WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 279 (W. 56)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M48 Motorway (Junction 23 (Rogiet) to Junction 2 (Newhouse Interchange), Monmouthshire) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2025

Made	*28 February 2025*
Coming into force	*11 March 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M48 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1), (4) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**1**), make this Order.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is M48 Motorway (Junction 23 (Rogiet) to Junction 2 (Newhouse Interchange), Monmouthshire) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 11 March 2025.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"exempted vehicle" ("*cerbyd esempt*") means—

(**1**) 1984 c. 27; section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1. By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, and section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c. 32), these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

(a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**1**);

(b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes and being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces of the Crown, who is a member of the special forces—

(i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving at high speeds; or

(ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds;

"special forces" ("*lluoedd arbennig*") means those units of the armed forces the maintenance of whose capabilities is the responsibility of the Director of Special Forces or which are for the time being subject to the operational command of that Director;

"the motorway ("*y draffordd*") means the M48 London to South Wales Motorway.

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means the period commencing at 00:00 hours on 11 March 2025 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Restriction

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule to this Order.

Suspension

4. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the motorway are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 are in operation.

Application

5. —(1) The restriction in article 3 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(**1**) Section 87 was amended by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (c. 21), Schedule 1, paragraph 55, the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), Schedule 4, paragraph 42, the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), Schedule 8, paragraph 29(2) and the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), section 50(4) and (5).

(2) No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to an exempted vehicle.

Duration of this Order

6. The maximum duration for this Order is 18 months.

Signed on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated 28 February 2025

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Welsh Government

SCHEDULE
Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit

The length of the M48 eastbound carriageway that extends from its merge with the M4 eastbound carriageway at Junction 23 (Rogiet) to a point 180 metres east of its nosing with the M48 eastbound entry slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse Interchange).

The length of the M48 westbound carriageway that extends from a point 200 metres east of its nosing with the M48 eastbound entry slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse Interchange) to its merge with the M4 westbound carriageway at Junction 23 (Rogiet).