

2005 No. 2345

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees)
(Amendment) (Regulations) 2005**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>20th August 2005</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>30th August 2005</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>30th September 2005</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 45(1)(a) and 57(1), (2) and (7) of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995(b) and by virtue of the Department of Transport (Fees) Order 1988(c), and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 57(12) of that Act, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2005 and shall come into force on 30th September 2005.

Amendments

2. The Schedule to the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (Fees) Regulations 1995(d) (the “principal Regulations”) is amended by substituting—

- (a) in relation to fee number (i), “£215” for “£190”;
- (b) in relation to fee numbers (ii) and (iii), respectively, “£336” for “£297”;
- (c) in relation to fee number (iv), “£57” for “£50”;
- (d) in relation to fee numbers (v) and (vi), respectively, “£9.00” for “£8.20”; and
- (e) in relation to fee number (v) and (vi), respectively, “£11” for “£10”.

Transitional provisions

3.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), where a decision has been made before 30th September 2005 on an application for a licence or a variation of a licence—

- (a) to grant the licence under section 13 of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995;
- (b) to grant a variation to a licence under sections 13 and 17(5) of that Act;

(a) See section 58(1) for the meaning of “prescribed” and “regulations”.
(b) 1995 c.23.
(c) 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 1.
(d) S.I. 1995/3000, amended by S.I. 2004/1878.

(c) to issue an interim licence under section 24(1) of that Act; or

(d) to give an interim direction under section 25(1) of that Act;

the fees prescribed by the principal Regulations immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations in respect of fee numbers (ii), (iv) and (v) apply notwithstanding that the period of 15 working days within which the relevant fee is payable has not expired before that date.

(2) In respect of fee number (v), where—

(a) annual payments are applicable and a fee is payable in respect of an anniversary of the date of the issue of the licence; and

(b) the date for payment of the fee, ascertained in accordance with the provisions of column 4 of Part 2 of the Schedule to the principal Regulations, is on or after 30th September 2005,

the amount payable on that date shall be the fee prescribed by regulation 2(e).

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 Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) (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>
Fee with licence application or application for a licence variation	£190	£215 (13.2%)
Fee for the issue of a licence	£297	£336 (13.1%)
Fee for the continuation in force of a licence	£297	£336 (13.1%)
Fee for the issue of an interim licence or interim direction	£50	£57 (14%)
Additional fee for motor vehicles specified in the licence (per vehicle per quarter)		
a) for a period of 5 years paid in advance	£8.20	£9.00 (9.7%)
b) for a period of 5 years paid annually	£10	£11 (10%)

The Regulations also contain transitional provisions in respect of fees for the grant of a licence or variation of a licence, the issue of an interim licence, the giving of an interim direction and annual payments in respect of a licence within the first period of 5 years from the date the licence was granted.

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.

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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