EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations further amend the Motor Vehicles (Tests) Regulations 1981 ("the 1981 Regulations"). Those Regulations make provision for certain motor vehicles to be examined by persons authorised by the Secretary of State and for test certificates to be issued for vehicles that are found to meet certain requirements. These certificates are commonly referred to as "MOT Certificates".

Regulation 2 makes amendments to regulation 20 of the 1981 Regulations. Regulation 20 prescribes the fees payable for examinations of vehicles pursuant to applications made under regulation 12 of those Regulations.

The increased fees for examinations of vehicles in Classes VI and VI_A (public service vehicles other than those of a type specified in regulation 5(3) of the 1981 Regulations and those excluded by virtue of a certificate of initial fitness issued on or after 1st August 1998 or compliance with certain type approval requirements, in respect of which any forward-facing seat is fitted with a relevant seat belt) are set out in the Table below. The percentage increases since the fees were last fixed are shown in brackets.

Table

Nature of examination	Normal	Out of hours	Designated Premises	Out of hours at Designated Premises
	(£)	(£)	(£)	(£)
Examination under	76	120	87	131
regulation 12 of the 1981 Regulations of vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 22 passengers.	(13.4%)	(13.2%)	(12.9%)	(12.9%)
Examination under	53	85	64	96
regulation 12 in any other case.	(12.7%)	(13.3%)	(12.2%)	(12.9%)
Re-examination of a vehicle	50	71	57	78
constructed or adapted to carry more than 22 passengers, within 14 days	(13.6%)	(12.7%)	(14%)	(13.0%)

Nature of examination	Normal	Out of hours	Designated Premises	Out of hours at Designated Premises
	(£)	(£)	(f)	(£)
of previous examination.				
Re-examination of a vehicle constructed or adapted to carry more than 22 passengers, later than 14 days after previous examination.	76	120	87	131
	(13.4%)	(13.2%)	(12.9%)	(12.9%)
Re-examination of any other vehicle within 14 days of previous examination.	35	51	42	58
	(12.9%)	(13.3%)	(13.5%)	(13.7%)
Re-examination of any other vehicle later than 14 days after previous examination.	53	85	64	96
	(12.7%)	(13.3%)	(12.2%)	(12.9%)

In the case of the vehicles mentioned above, the fee payable on an appeal against the notice of refusal of a test certificate is the same amount as the fee payable under regulation 20(1) of the 1981 Regulations (regulation 21(1)). These fees are increased accordingly.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the Department for Transport, 5th floor, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1E 6DT (telephone 020 7944 2455). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. The regulatory impact assessment may also be accessed on the HMSO website www.opsi.gov.uk.