
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the Motor Vehicle (Driving Licences) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1996 (“the 1996 Regulations”) to correct anomalies which exist between the legislation in Great Britain and the legislation in Northern Ireland, with the aim of improving parity of driver licensing law throughout the United Kingdom.

Schedules 6 and 7 to the 1996 Regulations are also amended as a consequence of EU Directive 2014/85 which amends Annex II to EU Directive 2006/126, introducing a requirement for the theory test to include questions on safe driving in road tunnels and by adding more items to the list of specified requirements which may be tested in the practical or unitary test.

An Explanatory Memorandum has been produced and is available from the Road Safety and Vehicle Regulation Division, Department of the Environment, Clarence Court, 10-18 Adelaide Street, Town Parks, Belfast BT2 8GB or viewed online at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk>