SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 183

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A737/A738 Trunk Road (St James Viaduct) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road and Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*16th April 2026*
Coming into force - -	*24th April 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 14(1)(a) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 14(1)(a) of that Act, they are satisfied that traffic on the length of road specified in the schedule should be restricted or prohibited because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near that length of road.

In accordance with section 14(3) of that Act, they have had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order.

Citation, commencement and cessation

1. This Order may be cited as the A737/A738 Trunk Road (St James Viaduct) (Temporary Prohibition on Use of Road and Temporary 30mph Speed Restriction) Order 2026, comes into force on 24 April 2026 and ceases to have effect on 14 August 2026.

Prohibition on use of road

2. No person may use, or permit the use of, any vehicle on the length of road, or a part or parts of the length of road, specified in the schedule when a prohibition is identified as applying to that length of road, or a part or parts of that length of road, by means of a traffic sign of the type described in item 8 (diagram 7105 – position of barrier to mark length of road closed or to guide traffic past an obstruction) of the sign table in Part 6 of schedule 13 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(**b**).

(**a**) 1984 c. 27; section 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22) ("the 1991 Act"), schedule 8, paragraph 18, and section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), schedule 1. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (inserted by the 1991 Act, schedule 8, paragraph 70 and amended by S.I. 2001/1400) as read with section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54) (relevantly amended by S.I. 2001/1400). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(**b**) S.I. 2016/362.

Speed restriction

3. No person may use, or permit the use of, any vehicle on the length of road, or a part or parts of the length of road, specified in the schedule at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour when a restriction is identified as applying to that length of road, or a part or parts of that length of road, by means of a traffic sign of the type described in item 1 (diagram 670 – maximum speed limit in mph) of the sign table in Part 2 of schedule 10 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

Exemptions

4. No prohibition imposed by this Order applies to—

(a) a vehicle being used in an emergency for fire brigade, ambulance, police or coastguard purposes, or

(b) a vehicle being used for carrying out the works.

5. No speed restriction imposed by this Order applies to—

(a) vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(**a**) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations, or

(b) vehicles being used in an emergency for coastguard purposes.

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16th April 2026

(**a**) S.I. 2011/935.

SCHEDULE

Articles 2 and 3

SPECIFIED LENGTH OF ROAD

That length of the A737/A738 St James Interchange – Kilwinning – Hawkhill Trunk Road at the St James Viaduct from its junction with the A761 in a generally north easterly direction to its junction with the M8 Eastbound, a total distance of 2,600 metres or thereby.