

**2005 No. 2343**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment)  
Regulations 2005**

*Made* - - - - - *20th August 2005*  
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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 49 and 51(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1988 (a) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(b), and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 195(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 30th September 2005.

**Preliminary**

2. The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988(c) shall be amended as follows.

**Amendment to regulation 12 (manner of making application for first examinations or periodical tests, and fees)**

3. In regulation 12(3), for the Table there shall be substituted the following Table—

**“TABLE**

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	46.00
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	66.00
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	86.00
Trailer with 1 axle	23.00
Trailer with 2 axles	34.00
Trailer with 3 or more axles	44.00”

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(a) 1988 c. 52; sections 49 and 51 were amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 41), Schedule 4, paragraph 54 and Schedule 8.  
(b) S.I. 1988/643, which was made under the Finance (No. 2) Act 1987 (c. 51), section 102. The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1995/1684 and the relevant entry in S.I. 1988/643 is Schedule 1, Table III, item 3.  
(c) S.I. 1988/1478; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1989/1693, 1990/448, 1992/2447, 1993/2048 and 3013, 1997/82 and 263, 1998/1671, 2000/1433, 2001/1650, 2002/487, 2003/1816 and 2004/1873.

**Amendment to regulation 16 (fees for re-tests)**

4. In regulation 16(1), for the Table there shall be substituted the following Table—

**“TABLE**

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	30.00
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	44.00
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	57.00
Trailer with 1 axle	15.00
Trailer with 2 axles	22.00
Trailer with 3 or more axles	29.00”

**Further amendments relating to fees**

5. In the regulations specified in column (1) of the following Table for the amounts specified in column (2) there shall be substituted the amounts specified in column (3).

**TABLE**

<i>(1) Regulation</i>	<i>(2) Existing Amount (£)</i>	<i>(3) Substituted Amount (£)</i>
12(4)	28.50	32
	18	20
12(4A)	10	11
	5	6
16(4)	14	16
	10	11
16(4A)	6	7
	2.50	3
16(5)	28.50	32
	18	20
16(5A)	10	11
	5	6
34(1)	19	22
34(2)	10	11
34(2A)	6	7
	2	3
37B(2)	19	22

**Amendment to paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 (classes of vehicles to which these Regulations do not apply)**

6. In paragraph 8 of Schedule 2, after the words “Vehicles designed” there shall be added “and used solely”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

20th August 2005

*S J Ladyman*  
Minister of State  
Department for Transport

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations further amend the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) Regulations 1988 (“the 1988 Regulations”). *Regulations 3, 4, and 5* make extensive amendments to the fees prescribed by the 1988 Regulations.

*Regulation 3* changes the fee payable on an application for a first examination or periodical test as shown in Table 1 below (with the percentage increase shown in brackets).

**TABLE 1**

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Old Fee (£)</i>	<i>New Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	43	46 (7%)
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	57	66 (15.8%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	68	86 (26.5%)
Trailer with 1 axle	22	23 (4.5%)
Trailer with 2 axles	32	34 (6.3%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	39	44 (12.8%)

Where the appointment for such an examination or test is, at the applicant’s request, “out of hours”, the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 12.3% from £28.50 to £32 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 11.1% from £18 to £20 in the case of a trailer (regulation 12(4) of the 1988 Regulations). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such an examination or test is, at the applicant’s request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement, is increased by 10% from £10 to £11 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 20% from £5 to £6 in the case of a trailer (regulation 12(4A) of the 1988 Regulations).

*Regulation 4* changes the fee payable on an application for a re-test or further re-test carried out within 14 days after the vehicle was submitted for its first examination, periodic test or previous re-test (regulation 16(1) and (3) of the 1988 Regulations). The new fees are shown in Table 2 below (with the percentage increase shown in brackets).

**TABLE 2**

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Old Fee (£)</i>	<i>New Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	28	30 (7.1%)
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	38	44 (15.5%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	45	57 (26.3%)
Trailer with 1 axle	15	15 (0%)
Trailer with 2 axles	21	22 (4.8%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	26	29 (11.5%)

Where the appointment for a re-test or further re-test within 14 days is, at the applicant’s request, “out of hours”, the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 14.3% from £14 to £16 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 10% from £10 to £11 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(4) of the 1988 Regulations). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-test or further re-test is, at the applicant’s request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement, is increased by 16.7% from £6 to £7 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 20% from £2.50 to £3 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(4A) of the 1988 Regulations).

Where the normal fee for a re-test or further re-test is prescribed by regulation 16(2) of the 1988 Regulations, the supplement payable for an appointment which is, at the applicant’s request, “out of hours” is increased by 12.3% from £28.50 to £32 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 11.1% from £18 to £20 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(5) of the 1988 Regulations). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-test or further re-test is, at the applicant’s request,

not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement is increased by 10% from £10 to £11 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 20% from £5 to £6 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(5A) of the 1988 Regulations). Where a re-test is carried out in the circumstances specified in regulation 16(6) of the 1988 Regulations the fee of £10 in the case of a motor car and £5 in the case of a trailer remains unchanged.

The fee payable on a request for an amendment to a plating certificate following a notifiable alteration or for a re-examination where a particular contained in a plating certificate is or may be no longer applicable is increased by 15.8% from £19 to £22 (regulation 34(1) of the 1988 Regulations). Where an appointment for a re-examination following a notifiable alteration or with a view to amendment of a plating certificate is, at the applicant’s request, “out of hours”, the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 10% from £10 to £11 (regulation 34(2) of the 1988 Regulations). Where the vehicle testing station appointed for such a re-examination is, at the applicant’s request, not one provided by the Secretary of State, the supplement or, in a case which is “out of hours”, further supplement, is increased by 16.7% from £6 to £7 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 50% from £2 to £3 in the case of a trailer (regulation 34(2A) of the 1988 Regulations).

The fee payable for the alteration of the plated weights (or any of the plated weights) for a vehicle without an examination is increased by 15.8% from £19 to £22 (regulation 37B(2) of the 1988 Regulations).

The fee payable for replacements of plating certificates, goods vehicle test certificates or Ministry test date discs remains unchanged at £11 (regulation 41(1) of the 1988 Regulations).

*Regulation 6* amends paragraph 8 of Schedule 2 (classes of vehicle to which the 1988 Regulations do not apply) so that the exemption for vehicles designed for fire fighting or fire salvage purposes will now apply only where these vehicles are used solely for fire fighting or fire salvage purposes.

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](http://www.opsi.gov.uk).

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