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PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

**The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees)
(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>1st August 2008</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52(1)(a) and 60(1)(e) and (1A) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(a) (“the 1981 Act”) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(b).

Representative organisations have been consulted with in accordance with section 61(2) of the 1981 Act (c).

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and shall come into force on 1st August 2008.

Amendments

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

- (a) in relation to fee number (i), “£224” for “£213”;
- (b) in relation to fee number (ii), “£148” for “£141”;
- (c) in relation to fee numbers (iii) and (iv), respectively—
 - (i) in column 3, “£148” for “£141”; and
 - (ii) in column 5, “£29” for “£28” in each place where it occurs;
- (d) in relation to fee number (v), “£113” for “£108”;

(a) 1981 c.14 (in these footnotes called “the 1981 Act”). Relevant amendments to sections 52(1) (a) and 60(1) of the 1981 Act were made by the Transport Act 1985 (c.67) (in these footnotes called “the 1985 Act”) and by the Deregulation and Contracting Out Act 1994 (c.40) (in these footnotes called the 1994 Act”), as follows. Section 52(1)(a) of the 1981 Act was amended by paragraphs 4(1) and 4(14) of Part II of Schedule 2 of the 1985 Act; section 60(1) of the 1981 Act was amended by paragraphs 4(1) and 4(18) of Part II of Schedule 2 of the 1985 Act and words were omitted from section 60(1) of the 1981 Act by Schedule 8 of the 1985 Act. Section 52(1) (a) of the 1981 Act was further amended by section 66(2) of the 1994 Act and section 60(1) (e) of the 1981 Act was substituted by section 66(5) of the 1994 Act. Section 60 (1A) of the 1981 Act was inserted by section 134(2) (b) of the 1985 Act. For the definition of “prescribed” and “regulations”, see section 60(2) of the 1981 Act, as amended by the 1985 Act, sections 134(1) and (2) (c).

(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 2.D.

(c) Section 61(2) of the 1981 Act was amended by the 1985 Act, section 139(3) and Schedule 8.

(d) S.I. 1995/2909, amended by S.I. 2002/2535 and S.I. 2007/689.

(e) in relation to fee numbers (vii) and (viii), respectively “£58” for “£56”.

Transitional provisions

3. Where a decision has been made before the coming into force of these Regulations on an application for the grant of a standard or restricted licence under section 14(1) of the 1981 Act (a), the fee prescribed in the principal Regulations immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations applies.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

Jim Fitzpatrick
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

5th June 2008

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, together with percentage increases, are shown in the table below. The fees were last increased on 1 April 2007.

	<i>Old Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>	<i>Percentage Increase</i>
Application for a standard licence	£213	£224	5.2%
Application for a restricted licence	£141	£148	5.0%
Grant of a standard or restricted licence:			
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£141	£148	5.0%
- for a period of 5 years paid annually	£28	£29	3.6%
Continuation in force of an existing standard or restricted licence:			
- for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£141	£148	5.0%
- for a period of 5 years paid annually	£28	£29	3.6%
Application to vary a condition on a licence so as to increase the maximum number of vehicles	£108	£113	4.6%
Application for a	£56	£58	3.6%

(a) Section 14(1) was amended by the 1985 Act, section 3(5) and Schedule 2, Part II, paragraph 4(1).

special licence			
Continuation in force of an existing special licence	£56	£58	3.6%

The fees payable for issue of a disc under section 18 of the 1981 Act remain unchanged. Such fees are charged for each month or part of a month during which the disc is expressed to be in force and stand at £6, or £7 if an election has been made under regulation 11(4) of the Public Service Vehicles Operators' Licences Regulations 1995 to pay annually. The fee payable for issue of a new disc in place of one lost or destroyed also remains unchanged at £15.

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

A full 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.. The impact assessment is also annexed to the Explanatory Memorandum which is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website at www.opsi.gov.uk.

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