WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 625 (W. 104)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M4 Motorway (Junction 37 (Pyle Interchange) to Junction 38 (Margam Interchange), Bridgend, Bridgend County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2025

Made	*22 May 2025*
Coming into force	*2 June 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the M4 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on a specified lengths of the motorway should be prohibited and/or restricted because of works proposed on or near the road.

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 the M4 Motorway (Junction 37 (Pyle Interchange) to Junction 38 (Margam Interchange), Bridgend, Bridgend County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 2 June 2025.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(**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.

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

(a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**1**) or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

(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 M4 London to South Wales Motorway;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means intermittent periods commencing at 18:00 hours on 2 June 2025 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Prohibitions and restrictions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on either the westbound or eastbound carriageways of the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 to this Order. Alternative routes are also specified in the same Schedule.

4. No person may, during the works period, use or permit the use of a motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedules 2 and 3 to this Order during such times as the restrictions referred to in articles 5, 6, 7 and 8 are in operation.

(**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).

5. No person may, during the works period, other than an exempted vehicle, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour, 40 miles per hour or 30 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

6. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited on the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 11, not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway in any direction other than westwards.

7. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 11, not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle on the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the motorway in any direction other than eastwards.

8. The hard shoulder adjacent to the lengths of motorway specified in Schedule 3 to this Order may be available for use as a traffic lane by all motor vehicles.

Suspension

9. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in article 5 are in operation.

10. Regulation 5 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**1**) and the provisions of regulation 9 of those Regulations relating to the driving of vehicles are suspended insofar as they apply to the hard shoulder which is contiguous with the lengths of the westbound and eastbound carriageways of the motorway specified in Schedule 3 to this Order and traffic is, by article 11, directed to use the specified hard shoulder.

Application

11.—(1) The restrictions and prohibitions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

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

(**1**) S.I. 1982/1163.

Duration of this Order

12. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

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

Dated 22 May 2025

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SCHEDULE 1
Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles and Alternative Routes

1. The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from Junction 37 westbound off-slip to the point where Junction 38 westbound on-slip joins the motorway.

2. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from Junction 38 eastbound off-slip to a point where the Junction 37 eastbound on-slip joins the motorway.

3. Alternative route for westbound traffic would be leaving the motorway at Junction 37, taking 2nd exit onto the A4229, then joining the A48 westbound at Pyle and continue along the A48 until rejoining the motorway at Junction 38. Vice versa for eastbound traffic.

SCHEDULE 2
50mph, 40mph & 30mph Speed limit and No Overtaking

1. The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the entry slip at Junction 36 to a point at the eastern extent of the existing 50mph speed limit zone located 400 metres east of Junction 40 exit slip nosing.

2. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point at the eastern extent of the existing 50mph speed limit zone located 400 metres east of Junction 40 entry slip nosing to a point at the nosing of the Junction 36 exit slip on the eastbound carriageway.

SCHEDULE 3
Temporary Contraflow, Hard Shoulder trafficking and No Overtaking

1. The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point at the nosing of the Junction 37 exit slip to a point at the nosing of the Junction 38 entry slip.

2. The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point at the nosing of the Junction 38 exit slip to a point at the nosing of the Junction 37 entry slip.