



Road Traffic Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 52

PART I

PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

Motor vehicles: drink and drugs

[^{F1}6C Preliminary drug test

- (1) A preliminary drug test is a procedure by which a specimen of sweat or saliva is—
- (a) obtained, and
 - (b) used for the purpose of obtaining, by means of a device of a type approved by the Secretary of State, an indication whether the person to whom the test is administered has a drug [^{F2}in his body and if so—
 - (i) whether it is a specified controlled drug;
 - (ii) if it is, whether the proportion of it in the person's blood or urine is likely to exceed the specified limit for that drug.]
- (2) A preliminary drug test may be administered—
- (a) at or near the place where the requirement to co-operate with the test is imposed, or
 - (b) if the constable who imposes the requirement thinks it expedient, at a police station specified by him.

[Up to three preliminary drug tests may be administered.]]
^{F3}(3)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 6-6E substituted (29.3.2004 for certain purposes and 30.3.2004 otherwise) for s. 6 by [Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 \(c. 20\)](#), ss. 107, 120, [Sch. 7 para. 1](#); S.I. 2004/827, [arts. 2, 3](#)
- F2** Words in s. 6C(1)(b) substituted (2.3.2015 for E.W., 1.3.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\)](#), s. 61(2), [Sch. 22 para. 3\(2\)](#) (with [Sch. 22 para. 8](#)); S.I. 2014/3268,

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[art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/161, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/162, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2014/3268, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/161, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/162, art. 2](#)

- F3** S. 6C(3) inserted (2.3.2015 for E.W., 1.3.2018 in so far as not already in force) by [Crime and Courts Act 2013 \(c. 22\), s. 61\(2\), Sch. 22 para. 3\(3\)](#) (with [Sch. 22 para. 8](#)); [S.I. 2014/3268, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/161, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/162, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2014/3268, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/161, art. 2](#); [S.I. 2018/162, art. 2](#)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Ss. 4-11 applied (with modifications) (5.8.2011) by [The Road Traffic \(Drink and Drugs\) \(Cambridgeshire Guided Busway\) Regulations 2011 \(S.I. 2011/1652\)](#), regs. 1, 3
- C2** Ss. 6A-6E applied (with modifications) (29.3.2004 for certain purposes and 30.3.2004 otherwise) by [Railways and Transport Safety Act 2003 \(c. 20\), ss. 83\(1\)\(3\), 96\(1\)\(3\), 120](#) (with ss. 90, 100); [S.I. 2004/827, arts. 2, 3](#)

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