WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 770 (W. 138)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A465 Trunk Road (Llandarcy Roundabout, Neath Port Talbot, to Rhigos, Rhondda Cynon Taf) (Temporary Speed Limits) Order 2025

Made	*23 June 2025*
Coming into force	*1 July 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A465 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified lengths of the trunk road should be 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 A465 Trunk Road (Llandarcy Roundabout, Neath Port Talbot, to Rhigos, Rhondda Cynon Taf) (Temporary Speed Limits) Order 2025 and it comes into force on 1 July 2025.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"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

(**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.

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 trunk road" ("*y gefnffordd*") means the A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk road;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means intermittent periods commencing at 06:00 hours on 1 July 2025 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Restrictions

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 trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Suspension

6. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road are suspended

(**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).

during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 3, 4 and 5 are in operation.

Application

7.—(1) The restrictions and prohibitions in articles 3, 4 and 5 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.

Duration of this Order

8. 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 23 June 2025

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SCHEDULE

The lengths of the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the trunk road that extend from and include the entire circulatory carriageway of Llandarcy Roundabout to the eastern side of the A465 Tower Colliery Sidings bridge with the identification number '370' located west of the Trewaun Junction at Rhigos.

The entire lengths of the eastbound and westbound exit/entry slip roads of the trunk road between the lengths of the carriageways described above.