
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1095

The Motor Vehicles (International Circulation) (Amendment) Order 1980

Documents for drivers going abroad

3. For paragraph (1) of Article 1 of the principal Order there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:—

“(1) Subject to the following provisions of this Article, the Minister of Transport may issue to a person resident in the United Kingdom a driving permit in any of the forms A, B and C in Schedule 1 to this Order for use outside the United Kingdom.

(1A) A permit shall be issued to a person only for vehicles of a class or classes in respect of which that person either—

- (a) holds a full licence, or has held and is entitled to obtain such a licence and is authorised to drive by virtue of section 84(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1972⁽¹⁾ or any corresponding Northern Ireland provision (licence applied for or surrendered for correction of particulars, etc.); or
- (b) holds a provisional licence, or has held and is entitled to obtain such a licence and is authorised to drive as mentioned in paragraph (a) above, and has passed the test of competence to drive or a test which is a sufficient test;

and in this paragraph ‘full licence’ means a licence (granted under Part III of the Road Traffic Act 1972 or Part I of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970⁽²⁾ other than a provisional licence, and ‘provisional licence’ and ‘test of competence to drive’ have the same meaning as in the said Part III or the said Part I, and ‘test of competence which is a sufficient test’ has the same meaning as in the said Part III.

(1B) A permit in form A shall not be issued to any person who is under 18 years of age unless the permit is restricted to the driving of motor cycles or invalid carriages, or both.

(1C) A permit in form B shall not be issued to any person who is under 18 years of age.

(1D) A permit in form C shall be limited in its period of validity to three years, or, if shorter—

- (a) the unexpired period of the permit holder's current United Kingdom driving licence; or
- (b) where the permit holder is authorised to drive by virtue of section 84(4) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 or any corresponding Northern Ireland provision (licence applied for or surrendered for correction of particulars, etc.) the remainder of the period for which he is so authorised together with the period of validity of any licence granted while he is so authorised.”.

(1) 1972 c. 20; section 84(4) was amended by section 13 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to, the Road Traffic Act 1974 (c. 50) and by section 1 of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to, the Road Traffic (Drivers' Ages and Hours of Work) Act 1976 (c. 3).

(2) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.).

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Commencement Information

I1 Art. 3 comes into force in accordance with art. 1(b)

4. The following words shall be omitted from Article 1 of the principal Order:—
- (a) in paragraph (7) the words “tests of the competency of applicants for driving permits and”, and
 - (b) in paragraph (8) the words “tests or”.

Commencement Information

I2 Art. 4 comes into force in accordance with art. 1(b)

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- [Order revoked by S.I. 2019/563 art. 3\(1\)](#)