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PUBLIC PASSENGER TRANSPORT

**The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees)
(Amendment) Regulations 2012**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>7th February 2012</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>13th February 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>1st April 2012</i>

The Secretary of State makes these Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 52(1)(a) and 60(1)(e) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(a) and by virtue of the Department for Transport (Fees) Order 2009(b).

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2012 and come into force on 1st April 2012.

Amendment of Regulations

2.—(1) The Public Service Vehicles (Operators' Licences) (Fees) Regulations 1995(d) are amended as follows.

(2) The following substitutions are made in the Schedule—

- (a) in relation to fee number (i), in column 3, “£206” for “£235”;
- (b) in relation to fee number (ii), in column 3, “£206” for “£155”;
- (c) in relation to fee number (v), in column 3, “£121” for “£119”.

(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 paragraph 7 of Schedule 1; by paragraphs 4(1) and 4(14) of Part II of Schedule 2 and by Schedule 8 to the 1985 Act. That section was further amended by section 66(2) of the 1994 Act. Section 60(1) of the 1981 Act was amended by the 1985 Act, section 134(2)(a) and Schedule 8. Section 60(1)(e) of the 1981 Act was substituted by section 66(5) of the 1994 Act. For the definition of “prescribed” and “regulations”, see section 60(2) of the 1981 Act, as amended by the 1985 Act, section 134(1) and (2)(c).

(b) S.I. 2009/711; relevant provisions are articles 4(2) and 9, Schedule 1, paragraphs 7 to 11, and Schedule 2.

(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, 2007/689, 2008/1473, 2009/787 and 2010/457.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Mike Penning
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

7th February 2012

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend some of the fees charged for public service vehicle operator licences granted under Part II of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981.

Fee changes, together with the percentage increase or decrease, are shown in the table below. The fees were last increased on 20th April 2009.

	<i>Old Fee</i>	<i>New Fee</i>	<i>Percentage Increase/Decrease</i>
Application for a standard licence	£235	£206	-12.3%
Application for a restricted licence	£155	£206	+32.9%
Application to vary a condition on a licence so as to increase the maximum number of vehicles	£119	£121	+1.7%

There are two full impact assessments of the effect that this instrument will have on the costs of business and the voluntary sector. One impact assessment relates to the recovery of the costs of developing and maintaining a national register of road transport operators as required by EU Regulations. The other impact assessment relates to the rebalancing and equalisation of the application fees for standard and restricted licences to reflect the costs of processing those applications. The impact assessments are available from the VOSA Corporate Office, Berkeley House, Croydon Street, Bristol BS5 0DA and are published with the Explanatory Memorandum alongside the instrument on www.legislation.gov.uk.

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