
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988

PART II

TIMING AND METHOD OF APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATIONS

Dates by which vehicles are to be submitted for first examinations

9.—(1) Every motor vehicle shall be submitted for a first examination no later than the end of the calendar month in which falls the first anniversary of the date on which it was registered.

(2) Every trailer shall be submitted for a first examination not later than the end of the calendar month in which falls the first anniversary of the date on which it was first sold or supplied by retail.

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not prevent the Secretary of State authorising the submission of a vehicle for a first examination after the date by which the vehicle is required by those paragraphs to be submitted for a first examination.

Dates by which vehicles are to be submitted for periodical tests

10.—(1) Every vehicle shall, in each calendar year subsequent to the issue of a first goods vehicle test certificate, be submitted for a periodical test either—

- (a) not later than each anniversary of the date on which the vehicle was required under regulation 9 to be submitted for a first examination; or
- (b) if there is in force for the vehicle a goods vehicle test certificate with an expiry date other than that anniversary, not later than that expiry date.

(2) Paragraph (1) and regulation 11 shall not prevent the Secretary of State authorising a vehicle being submitted for a periodical test after the date by which the vehicle is required by those provisions to be submitted for a periodical test.

Period of validity of goods vehicle test certificate

11.—(1) A goods vehicle test certificate issued as a result of a first examination, or a re-test following a first examination, or an appeal by a person aggrieved by a determination on a first examination or a re-test following a first examination, shall be valid from the date of its issue until the last day of the same month in the following year.

(2) A goods vehicle test certificate issued in the circumstances described in column (2) of an item in the Table below as a result of a periodical test, or a re-test following a periodical test, or an appeal by a person aggrieved by a determination on a periodical test or a re-test following a periodical test, shall be valid for the period described in column (3) of that item.

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Table (regulation 11(2))

(1) Item	(2) Circumstances	(3) Period of validity
1.	Vehicle submitted for periodical test more than two months before the expiry date of the current test certificate.	From the date of issue of the certificate until the last day of the same month in the next following year.
2.	Vehicle submitted for periodical test two months or less before the expiry date of the current test certificate.	From the date of issue of the certificate until the last day of the month in which falls the first anniversary of that expiry date.
3.	Vehicle submitted for periodical test after the expiry date of the most recent test certificate for the vehicle (except in the circumstances described in column (2) of item 4).	From the date of issue of the certificate until the last day of the month in which falls the first anniversary of that expiry date save that, if this would result in a period of validity of two months or less, the certificate shall be valid from the date of issue until the last day of the month in which falls the second anniversary of the expiry date.
4.	Motor vehicle submitted for periodical test after the expiry date of the most recent test certificate for the vehicle and after the most recent licence for the vehicle under the 1971 Act has expired or been surrendered.	From the date of issue of the certificate until the last day of the same month in the next following year.

(3) In this regulation any reference to a period ending on a day includes that day.

Manner of making application for first examinations or periodical tests, and fees

12.—(1) Any person wishing to have a first examination or periodical test carried out on a vehicle shall make an application for that purpose either—

- (a) to the Secretary of State at the Goods Vehicle Centre, or
- (b) in the case of a trailer, to a vehicle testing station if the applicant has obtained in advance the written consent of the Secretary of State (at the Goods Vehicle Centre) to that method of application.

(2) Any consent given by the Secretary of State in relation to an application mentioned in paragraph (1)(b) may provide for the marking of, and the load to be carried by, each trailer covered by such consent at its examination.

(3) Every application made under paragraph (1) shall be on a form approved by the Secretary of State, and shall contain the particulars required by that form and shall be accompanied by a fee of £25.25 in the case of a motor vehicle and of £14 in the case of a trailer.

Time of application for first examinations and periodical tests

13.—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), every application for a first examination or periodical test of a vehicle shall be made—

- (a) at least one calendar month before the date on which the applicant desires to submit the vehicle for the examination or test, and
- (b) not more than three calendar months before the last day by which the vehicle is required by these Regulations to be submitted for the examination or test.

(2) If the Secretary of State is satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for an application for a first examination or periodical test of a vehicle not being made within the period specified in paragraph (1) he may permit the application to be accepted and dealt with as if it had been made within that period.

Notice of place and time of first examinations or periodical tests

14.—(1) As soon as reasonably practicable after the date of the receipt of an application for a first examination or periodical test of a vehicle under regulation 12(1)(a) the Secretary of State shall send to the applicant notice of the vehicle testing station at which the examination or test is to take place, and the date and time reserved by the Secretary of State for that examination.

(2) On receipt of an application under regulation 12(1)(b) the person in charge of the vehicle testing station shall send to the applicant notice of the date and time at which the examination or test will be carried out.

Application for re-tests following first examinations or periodical tests

15.—(1) Where, under regulation 23(1) or 26, a notification of the refusal of a goods vehicle test certificate in respect of a vehicle is issued the vehicle may be submitted, if need be on more than one occasion, at a vehicle testing station for a re-test in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(2) Where an applicant desires to submit a vehicle for a re-test, within 14 days after the date on which it was submitted for its first examination or periodical test, at the vehicle testing station at which its first examination or periodical test was carried out or, where that station was an auxiliary station, at that or another testing station, such applicant shall make arrangements as to the date and time at which the vehicle is to be submitted for the re-test with the person in charge of the station at which the vehicle is to be submitted.

(3) Where an applicant desires to submit a vehicle for a further re-test, within 14 days after the date on which it was submitted for a re-test in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (4), at the vehicle testing station at which such re-test was carried out or, where that station was an auxiliary station, at that or another testing station, such applicant shall make arrangements as to the date and time at which the vehicle is to be submitted for the further re-test with the person in charge of the station at which the vehicle is to be submitted.

(4) Where an applicant desires to submit a vehicle for a re-test in circumstances other than those to which paragraph (2) or (3) applies, he shall apply in writing to the person in charge of such vehicle testing station as he shall select for a date and time at which the vehicle may be submitted for the re-test, and every such application shall be made not later than 7 days before the date on which the re-test is required on a form approved by the Secretary of State and shall contain the particulars

required by that form, and upon receipt of the application the Secretary of State shall send to the applicant a notice stating when the re-test is to take place.

Fees for re-tests

16.—(1) Save as provided in paragraph (3), the fee for a re-test of a vehicle carried out under regulation 15(2) or (3) is £13 in the case of a motor vehicle and £7.50 in the case of a trailer and such fee shall be paid to the Secretary of State on the submission of the vehicle for the re-test and may be paid in cash.

(2) The fee for a re-test of a vehicle carried out under regulation 15(4) is £25.25 in the case of a motor vehicle and £14 in the case of a trailer, and such fee shall be paid to the Secretary of State at the same time as the application for the re-test under regulation 15(4) is made.

(3) The fee prescribed in paragraph (1) shall not be payable if—

- (a) the vehicle is submitted for a re-test on the same day as the day on which the first examination or periodical test, as the case may be, was carried out, or the next following day on which the vehicle testing station at which arrangements have been made to carry out the re-test is open;
- (b) the fee for the first examination, periodical test or last preceding re-test, as the case may be, has been paid; and
- (c) the re-test is due only to one or more defects in the vehicle as a result of which any of the following prescribed construction and use requirements are not complied with, namely those contained in—
 - (i) the following items in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 3, namely 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18 (so far as the regulation there mentioned relates to the emission of an oily substance), 20, 21 (so far as that item relates to the spare wheel carrier, fuel tanks and system, bumpers and the cab), 22 to 33 and 36 to 41; and
 - (ii) paragraph 3 in Schedule 3.