STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2026 No. 95

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Waiting Restrictions (Bedford Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

Made - - - -	*21st May 2026*
Coming into operation	*3rd September 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4(1), (2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) ("the 1997 Order") and now vested in it(**c**).

In accordance with Article 4(6) of, and paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to, the 1997 Order, the Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Waiting Restrictions (Bedford Street, Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026 and shall come into operation on 3rd September 2026.

(2) In this Order—

"medical practitioner" means a fully registered person within the meaning of section 55(1) of the Medical Act 1983(**d**);

"postal packet" has the same meaning as in section 65(1) of the Postal Services Act 2011(**e**); and

"universal service provider" has the same meaning as in section 65(1) of the Postal Services Act 2011.

Restriction of waiting

2. Save as provided in Article 3, a person shall not cause or permit a vehicle to wait at any time on the lengths of road specified in the Schedule.

(**a**) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 (2016 c. 5 (N.I.))
(**b**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**c**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**d**) 1983 c. 4
(**e**) 2011 c. 5

Exceptions

3.—(1) Nothing in Article 2 shall render it unlawful for a person to cause or permit a vehicle to wait on the carriageway of the lengths of road specified in the Schedule where the person in control of it is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond that person's control or to avoid an accident or for so long as may be reasonably necessary to enable—

(a) a person to board or alight from a vehicle provided that such boarding or alighting does not cause the vehicle to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes;

(b) the vehicle to be used in an emergency by a medical practitioner, or for fire and rescue, ambulance, police or customs purposes or for the purposes of the security forces;

(c) the vehicle to be used by or on behalf of a universal service provider for the purposes of the delivery to, or collection from, premises situated adjacent to the length of road of postal packets;

(d) the vehicle, if it cannot conveniently be used for such purposes outside that length of road to be used—

(i) in connection with any building, repair or demolition operations;

(ii) in connection with the removal to any obstruction to traffic;

(iii) by or on behalf of a district council or a government department in pursuance of statutory powers or duties;

(iv) by or on behalf of a sewerage undertaker or a water undertaker in connection with the discharge of that undertaker's functions;

(v) in connection with the discharge of the functions of the holder of a licence granted under Article 10 of the Electricity (Northern Ireland) Order 1992(**a**) or a licence granted under Article 8 of the Gas (Northern Ireland) Order 1996(**b**); or

(vi) in connection with the installation, laying, erection, alteration or repair of any electronic communications apparatus as defined in paragraph 5 of Schedule 3A to the Communications Act 2003(**c**).

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) a vehicle shall be deemed to wait in the same place for more than 2 minutes if any one part of the carriageway is below any part of the vehicle or its load (if any) throughout a period exceeding 2 minutes whether or not the vehicle is moved during that period.

Amendment to the On-Street Parking Order

4. The On-Street Parking Order (Northern Ireland) 2000(**d**) is amended by the substitution for item no. 11, relating to Bedford Street, Belfast in Chapter 1, Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the same description together with a new map.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 21st May 2026

(L.S.)

R Balfour
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

(**a**) S.I. 1992/231 (N.I. 1) as amended by S.I. 2003/419 (N.I. 6), S.R. 2007 No. 283, S.R. 2007 NO. 284, S.R. 2007 No. 303, S.R. 2007 No. 320, S.R. 2007 No. 321, S.I. 2007/913 (N.I. 7) and S.R. 2011 No. 155
(**b**) S.I. 1996/276 (N.I. 2) as amended by S.R. 2006 No. 358, S.R. 2011 No. 155 and S.R. 2013 No. 92
(**c**) 2003 c. 21: Schedule 3A was inserted by Section 4 of, and Schedule 1 to, the Digital Economy Act 2017 (2017 c. 20)
(**d**) S.R. 2000 No. 383: relevant amending Order is S.R. 2014 No. 7

SCHEDULE

Article 2

WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN BELFAST - No Waiting at any time (loading and unloading not permitted)

1. Bedford Street (east side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with James Street South for a distance of 14 metres in a southerly direction.
2. Bedford Street (east side) – from a point 15 metres south of its junction with Franklin Street for a distance of 59 metres in a southerly direction.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order prohibits vehicles waiting at any time (loading and unloading not permitted) on the lengths of Bedford Street, Belfast as specified in the Schedule. Vehicles are excepted from the prohibition in certain circumstances.

A penalty charge (£90) is payable with respect to a vehicle involved in a contravention of this Order in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and the Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

Traffic signs indicating the effect of this Order will in due course be placed on the road.