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The Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) for the purpose of giving further effect to Article 7(1) of Directive No. 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006<sup>1</sup> and to Directive No. 2003/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 July 2003<sup>2</sup>, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as European Communities (Driving Theoretical Tests) (Extension of Period of Validity of Theory Test Certificates) Regulations 2020.

2. In these Regulations -

“Regulations of 2003” means the European Communities (Driving Theoretical Tests) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 52 of 2003);

“theory test certificate” has the same meaning as it has in the Regulations of 2003.

3. Notwithstanding Regulation 6(2) of, and the Schedule to, the Regulations of 2003, a theory test certificate issued during the period beginning on 1 March 2018 and ending on 30 June 2018 is valid for a period of 2 years and 4 months from the date of issue.

4. The Regulations of 2003 are amended by the substitution of “within the previous 2 years and 4 months” for “within the previous 2 years” in -

- (a) clauses (i) and (ii) of Regulation 4(4)(f) (inserted by Regulation 3(d) of the European Communities (Driving Theoretical Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 (S.I. No. 486 of 2014), and
- (b) Column (2) of the Table to Regulation 5(4) (inserted by Regulation 3(e) of the European Communities (Driving Theoretical Tests) (Amendment) Regulations 2014) in both places where it occurs.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. L 403, 30.12.2006 p. 18

<sup>2</sup> OJ No. L 226, 10.9.2003, p. 4



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Tourism and Sport,  
9 April, 2020.

SHANE ROSS,  
Minister for Transport, Tourism  
and Sport.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

These Regulations amend the European Communities (Driving Theoretical Tests) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 52 of 2003) to provide that a theory test certificate issued during the period beginning on 1 March 2018 and ending on 30 June 2018 is valid for a period of 2 years and 4 months from the date of issue.

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