

**2008 No. 506**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence)  
(Amendment) Regulations 2008**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>25th February 2008</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>27th February 2008</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2008</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, with the consent of the Treasury, makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 56(1) and (2) of the Finance Act 1973(a).

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and come into force on 1st April 2008.

**Amendment of the 2007 Regulations**

2.—(1) Regulation 6 (persons providing periodic training courses) of the Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) Regulations 2007(b) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (1), for subparagraph (b) substitute—

“(b) for each course which he proposes to provide, a sum equal to £36 multiplied by the proposed duration of the course in hours and for this purpose part of an hour shall be treated as one hour.”.

(3) After paragraph (1), add—

“(1A) The competent authority may waive the fee in paragraph (1) or (8) in whole or part if it thinks fit.”.

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(a) 1973 c. 51.  
(b) S.I. 2007/605.

(4) In paragraph (8), for “a fee of £250” substitute “the fee prescribed in paragraph (1)(b)”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

19th February 2008

*Rosie Winterton*  
Minister of State  
Department for Transport

We consent to the making of these Regulations

25th February 2008

*Alan Campbell*  
*Dave Watts*  
Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury

### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

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

These Regulations amend The Vehicle Drivers (Certificates of Professional Competence) Regulations 2007 (“the principal regulations”). The principal regulations implemented Council Directive 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003 on the initial qualification and periodic training of drivers of certain road vehicles for the carriage of goods or passengers (OJ No. L 226, 10.9.2003, p.4).

Regulation 2(2) alters the charging basis for the fee for application for approval for a periodic training course. Under regulation 6 of the principal regulations a fee of £250 is payable for each course. Under regulation 2(2) that fee is changed to a fee of £36 per hour or part hour of each course being approved. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations also provides for a fee of £1500 to be payable for approval as a course provider. Regulation 2(3) further amends regulation 6 to provide a power for this fee and the fee payable for individual courses to be waived in whole or in part.

A copy of the impact assessment prepared in respect of these Regulations is available from the Driving Standards Agency, Policy Branch, Stanley House, 56 Talbot Street, Nottingham NG1 5 EJ or at [www.dsa.gov.uk](http://www.dsa.gov.uk). It can also be accessed on the Office of Public Information website at [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk).

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