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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

Substitution of regulation 9 (time limits for obtaining a CPC)

14.—(1) For regulation 9 substitute—

“Requirement to hold, validity and time limits of CPC, national periodic CPC or Swiss CPC

9.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), a CPC, national periodic CPC or a Swiss CPC is valid for a period of five years beginning with the relevant day.

(2) A periodic CPC or a national periodic CPC is valid for a period of five years beginning with the day on which the person completed a national return to driving course if a person to whom these Regulations apply holds that CPC as a result of completing the training referred to in regulations 8A(2)(b), 8AA(5)(b), 8AC(3) and (4) and 8AD(5)(b).

(3) An initial CPC obtained by a relevant licence holder in a member State, a specified EEA state or Gibraltar or a Swiss initial CPC is valid for the relevant period beginning with the relevant day.

(4) Except where paragraph (5) applies, a person to whom these Regulations apply is not permitted to drive a relevant vehicle on a road unless—

(a) the person holds a valid CPC, national periodic CPC or Swiss CPC, or

(b) the person—

(i) has completed a national return to driving course, and

(ii) a period not exceeding one year beginning with the day on which the person completed that national return to driving course has elapsed.

(5) A person is not required to hold a CPC, a national periodic CPC or a Swiss CPC where regulation 4(5) applies to that person.

(6) Where paragraph (4) applies, a person who has completed periodic training, national periodic training or Swiss periodic training in respect of a vehicle which falls within—

(a) category C or C+E, or

(b) category D or D+E,

need not complete further periodic training, national periodic training or Swiss periodic training to drive any relevant vehicle that falls within another category referred to in either sub-paragraph.

- (7) In this regulation—
- (a) “member State” does not include a reference to a specified EEA state;
 - (b) “relevant period” means the period of time which—
 - (i) for the purpose of Article 8(2)(a) of Section 1 (certificate of professional competence: CPC certifying periodic training) of Part B of Annex 31 to the Trade and Cooperation Agreement, applies in the member State in which the initial CPC was obtained, or
 - (ii) is recognised by the competent authority as equivalent to the period of time referred to in paragraph (i) and applies in a specified EEA state, Switzerland or Gibraltar;
 - (c) “relevant licence holder” means a person who holds—
 - (i) a Community licence;
 - (ii) a British external licence;
 - (iii) a Gibraltar licence;
 - (iv) a Swiss licence;
 - (d) references to a CPC, a national periodic CPC or a Swiss CPC are to a CPC, a national periodic CPC or a Swiss CPC relating to motor vehicles of the category into which the vehicle the person referred to in paragraph (4) drives falls.”.