



# Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

## CHAPTER 27

### ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

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- 2 For prescribing streets which are not to be used for...
- 3 For regulating the relative position in the roadway of traffic...
- 4 For prescribing the places where vehicles, or vehicles of any...
- 5 For prescribing the conditions subject to which, and the times...
- 6 For prescribing the number and maximum size and weight of...
- 7 For prescribing the conditions subject to which, and the times...
- 8 For prescribing the conditions subject to which, and the times...
- 9 For prescribing the conditions subject to which, and the times...
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- 11 For prescribing the conditions subject to which, and the times...
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- 14 Vehicles, or vehicles of any class, when unattended.
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- 4 Prescribing the places where vehicles may not turn so as...
- 5 Prescribing the conditions subject to which, and the times at...
- 6 Prescribing the conditions subject to which, and the times at...
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- 3 In the case of any proposal, the Secretary of State...
- 4 (1) Where in the case of any proposal the Secretary...
- 5 (1) In the case of any proposal, the local authority...
- 6 In deciding in the case of any proposal whether or...

##### Part II — REVOCATION OR VARIATION OF PERMANENT LICENCE

- 7 Subject to the provisions of Parts III and IV of...
- 8 If at any time it appears to the local authority...
- 9 If at any time it appears to the local authority...

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- 10 If at any time it appears to the local authority...
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- 12 (1) Where at the date when the licence was granted...
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- 20 Where— (a) at the date when notice of a proposal...
- 21 Paragraph 22 below shall apply to any decision of the...
- 22 (1) If, on a claim made to the local authority...
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*Application*

This Part applies only to motor vehicles, not being track-laying...

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*Application*

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*Application*

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- 3 The specification as regards springs and wings mentioned in item...
- 4 (1) A vehicle falling in two or more classes specified...



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- 5 Subsections (2) to (4) of that section shall have effect...
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- 3 (1) Any power to make an order conferred on ...
- 4 Where the national authority has made an order by virtue...
- 5 (1) Paragraphs 1 to 4 above shall have effect in...
- 6 (1) Where by virtue of paragraph 3 above a parking...
- 7 (1) Subject to paragraph 8 below, the national authority ,...
- 8 The national authority shall not give any direction under paragraph...
- 9 The national authority may make an order under paragraph 7...
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- 15 (1) The Secretary of State may by order add to...
- 15A (1) The Scottish Ministers may by order add to or...
- 16 (1) In consenting to any order submitted for consent under...
- 17 (1) The Secretary of State or the Scottish Ministers may...
- 18 The power of the Secretary of State to make an...
- 19 In this Part of this Schedule “principal road” means a...

Part III — PROCEDURE AS TO CERTAIN ORDERS

- 20 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, before making make an...
- 21 As respects orders of a strategic highways company or a...
- 22 (1) Without prejudice to the generality of paragraph 21 above,...
- 23 (1) The Secretary of State, after consultation with the council...
- 24 The national authority may make regulations with respect to the...
- 25 Any regulations under this Part of this Schedule may make...
- 26 (1) Before giving any authority a direction under paragraph 2...

Part IV — VARIATION OR REVOCATION OF CERTAIN ORDERS

- 27 (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) , (2A), (3) and (4)...
- 28 For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that,...
- 29 Nothing in paragraph 8 of this Schedule shall prevent the...

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#### PART V — CONSULTATION WITH TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS

- 30 This Part of this Schedule applies to any order made...  
 31 Before making an order to which this Part of this...  
 32 If the order is required to be submitted for consent...  
 33 Paragraphs 31 and 32 above shall have effect without prejudice...

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 35 If any person desires to question the validity of, or...  
 36 (1) On any application under this Part of this Schedule...  
 37 Except as provided by this Part of this Schedule, an...

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#### *General*

- 1 (1) In this Schedule “the 1967 Act” means the Road...  
 2 Where any enactment or document refers, whether specifically or by...  
 3 Any reference in this Act (whether express or implied) to...  
 4 (1) Without prejudice to paragraph 3 above, any reference in...  
 5 Without prejudice to paragraphs 3 and 4 above, any power...  
 6 Where a period of time specified in an enactment repealed...

#### *Traffic regulation byelaws in Scotland*

- 7 Any byelaw made under section 104 of the Roads and...

#### *Meaning of “heavy commercial vehicle”*

- 8 Transitional Provisions and Savings

#### *Pedestrian crossings*

- 9 (1) Subsections (2) and (3) of section 23 of this...

#### *Parking places*

- 10 (1) The power conferred on a local authority by section...  
 11 (1) The repeal by this Act of Schedule 8 to...  
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 13 Nothing in subsections (1) to (3B) of section 35 or...

#### *Speed limits*

- 14 (1) A direction in an order made under section 1...  
 15 Any limit of speed which was in force on 1st...  
 16 (1) This paragraph applies to any road which—

#### *Saving for agreements and incidental matters*

- 17 (1) The repeal of this Act by any enactment shall...

#### *Offences relating to disabled persons’ concessions*

- 18 Transitional Provisions and Savings

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*References to foot passengers in subordinate legislation*

19 For the purposes of the application of any provisions of...

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20 Transitional Provisions and Savings

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*Introductory*

1 In this Schedule (which is a re-enactment of section 80...

*Application of Schedule*

2 (1) This Schedule shall extend only to such areas as...

*Notice to pay fixed penalty*

3 (1) Where at any time within the interim period a...

*Amount and payment of fixed penalty, and supplementary provisions*

4 (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the fixed penalty for...

*Liability of vehicle owner in respect of fixed penalty*

5 (1) This paragraph applies where— (a) a notice under paragraph...

*Effect of notice under paragraph 5(6)*

6 (1) The provisions of sub-paragraphs (2) to (5) below shall...

*Hired vehicles*

7 (1) This paragraph shall apply where— (a) a notice under...

*Time for bringing, and evidence in, proceedings for offences under this Schedule*

8 (1) Proceedings in England or Wales for an offence under...

*Statutory statements under this Schedule*

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*Service of notices*

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### *THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1960 (c. 16)*

- 1 In section 253(11), for “section 78 of the Road Traffic...

### *THE LONDON GOVERNMENT ACT 1963 (c. 33)*

- 2 Consequential Amendments

### *THE COUNTRYSIDE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1967 (c. 86)*

- 3 In section 51— (a) in subsection (1), for the words...

### *THE LONDON CAB ACT 1968 (c. 7)*

- 4 In section 3(2), for “1967” substitute “ 1984 ”.

### *THE COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1968 (c. 41)*

- 5 Consequential Amendments

### *THE TRANSPORT ACT 1968 (c. 73)*

- 6 Consequential Amendments

- 7 In section 117(5), for the words from “12” to the...

- 8 Consequential Amendments

- 9 In section 42, the reference to any of the provisions...

### *THE CHRONICALLY SICK AND DISABLED PERSONS ACT 1970 (c. 44)*

- 10 In section 20(1)(b), for “1967” substitute “ 1984 ”.

- 11 In section 21— (a) in subsection (1), for the words...

### *THE PENSIONS (INCREASE) ACT 1971 (c. 56)*

- 12 In paragraph 51(b) of Schedule 2, after “1967” insert “...

- 13–28 Consequential Amendments

### *THE LAND COMPENSATION ACT 1973 (c. 26)*

- 29 In section 20— (a) in subsection (6), after “1967” insert...

### *THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT 1974 (c. 40)*

- 30 In section 23— (a) in subsection (2A), for “1967” substitute...

### *THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1974 (c. 50)*

- 31 In section 17— (a) in subsection (6)(a), for “the 1967...

### *THE GREATER LONDON COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) ACT 1974 (c. xxiv)*

- 32 In section 15— (a) in subsection (2)(a), for “section 80(1)(b)...

- 33 Consequential Amendments

### *THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976 (c. 57)*

- 34 In section 7(3), for “Section 84C(1) to (5) and (6)...

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- 35 In section 44— (a) in subsection (1), in the definition...
- 36 In section 64(2), for “section 54 of the Road Traffic...

*THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (SCOTLAND) ACT 1980 (c. 62)*

- 37 At the end of Schedule 1 the following entry shall...

*THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, PLANNING AND LAND ACT 1980 (c. 65)*

- 38 In Schedule 7— (a) in paragraph 14(3) and (4), for...

*THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 (c. 66)*

- 39 Consequential Amendments
- 40 In section 42(2)(c), for “section 71 of the Road Traffic...
- 41 In section 60(1), for “section 12 of the Road Traffic...
- 42 In section 90F(2), for “1967” substitute “ 1984 ”.
- 43 In section 115(6)— (a) for “Section 31 of the Road...
- 44 In section 115A(2), for “1967” substitute “ 1984 ”.
- 45 In section 265(10), for “21 and 75 of the Road...
- 46 In section 285(3), for “1967” substitute “ 1984 ”, and...
- 47 In section 329(1), in the definition of “traffic sign”, for...
- 48, 49 Consequential Amendments
- 50, 51 Consequential Amendments
- 52 In Schedule 10, in Part II, in paragraph 9(1), for...

*THE WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (c. 69)*

- 53 In section 54, for “1967” substitute “ 1984 ”.
- 54–56 Consequential Amendments

*THE LEVEL CROSSINGS ACT 1983 (c. 16)*

- 57 In section 1(11), in the definition of “traffic sign”, for...

SCHEDULE 14 — Repeals

*TABLE OF DERIVATIONS*Note: The following abbreviations are used in this Table:—

The Table does not take account of successive transfers of...

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 22B inserted by [2003 c. 20 s. 108](#)
- s. 87 substituted by [2006 c. 49 s. 19](#)
- s. 87(1A) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 50\(3\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). This amendment is to be applied to the version of s. 87 that is prospectively substituted by [2006 c. 49, s. 19](#))

**Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:**

- Act power to amend secondary legislation conferred by [S.I. 2020/1297 art. 48\(6\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). S.I. 2020/1297 was withdrawn following a request from the Department of Transport dated 9th August 2021 which followed the decision of the High Court of Justice to quash this Order in the judgement dated 2nd August 2021 (High Court of Justice — Planning Court — The Queen (on the application of Save Stonehenge World Heritage Site) v. Secretary of State for Transport — Case No. CO/4844/2020))

**Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):**

- s. 87(1)(a) words omitted by [2015 c. 20 s. 50\(2\)\(a\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). This amendment is to be applied to the version of s. 87 that is prospectively substituted by [2006 c. 49, s. 19](#))
- s. 87(1)(a) words substituted by [2013 c. 22 Sch. 8 para. 29\(3\)](#)
- s. 87(1)(b) words substituted by [2017 c. 4 s. 26\(6\)\(a\)](#)
- s. 87(1)(c) word inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 50\(2\)\(c\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). This amendment is to be applied to the version of s. 87 that is prospectively substituted by [2006 c. 49, s. 19](#))
- s. 87(1)(aa) inserted by [2015 c. 20 s. 50\(2\)\(b\)](#) (This amendment not applied to [legislation.gov.uk](#). This amendment is to be applied to the version of s. 87 that is prospectively substituted by [2006 c. 49, s. 19](#))
- s. 87(7) inserted by [2017 c. 4 s. 26\(6\)\(b\)](#)