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ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment)
Regulations 2008**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>5th June 2008</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>12th June 2008</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>13th July 2008</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations 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).

In accordance with section 195(2) of that Act she has consulted with such representative organisations as she thinks fit.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Plating and Testing) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and shall come into force on 13th July 2008.

Preliminary

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

Amendment to regulation 3 (interpretation)

3. In regulation 3, in the definition of “Goods Vehicle Centre” for “Welcombe House, 91-92 The Strand, Swansea, SA1 2DH” substitute “such office of the Vehicle and Operator Services Agency as the Secretary of State may direct”.

Amendments to regulation 12 (manner of making application for first examinations or periodic tests, and fees)

4. In regulation 12(3), for the Table substitute—

(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, 1991/454, 1992/564 and 2447, 1993/2048 and 3013, 1997/82 and 263, 1998/1671, 2000/1433, 2001/1650, 2002/487, 2003/1816, 2004/1873, 2005/2343 and 2007/503.

“Table

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	51.00
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	73.00
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	96.00
Trailer with 1 axle	25.00
Trailer with 2 axles	38.00
Trailer with 3 or more axles	48.00”

Amendments to regulation 16 (fees for re-tests)

5. In regulation 16(1), for the Table substitute—

“Table

<i>Description of vehicle</i>	<i>Fee (£)</i>
Motor vehicle with 2 axles	34.00
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	48.00
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	63.00
Trailer with 1 axle	17.00
Trailer with 2 axles	24.00
Trailer with 3 or more axles	32.00”

Further amendments relating to fees

6. In the regulations specified in column (1) of the following Table, for each amount specified in column 2 substitute the amount specified in column (3).

Table

<i>(1) Regulation</i>	<i>(2) Existing Amount (£)</i>	<i>(3) Substituted Amount (£)</i>
12(4)	34.00	35.00
	21.00	22.00
12(4A)	12.00	13.00
	6.00	7.00
16(4)	17.00	18.00
16(4A)	7.00	8.00
	3.00	4.00
16(5)	34.00	35.00
	21.00	22.00
16(5A)	12.00	13.00
	6.00	7.00
16(6)	11.00	12.00
	5.00	6.00
25(4)	26.00	27.00
34(1)	23.00	24.00
34(2A)	7.00	8.00
	3.00	4.00
37B(2)	23.00	24.00

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

5th June 2008

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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* amend the fees prescribed by the 1988 Regulations.

Regulation 3 amends the definition of Goods Vehicle Centre so that it shall be at such office as the Secretary of State may direct. This change is necessary in order to accommodate the relocation of the office. Details of the address will be publicised in all places where information about goods vehicle services is provided.

Regulation 4 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	49	51 (4.1%)
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	70	73 (4.3%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	91	96 (5.5%)
Trailer with 1 axle	24	25 (4.2%)
Trailer with 2 axles	36	38 (5.6%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	46	48 (4.3%)

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 2.9% from £34 to £35 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 4.8% from £21 to £22 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 8.3% from £12 to £13 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 16.7% from £6 to £7 in the case of a trailer (regulation 12(4A) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*).

Regulation 5 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	32	34 (6.3%)
Motor vehicle with 3 axles	46	48 (4.3%)
Motor vehicle with 4 or more axles	60	63 (5%)
Trailer with 1 axle	16	17 (6.3%)
Trailer with 2 axles	23	24 (4.3%)
Trailer with 3 or more axles	31	32 (3.2%)

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 5.9% from £17 to £18 in the case of a motor vehicle (regulation 16(4) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*). There is no change in the case of a trailer, which remains at £12. 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 14.3% from £7 to £8 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 33.3% from £3 to £4 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(4A) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*).

Where the appointment for a re-test or further re-test not within 14 days is, at the applicant's request, "out of hours", the supplement to the normal fee is increased by 2.9% from £34 to £35 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 4.8% from £21 to £22 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(5) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*). Where the vehicle testing 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 8.3% from £12 to £13 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 16.7% from £6 to £7 in the case of a trailer (regulation 16(5A) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*). Where a retest is carried out in the circumstances specified in regulation 16(6) of the 1988 Regulations the fee is increased by 9.1% from £11 to £12 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 20% from £5 to £6 in the case of a trailer (*regulation 6*).

The fee payable on an appeal in respect of a determination made on a first examination, or on a consequent retest of a vehicle is increased by 3.8% from £26 to £27 (regulation 25(4) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*).

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 4.3% from £23 to £24 (regulation 34(1) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*). 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 remains unchanged at £12 (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 14.3% from £7 to £8 in the case of a motor vehicle and by 33.3% from £3 to £4 in the case of a trailer (regulation 34(2A) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*).

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 4.3% from £23 to £24 (regulation 37B(2) of the 1988 Regulations) (*regulation 6*). The fee payable for replacements of Ministry plates, plating certificates, goods vehicle test certificates or Ministry test date discs remains unchanged at £12.

An impact assessment of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector is available from the VOSA Corporate Office, Berkeley House, Croydon Street, Bristol BS5 0DA (telephone: 0117 954 3200). A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. The impact assessment is annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website www.opsi.gov.uk.

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