



Automated Vehicles Act 2024

2024 CHAPTER 10

PART 1

REGULATORY SCHEME FOR AUTOMATED VEHICLES

PROSPECTIVE

CHAPTER 2

LICENSING OF OPERATORS FOR VEHICLE USE WITHOUT USER-IN-CHARGE

12 Power to establish operator licensing scheme

- (1) The Secretary of State may, by regulations (“operator licensing regulations”), make provision—
 - (a) for the licensing of persons as no-user-in-charge operators;
 - (b) imposing requirements on those persons in connection with no-user-in-charge journeys or the vehicles that undertake them;
 - (c) for the keeping of a public register of those persons (and associated information).
- (2) A “no-user-in-charge journey” is a journey by a vehicle with an authorised no-user-in-charge feature during which (at any point)—
 - (a) that feature is engaged, or
 - (b) there is no individual in the vehicle who is exercising control of it.
- (3) For the purposes of this Part, a no-user-in-charge journey is “overseen” by a licensed no-user-in-charge operator if the operator is, in respect of the journey, subject to requirements imposed under subsection (1)(b).

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- (4) If the Secretary of State makes operator licensing regulations, the Secretary of State must do so in a way that is designed to secure, so far as the Secretary of State considers reasonably practicable, that the following objectives are met.
- (5) The objectives are—
- (a) that a licensed no-user-in-charge operator should have general responsibility for the detection of, and response to, problems arising during a no-user-in-charge journey overseen by the operator, and
 - (b) that a licensed no-user-in-charge operator should be—
 - (i) of good repute,
 - (ii) of good financial standing, and
 - (iii) capable of competently discharging any requirements imposed on it for the purposes of paragraph (a).

Commencement Information

II S. 12 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 99\(1\)](#)

13 Further provision about operator licensing

- (1) This section makes further provision about operator licensing regulations.
- (2) The regulations may, in particular, make provision for and about the grant, retention, variation, renewal, expiry, suspension or withdrawal of licences.
- (3) That includes provision—
- (a) about the form and content of applications for licences (or their renewal);
 - (b) about fees payable in respect of—
 - (i) applications for licences (or their renewal), or
 - (ii) the grant, retention or renewal of licences;
 - (c) about the notification of decisions;
 - (d) about reviews of, or appeals against, decisions;
 - (e) conferring functions on the Secretary of State or on traffic commissioners.
- (4) The regulations may impose on a licensed no-user-in-charge operator a requirement to comply with any conditions that are attached to an individual licence.

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