
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 2864

The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999

PART II

LICENCES

Categories of entitlement

Competence to drive classes of vehicle: general

6.—(1) Where a person holds, or has held, a relevant full licence authorising him to drive vehicles included in any category or, as the case may be, sub-category he is deemed competent to drive—

- (a) vehicles of all classes included in that category or sub-category unless by that licence he is or was authorised to drive—
 - (i) only motor vehicles of a specified class within that category or sub-category, in which case he shall be deemed competent to drive only vehicles of that class, or
 - (ii) only motor vehicles adapted on account of a disability, in which case he shall be deemed competent to drive only such classes of vehicle included in that category or sub-category as are so adapted (and for the purposes of this paragraph, [^{F1}a three-wheeled moped, a light quadricycle, a motor tricycle or] a motor bicycle with a side-car may be treated in an appropriate case as a motor vehicle adapted on account of a disability),

and

- (b) all classes of vehicle included in any other category or sub-category which is specified in column (3) of Schedule 2 as an additional category or sub-category in relation to that category or sub-category unless by that licence he is or was authorised to drive—
 - (i) only motor vehicles having automatic transmission, in which case he shall, subject to paragraph (2), be deemed competent to drive only such classes of motor vehicle included in the additional category or sub-category as have automatic transmission, or
 - (ii) only motor vehicles adapted on account of a disability, in which case he shall be deemed competent to drive only such classes of vehicle included in the additional category or sub-category as are so adapted.

(2) Where the additional category is F, K or [^{F2}AM], paragraph (1)(b)(i) shall not apply.

[^{F3}(2A) Where a relevant full licence authorises the driving of vehicles included in category B and the additional category is category Q or AM, the holder is not deemed competent to drive category Q vehicles or vehicles in category AM unless the licence authorises the driving of such vehicles in accordance with regulation 43(3) and (5).]

[^{F4}(2B) Where a person holds a relevant provisional licence, the holder is authorised to drive an electric scooter being used in a trial.]

(3) In this regulation and regulations 7 and 8, “relevant full licence” means a full licence granted under Part III of the Traffic Act, a full Northern Ireland licence or a Community licence.

[^{F5}(4) In this regulation, “relevant provisional licence” means a provisional licence granted under Part III of the Traffic Act, a full Northern Ireland licence or a Community licence.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in [reg. 6\(1\)\(a\)\(ii\)](#) inserted (19.1.2013) by [The Motor Vehicles \(Driving Licences\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/977\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 3 para. 5(a)**
- F2** Word in [reg. 6\(2\)](#) substituted (19.1.2013) by [The Motor Vehicles \(Driving Licences\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/977\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 3 para. 5(b)**
- F3** [Reg. 6\(2A\)](#) inserted (19.1.2013) by [The Motor Vehicles \(Driving Licences\) \(Amendment\) Regulations 2012 \(S.I. 2012/977\)](#), [reg. 1\(2\)](#), **Sch. 3 para. 5(c)**
- F4** [Reg. 6\(2B\)](#) inserted (4.7.2020) by [The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs \(Coronavirus\) Regulations and General Directions 2020 \(S.I. 2020/663\)](#), Pt. 1 [regs. 1\(2\)](#), **4(4)(a)**
- F5** [Reg. 6\(4\)](#) inserted (4.7.2020) by [The Electric Scooter Trials and Traffic Signs \(Coronavirus\) Regulations and General Directions 2020 \(S.I. 2020/663\)](#), Pt. 1 [regs. 1\(2\)](#), **4(4)(b)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Motor Vehicles (Driving Licences) Regulations 1999, Section 6.