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**The Driving Licences (Guernsey) Theory Test
(Amendment) Regulations, 2012**

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THE ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 4A of the Driving Licences (Guernsey) Ordinance, 1995^a, as amended and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

Amendments to the 2005 Regulations.

1. The Driving Licences (Guernsey) Theory Test Regulations, 2005, as amended are amended as follows.

2. For Regulation 4(1) of the 2005 Regulations, substitute-

"4. (1) The fee payable for a theory test is dependent upon the category of licence that a person has applied for, as set out in the table below

^a Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXVI, p. 374; section 4A was inserted by No. XXX of 2002.

Category of Test	Fee Payable
Motorcycle (P, A1 or A)	£35
Motor Car (B1, B, B+E, F, L or G)	£35
Goods Vehicles (C1, C1+E, C or C+E)	£50
Passenger Vehicles (D1, D1+E, D or D+E)	£50

. " (1A) The fee is payable to the Examiner."

Interpretation.

3. (1) In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise -

"enactment" means any Law, Ordinance or subordinate legislation,

"2005 Regulations" means the Driving Licences (Guernsey) Theory Test Regulations, 2005, as amended^b, and

"subordinate legislation" means any regulation, rule, order, rule of court, resolution, scheme, byelaw or other instrument made under any enactment and having legislative effect.

(2) The Interpretation (Guernsey) Law, 1948^c applies to the interpretation of these Regulations.

^b GSI no. 35 of 2005 as amended by GSI no. 13 of 2006, GSI no. 22 of 2008 and GSI no. 92 of 2010.

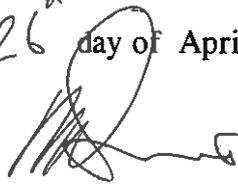
^c Ordres en Conseil Vol. XIII, p. 355.

(3) Any reference in these Regulations to an enactment is a reference thereto as from time to time amended, re-enacted (with or without modification), extended or applied.

Citation and commencement.

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Driving Licences (Guernsey) Theory Test (Amendment) Regulations, 2012 and shall come into force on the 1 July, 2012.

Dated this 26th day of April, 2012



Peter Sirett

Minister of the Environment Department

For and on behalf of the Department

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Amendment Regulations amend the Driving Licences (Guernsey) Theory Test Regulations, 2005. The fee for a theory test in any category has been £30 since 1st January 2011. These Amendment Regulations increase the fee payable for a theory test to £35 for a motorcycle or motor car licence and to £50 for a goods or passenger vehicles licence.

The increase is necessary to cover the cost of the service which has exceeded the Guernsey Retail Price Index.

In October 2011, the Department increased the number of theory test questions from 35 to 50 for motorcycles and motor cars and from 35 to 100 for goods vehicles and passenger vehicles. The increase in questions was to ensure that candidates have a greater theoretical knowledge and understanding of safe driving before they are permitted to take their practical test. The increase also made the number of questions comparable with similar licensing jurisdictions with whom the Department has driving licence exchange agreements.

The additional questions, particularly in the case of goods vehicle and passenger vehicle tests, has increased the duration of the tests significantly and therefore costs to the Department in terms of provision of invigilators. In addition, the Driving Standards Agency has introduced increased charges for the use of its theory test question database.

The fee increase shall come into effect from 1st July 2012.