



Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 53

PART IV

MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

98 General interpretation.

(1) In this Act—

“disqualified” means disqualified for holding or obtaining a licence and “disqualification” is to be construed accordingly,

“drive” has the same meaning as in the ^{M1}Road Traffic Act 1988,

“licence” means a licence to drive a motor vehicle granted under Part III of that Act, [^{F1}and “counterpart”, in relation to such a licence, has the same meaning as in that Part of that Act,]

“provisional licence” means a licence granted by virtue of section 97(2) of that Act,

“the provisions connected with the licensing of drivers” means sections 7, 8, 22, 25 to 29, 31, 32, 34 to 48, 96 and 97 of this Act,

“road”—

(a) in relation to England and Wales, means any highway and any other road to which the public has access, and includes bridges over which a road passes, and

(b) in relation to Scotland, has the same meaning as in the ^{M2}Roads (Scotland) Act 1984,

“the Road Traffic Acts” means the ^{M3}Road Traffic Act 1988, the Road Traffic (Consequential Provisions) Act 1988 (so far as it reproduces the effect of provisions repealed by that Act) and this Act, and

“the Traffic Acts” means the Road Traffic Acts and the ^{M4}Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

(2) Sections 185 and 186 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (meaning of “motor vehicle” and other expressions relating to vehicles) apply for the purposes of this Act as they apply for the purposes of that.

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(3) In the Schedules to this Act—

“RTRA” is used as an abbreviation for the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and

“RTA” is used as an abbreviation for the Road Traffic Act 1988 [^{F2}or, if followed by “1989”, the Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989].

(4) Subject to any express exception, references in this Act to any Part of this Act include a reference to any Schedule to this Act so far as relating to that Part.

Textual Amendments

F1 Words inserted by S.I. 1990/144, regs. 2(2), 3, **Sch. 2 para. 25**

F2 Words inserted by Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c. 22, SIF 107:1), s. 7, **Sch. 3 para. 26**

Marginal Citations

M1 1988 c. 52.

M2 1984 c. 54.

M3 1988 c. 54.

M4 1984 c. 27.

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