October 2012 the fee payable shall be £40.

(4) Any temporary licence issued or variation made under paragraph (2) shall, unless the licence or, as the case may be, the operator's licence to which the variation applies has already been suspended or revoked under the 2008 Act, cease to have effect for the purposes of that Act—

- (a) on the grant or variation of an operator's licence pursuant to the outstanding application; or
- (b) where no such operator's licence is granted or varied, on the expiry of the period of 28 days commencing on the date specified in paragraph (5).

(5) The date referred to in paragraph (4)(b) is—

- (a) the date of service of the notice given in accordance with section 2(11) of the 2008 Act, of a decision in relation to the outstanding application; or
- (b) where an appeal is brought against that decision, the date of disposal or withdrawal of that appeal.