



THE ROAD TRANSPORT ACT 2001

**THE PUBLIC PASSENGER VEHICLES (DRIVER'S LICENCES)
REGULATIONS 2002**

Approved by Tynwald

19th February 2002

Coming into Operation

1st April 2002

In exercise of the powers conferred on the Department of Transport by sections 40(2), (3) and (4) and 62(1) of the Road Transport Act 2001¹, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the Road Transport Licensing Committee and such representative bodies as the Department thinks fit, the following Regulations are hereby made: —

1. Citation, commencement and interpretation

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Public Passenger Vehicles (Drivers' Licences) Regulations 2002 and, subject to section 62(6) of the Act, shall come into operation on the 1st April 2002.

(2) In these Regulations, —

“the Act” means the Road Transport Act 2001;

“the Committee” means the Road Transport Licensing Committee;

“the Department” means the Department of Transport;

“knowledge test” has the meaning ascribed to it by regulation 4(2); and

“licence” means a licence to drive a public passenger vehicle issued by the Committee under the provisions of section 40.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to a section by number is to the section so numbered in the Act.

¹ 2001 c.27

2. Classes of licence

(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the Committee may issue licences for any or all of the classes of public passenger vehicle, being a vehicle designed or adapted to have —

- (a) up to 8;
- (b) up to 16; and
- (c) over 16,

passenger seats in addition to the driver.

(2) The Committee shall not issue any such licence unless the applicant is the holder of a valid driving licence, other than a provisional licence, issued under the Road Traffic Act 1985² authorising him to drive a vehicle of the respective class.

(3) No such licence shall permit the driver to drive a vehicle used to provide a —

- (a) section 25 (regular service); or
- (b) section 29 (plying-for-hire),

service unless specified on the licence by the Committee.

3. General conditions of licences

(1) A licence shall not be issued to any person under the age of 21 years.

(2) The Committee shall from time to time specify requirements for evidence of general health and medical condition of applicants for the issue or renewal of a licence.

(3) Any medical examination that may be required shall be paid by, or on behalf of the applicant.

(4) The Committee may from time to time specify medical conditions that shall be notified to it, and for which a licence may be refused or withdrawn.

4. Special conditions for drivers of ply-for-hire vehicles

(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) and (3), no person shall drive a vehicle used to provide a section 29 (plying-for-hire) service unless he has satisfied the Committee that he has a sufficient knowledge of the Island.

² 1985 c.23

(2) The Committee shall from time to time specify appropriate tests to demonstrate that the applicant has —

- (a) a detailed knowledge of his base area as defined from time to time by the Committee;
- (b) a detailed knowledge of central Douglas; and
- (c) the ability to read standard maps of the Island in order to drive to any required address anywhere in the Island.

(3) Any driver who wishes to renew a licence shall not be required to take a knowledge test unless the Committee is not satisfied as to the driver's knowledge of the Island, in which case it may require a test or further test to be taken within such period as it may specify.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations make provision for public passenger vehicles drivers' licences. In order to apply for such a licence an applicant must be over the age of 21 years and be the holder of a full driving licence under the provisions of the Road Traffic Act 1985 (reg.2(2)). A public passenger vehicle driver's licence may be granted by the Committee in respect of any class of vehicle provided that the applicant has the appropriate driving licence for the class of vehicle he is intending to drive (reg.2(1)). A public passenger vehicle licence does not however, permit the holder to drive a vehicle which is used to ply for hire or provide a regular service (reg.2(3)).

In issuing or renewing a licence to drive a public passenger vehicle, the Committee may require the applicant to provide evidence of his general health (reg.3(2)), and in doing so it will be the responsibility of the applicant to fund the costs incurred for any medical examination that might be required (reg.3(3)). From time to time the Committee may also specify particular medical conditions for which a licence may be withdrawn if the holder is found to be a sufferer (reg.3(4)).

Drivers of ply for hire vehicles are also required by regulation 4 to demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the Island by means of an appropriate test to be determined by the Road Transport Licensing Committee. For the renewal of licences, drivers will only be required to take a knowledge test if the Committee think it appropriate (reg.4(3)).