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# Road Traffic Act 1988

## **1988 CHAPTER 52**

#### PART III

#### LICENSING OF DRIVERS OF VEHICLES

[F1 Driver training]

## **Textual Amendments**

F1 Ss. 99ZA-99ZC and cross-heading inserted (1.5.2002) by 2000 c. 38, s. 257; S.I. 2002/1014, art. 2, Sch. Pt. II

## [F299ZA Compulsory driver training courses.

Regulations may make provision about training in the driving of motor vehicles by means of courses provided in accordance with the regulations ("driver training courses").]

## **Textual Amendments**

F2 Ss. 99ZA-99ZC and cross-heading inserted (1.5.2002) by 2000 c. 38, s. 257; S.I. 2002/1014, art. 2, Sch. Pt. II

## [F399ZB Requirements to complete training courses.

- (1) Regulations under section 99ZA of this Act may provide that persons who have not successfully completed a driver training course—
  - (a) may not take a test of competence to drive motor vehicles of a prescribed class (or a prescribed part of such a test),

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- (b) are not authorised to drive motor vehicles of a prescribed class (before having passed a test of competence to drive them) by a provisional licence (or by section 98(2) or 99A(5) of this Act),
- (c) are not granted a licence authorising the driving of motor vehicles of a prescribed class by virtue of regulations under section 89(6)(b) or (c) of this Act, or
- (d) are not authorised to drive motor vehicles of a prescribed class in prescribed circumstances (despite having passed a test of competence to drive them).
- (2) But a person is exempt from provision made by virtue of subsection (1)(b), (c) or (d) above if he is undergoing training on a driver training course and is driving a motor vehicle as part of the training.
- (3) And regulations under section 99ZA of this Act may include provision exempting persons from any provision made by virtue of subsection (1) above in other circumstances; and regulations including such provision may (in particular)—
  - (a) limit an exemption to persons in prescribed circumstances,
  - (b) limit an exemption to a prescribed period or in respect of driving in a prescribed area,
  - (c) attach conditions to an exemption, and
  - (d) regulate applications for an exemption.
- (4) Regulations under section 99ZA of this Act may include provision for the evidencing by a person of his being within—
  - (a) the exemption specified in subsection (2) above, or
  - (b) any exemption provided by virtue of subsection (3) above.
- (5) Regulations under section 99ZA of this Act may provide that a driver training course is not to be taken into account for the purposes of the regulations if it was completed before such time as is prescribed.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

F3 Ss. 99ZA-99ZC and cross-heading inserted (1.5.2002) by 2000 c. 38, s. 257; S.I. 2002/1014, art. 2, Sch. Pt. II

## [F499ZC Driver training courses: supplementary.

- (1) Regulations under section 99ZA of this Act may include—
  - (a) provision about the nature of driver training courses,
  - (b) provision for the approval by the Secretary of State of persons providing such courses [F5 or giving instruction on such courses] and the withdrawal of approvals (including provision for appeals against refusal and withdrawal of approvals) and provision for exemptions from any requirement of approval,
  - (c) provision for the training or assessment, or the supervision of the training or assessment, of persons providing driver training courses [F5 or giving instruction on such courses],
  - (d) provision setting the maximum amount of any charges payable by persons undergoing such courses, <sup>F6</sup>...
  - (e) provision for the evidencing of the successful completion of such courses.[F7 and

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- (f) provision authorising the Secretary of State to make available information about persons providing driver training courses or giving instruction on such courses.]
- (2) Such regulations may include provision for the charging of reasonable fees in respect of the exercise of any function conferred or imposed on the Secretary of State by such regulations.
- (3) Such regulations may make different provision
  - a) for different classes of motor vehicles,
  - (b) for different descriptions of persons, or
  - (c) otherwise for different circumstances.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

- F4 Ss. 99ZA-99ZC and cross-heading inserted (1.5.2002) by 2000 c. 38, s. 257; S.I. 2002/1014, art. 2, Sch. Pt. II
- F5 Words in s. 99ZC(1)(b)(c) inserted (24.9.2007) by Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49), ss. 41(2), 61; S.I. 2007/2472, art. 2(1)
- **F6** Word in s. 99ZC(1)(d) repealed (24.9.2007) by Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49), ss. 59, 61, **Sch. 7(13**); S.I. 2007/2472, **art. 2(n)**
- F7 S. 99ZC(1)(f) and preceding word inserted (24.9.2007) by Road Safety Act 2006 (c. 49), ss. 41(3), 61; S.I. 2007/2472, art. 2(1)

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