



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART X

GENERAL AND SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

[^{F1}121A Traffic authorities.

(1) The Secretary of State is the traffic authority—

[for every highway in England and Wales for which he is the highway authority
^{F2}(a) within the meaning of the Highways Act 1980, [^{F3}and

(b) for every road in Scotland in relation to which he exercises functions relating to the matters reserved by paragraph (c) of Section E1 of Schedule 5 to the Scotland Act 1998.]

[The roads authority (as defined in section 151(1) of the ^{M1}Roads (Scotland) Act 1984)
^{F4}(1AA) is the traffic authority for every road in Scotland.]

[A strategic highways company is the traffic authority for every highway for which it
^{F5}(1AB) is the highway authority within the meaning of the Highways Act 1980.]

^{F6}[The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority for every road in Scotland for which
(1A) they are the roads authority within the meaning of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.]

^{F7}[Transport for London is the traffic authority for every GLA road.]
(1A)

(2) In Greater London, the council of the London borough or the Common Council of the City of London are the traffic authority for all roads in the borough or, as the case may be, in the City [^{F8}which are not GLA roads and] for which the Secretary of State [^{F9}or a strategic highways company] is not the traffic authority.

(3) In England and Wales outside Greater London, the council of the county or metropolitan district are the traffic authority for all roads in the county or, as the case may be, the district for which the Secretary of State [^{F10}or a strategic highways company] is not the traffic authority.

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[In Scotland, the ^{F12} council constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. ^{F11}(4) (Scotland) Act 1994] are the traffic authority in relation to all roads within their area for which the Secretary of State is not the traffic authority.]

- (5) In this Act “local traffic authority” means a traffic authority other than
- ^{F13}(a) [in relation to England and Wales,] the Secretary of State ^{F14} or a strategic highways company^{F15}; or
- (b) in relation to Scotland, the Secretary of State or the Scottish Ministers.]]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 121A inserted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1), **Sch. 8 para. 70**; which substitution is in force for Scotland only by [S.I. 1991/2286](#), art. 2(2), **Sch. 2** and for England and Wales only by [S.I. 1991/2288](#), art. 3, **Sch.**
- F2** Word in s. 121A(1) ceases to have effect (6.4.2001) by virtue of [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(2)(a)** (with art. 3)
- F3** S. 121A(1)(b) and the word “and” preceding it cease to have effect (6.4.2001) by virtue of [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(2)(b)** (with art. 3)
- F4** S. 121A(1AA) inserted (6.4.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(3)** (with art. 3)
- F5** S. 121A(1AB) inserted (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 57(1), **Sch. 1 para. 95(2)**; [S.I. 2015/481](#), reg. 2(a)
- F6** S. 121A(1A) inserted (1.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1820](#), arts. 1(2), 4, **Sch. 2 Pt. I para. 73(2)(b)** (with art. 5) and by [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(4)** it is provided (6.4.2001) that s. 121A(1A) ceases to have effect
- F7** S. 121A(1A) inserted (3.7.2000) by [1999 c. 29](#), s. 271(2) (with [Sch. 12 para. 9\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/801](#), art. 2, **Sch.** and by [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(4)** it is provided (6.4.2001) that s. 121A(1A) ceases to have effect
- F8** Words in s. 121A(2) inserted (3.7.2000) by [1999 c. 29](#), s. 271(3) (with [Sch. 12 para. 9\(1\)](#)); [S.I. 2000/801](#), art. 2, **Sch.**
- F9** Words in s. 121A(2) inserted (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 57(1), **Sch. 1 para. 95(3)**; [S.I. 2015/481](#), reg. 2(a)
- F10** Words in s. 121A(3) inserted (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 57(1), **Sch. 1 para. 95(3)**; [S.I. 2015/481](#), reg. 2(a)
- F11** S. 121A(4) ceases to have effect (6.4.2001) by virtue of [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(4)**
- F12** Words in s. 121A(4) substituted (S.) (1.4.1996) by [1994 c. 39](#), s. 180(1), **Sch. 13 para. 134(9)**; [S.I. 1996/323](#), art. 4(1)(c)
- F13** S. 121A(5)(a) inserted (6.4.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(5)(a)**
- F14** Words in s. 121A(5)(a) inserted (5.3.2015) by [Infrastructure Act 2015 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 57(1), **Sch. 1 para. 95(3)**; [S.I. 2015/481](#), reg. 2(a)
- F15** S. 121A(5)(b) and word “or” immediately preceding inserted (6.4.2001) by [S.I. 2001/1400](#), art. 2, **Sch. para. 1(5)(b)**

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