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Make provision for a graduated driving licence scheme; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Newly-qualified drivers' licences**

(1) The Road Traffic Act 1988 is amended as follows.

(2) After section 89(2A) (tests of competence to drive) insert—

“(2AA) No person submitting himself for a test of competence to drive a motor vehicle shall be permitted to book an appointment for the test unless he submits a certificate of completion by him of an approved training course, signed by an Approved Driving Instructor, with his application for the test.” 5

(3) After section 97(3) (grant of licences) insert—

“(3A) If the applicant for the licence states that it is made for the purpose of enabling the applicant to drive a motor vehicle within twelve months of passing a test of competence to drive, any licence granted in pursuance of the application shall be a newly-qualified driver's licence for that purpose. 10

(3B) A newly-qualified driver's licence shall be granted where the applicant has passed a test of competence to drive subject to the following prescribed conditions— 15

(a) the newly-qualified driver's licence will be valid for 12 months from the date of issue;

(b) a holder of a newly-qualified driver's licence may carry no more than one passenger in a vehicle he is driving; 20

(c) the level of alcohol in the blood of a person driving while holding a newly-qualified driver's licence must not exceed 5 micrograms in 100 millilitres of breath;

- (d) if a holder of a newly-qualified driver's licence amasses more than six penalty points the licence will be revoked and the driver will be required to re-qualify under the tests of competence specified in section 89 (tests of competence to drive). 5
- (3C) At the end of the twelve month period the newly-qualified driver's licence holder may apply for a full driving licence subject to—
- (a) submission of a prescribed certificate of completion by him of further tests of competence, signed by an Approved Driving Instructor. The competencies shall include motorway driving and night time driving and such other competencies as the Secretary of State may by order from time to time specify; 10
- (b) the period of the applicant's newly-qualified driver's licence not having been extended by the police as a result of his commission of any traffic offence." 15
- (4) In section 11(2) (interpretation of sections 4 to 10), after ““the prescribed limit” means, as the case may require—” insert—
- “(za) in the case of the holder of a newly-qualified driver's licence 5 micrograms in 100 millilitres of breath,”.

## **2 Short title, commencement and extent** 20

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Graduated Driving Licence Scheme Act 2013.
- (2) This Act will come into force on such day as the Secretary of State may by order appoint
- (3) This Act does not extend to Northern Ireland.

# Graduated Driving Licence Scheme Bill

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