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The Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) (Amendment) Regulations 2024

PART 2

Amendment of the Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) Regulations 2007

New regulations 7A (requirements of national periodic training courses) and 7B (eligibility for, and requirements of, national return to driving courses)

11. After regulation 7 (record of periodic training by competent authority), insert—

“Requirements of national periodic training courses

7A.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (4), a national periodic training course must comply with the requirements of Section 4 (compulsory periodic training provided for in point (b) of Article 3(1) of Section 1 of Part B of Annex 31) of Appendix 31-B-1-1 to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

(2) A national periodic training course may be delivered in periods of no less than three and a half hours.

(3) The periods of training referred to in paragraph (2) may be delivered on separate days, which need not be consecutive days.

(4) A national periodic training course must be carried out in the United Kingdom.

Eligibility for, and requirements of, national return to driving courses

7B.—(1) An eligible person may undertake a national return to driving course.

(2) A person is eligible under paragraph (1) if—

(a) that person has held a valid driver qualification card, national driver qualification card or Swiss CPC within the two years immediately preceding the start date of the national return to driving course,

(b) that driver qualification card, national driver qualification card or Swiss CPC expired a minimum of 60 days prior to the start date of the national return to driving course, and

(c) that person has not completed a national return to driving course within the five years immediately preceding the start date of the national return to driving course.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), a national return to driving course must comply with the requirements of Section 4 (compulsory periodic training provided for in point (b) of Article 3(1) of Section 1 of Part B of Annex 31) of Appendix 31-B-1-1 to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.

- (4) A national return to driving course must—
 - (a) comprise 7 hours of periodic training which may be delivered over two days provided that those two days are consecutive, and
 - (b) be carried out in the United Kingdom.
- (5) A maximum of 2 hours of a national return to driving course may be delivered by e-learning.
- (6) A person who completes a national return to driving course under this regulation may, before the expiry of the one-year national driver qualification card issued under regulation 8AC or 8AD, complete an additional 28 hours of—
 - (a) periodic training,
 - (b) national periodic training,
 - (c) Swiss periodic training,
 - (d) a combination of any periodic training and any national periodic training,
 - (e) a combination of any periodic training and any Swiss periodic training,
 - (f) a combination of any national periodic training and any Swiss periodic training, or
 - (g) a combination of any national periodic training, any periodic training and any Swiss periodic training.
- (7) The completion of a national return to driving course does not count towards a person obtaining a periodic CPC or a national periodic CPC unless the additional 28 hours training needed to obtain that periodic CPC or national periodic CPC is completed in accordance with paragraph (6).
- (8) In this regulation, “e-learning” means training which—
 - (a) is undertaken without the supervision or direction of a person approved under regulation 6 and using information and communication technology tools, and
 - (b) complies with the requirements in Section 4 (compulsory periodic training provided for in point (b) of Article 3(1) of Section 1 of Part B of Annex 31) of Appendix 31-B-1-1 to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement.”.