



TIS-Web: Hours Law Guide

561/2006 - New Drivers Hours Regulations

	New rules from 11th April 2007
Daily driving	9 hours extendable to 10 hours not more than twice during the week
Weekly driving	Weekly limit of 56 hours
Fortnightly driving	Maximum of 90 hours accumulated driving during any two consecutive weeks
Breaks from driving	Total of 45 minutes at or before the end of 4½ hours continuous or cumulative driving. The 45 minute break may be split into two breaks, the first being at least 15 minutes duration and the second at least 30 minutes
Daily rest	<p>11 hours in the 24 hour period commencing at the end of the last daily or weekly rest period. May be reduced daily to a minimum of 9 hours not more than three times between any two weekly rest periods. Reductions do not require compensation.</p> <p>Where a driver chooses, daily rest periods away from base may be taken in a vehicle, as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and is stationary.</p>
Split daily rest	Can be taken in two periods, the first period being at least 3 hours and the last at least 9 hours

<p>Weekly rest</p>	<p>Must be taken after no more than six successive periods of 24 hours following the last weekly rest period. At least 45 hours (regular weekly rest period) can be reduced to 24 hours (reduced weekly rest period) at base or away from base. A full regular 45 hours weekly rest period is required in any two consecutive weeks</p> <p>Reductions must be compensated en bloc before the end of the third week following the week of reduction and attached to another rest period of at least nine hours duration. Where a driver chooses to do this, reduced weekly rest periods may be taken in a vehicle as long as it has suitable sleeping facilities for each driver and is stationary.</p> <p>A weekly rest period that falls in two weeks may be counted in either week, but not in both</p>
<p>Double manning daily rest concession</p>	<p>Within 30 hours of the end of a daily or weekly rest period, a driver engaged in multi-manning must take a daily rest period of at least nine hours. 'Multi-manning' is defined as where during each period of driving between any consecutive rest periods, there are at least two drivers in the vehicle – but for the first hour the presence of another driver is optional.</p>
<p>Ferry/train daily rest concession</p>	<p>Where a driver accompanies a vehicle, which is transported by ferry or train, a regular daily rest (at least 11 hours) may be interrupted not more than twice by other activities not exceeding 1 hour in total. During that regular daily rest period, the driver must have access to a bunk or couchette</p>