

2005 No. 2346

PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

**The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees)
(Amendment) Regulations 2005**

Made - - - - - *20th August 2005*

Laid before Parliament *30th August 2005*

Coming into force - - - *30th September 2005*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52(1) and 60(1)(e) and (1A) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(a) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(b), and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 61(2) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 30th September 2005.

Amendments

2. The Schedule to the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995(c) (the "principal Regulations") is amended by substituting—

- (a) in relation to fee number (i), "£202" for "£179";
- (b) in relation to fee number (ii), "£134" for "£119";
- (c) in relation to fee numbers (iii) and (iv), respectively—
 - (i) in column 3, "£134" for "£119"; and
 - (ii) in column 5, "£27" for "£24" in each place where it occurs;
- (d) in relation to fee number (v), "£102" for "£90";
- (e) in relation to fee number (vi)—
 - (i) in column 3, "£5.75" for "£5.10"; and
 - (ii) in column 5, "£6.50" for "£5.90";

(a) 1981 c.14 (in the footnotes called "the 1981 Act"). Section 52(1) was amended by the Transport Act 1985 (c.67) (in the footnotes called "the 1985 Act"), sections 1(3), 3(5) and 139(3), and paragraph 7 of Schedule 1, paragraphs 4(1) and 4(14) of Part II of Schedule 2 and Schedule 8; by the Road Traffic (Driver Licensing and Information Systems) Act 1989 (c.22), section 16 and Schedule 6; and by the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c. 40) (in the footnotes called "the 1994 Act"), section 66. In section 60: subsection (1) was amended by the 1985 Act, sections 134 and 139, Schedule 7, paragraph 21(1) and (9), and Schedule 8, and by the 1994 Act, section 66(5); and subsection (1A) was inserted by the 1985 Act, section 134(2). Section 61(2) was amended by the 1985 Act, section 139(3) and Schedule 8. For the definition of "prescribed" see section 60(2) of the 1981 Act.

(b) S.I. 1988/643, which was made under the Finance (No.2) Act 1987 (c. 51), section 102. The relevant entry in S.I. 1988/643 is Schedule 1, Table V, Item D.

(c) S.I. 1995/2909, amended by S.I. 2002/2535 and S.I. 2004/1876.

- (f) in relation to fee numbers (vii) and (viii), respectively, “£53” for “£47”; and
 (g) in relation to fee number (ix), “£14.00” for “£12.50”.

Transitional provisions

3. Where a decision has been made before 30th September 2005 on an application for the grant of a standard or restricted licence under section 14(1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(a), the fee prescribed in the principal Regulations immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations applies notwithstanding that the period of 21 days within which it is payable has not expired before that date.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th August 2005

S J Ladyman
 Minister of State
 Department for Transport

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations increase the fees which are payable under the Public Service Vehicles (Operators’ Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995.

The fee increases (with percentage increases shown in brackets) are shown in the table below. The fees were last increased on 30th August 2004.

	<i>OLD FEE</i>	<i>NEW FEE</i>
Application for a standard licence	£179	£202 (12.8%)
Application for a restricted licence	£119	£134 (12.6%)
Grant of a standard or restricted licence:		
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£119	£134 (12.6%)
- for a period of 5 years paid annually	£24	£27 (12.5%)
Continuation in force of an existing standard or restricted licence:		
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£119	£134 (12.6%)
- for a period of 5 years paid annually	£24	£27 (12.5%)
Application to vary a condition on a licence so as to increase the maximum number of vehicles	£90	£102 (13.3%)
Application for a special licence	£47	£53 (12.8%)

(a) Section 14 was amended by the 1994 Act, sections 59, 68 and Schedule 14, paragraph 2 and by the 1985 Act, section 3(5) and Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 4(5).

Continuation in force of an existing special licence	£47	£53 (12.8%)
Issue of a disc under section 18 of the Act (payable for each month or part month)		
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£5.10	£5.75 (13.3%)
- for a period of 5 years paid annually	£5.90	£6.50 (12.4%)
Issue of a new disc in place of one lost or destroyed	£12.50	£14.00 (12%)

The Regulations also contain transitional provisions in respect of fees for the grant of a standard or a restricted operators' licence.

A full regulatory impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business is available from the DVO Policy Unit of the Department for Transport, Zone 5/20, Southside, 105 Victoria Street, London SW1P 4DR. The regulatory impact assessment may also be accessed at the Office of Public Sector Information website at www.opsi.gov.uk.

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