WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M4 Motorway Junction 23A (Magor, Monmouthshire) to Junction 26 (Malpas, Newport) and Junction 30 (Cardiff Gate, Pontprennau) to Junction 33 (Cardiff West) (Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2025

Made	*11 July 2025*
Coming into force	*14 July 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the M4 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on the specified lengths of the motorway 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 M4 Motorway Junction 23A (Magor, Monmouthshire) to Junction 26 (Malpas, Newport) and Junction 30 (Cardiff Gate, Pontprennau) to Junction 33 (Cardiff West) (Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 14 July 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 functions are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

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

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

(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.

Restriction

3. No person may drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 40 mph on the lengths of the M4 motorway specified in the Schedules to this Order.

Application

4. The restriction in article 3 applies only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Suspension

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

Duration of this Order

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

(**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).

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

Dated 11 July 2025

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SCHEDULE 1

The length of the M4 London to South Wales Motorway that extends from the centre-point of Junction 30 (Cardiff Gate, Pontprennau) and Junction 33 (Cardiff West), including all exit and entry slip roads between these junctions from 00:01 on Monday 14 July 2025 to 23:59 on Friday 8 August 2025.

SCHEDULE 2

The length of the M4 London to South Wales Motorway that extends from the centre-point of Junction 23A (Magor, Monmouthshire) and Junction 26 (Malpas, Newport), including all exit and entry slip roads between these junctions from 00:01 on Monday 11 August 2025 to 23:59 on Friday 3 September 2025.