WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2025 No. 935 (W. 160)

# ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

## The A4042 Trunk Road (Pontypool Roundabout to Court Farm Roundabout, Torfaen) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2025

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| *Made* | *30 July 2025* |
| *Coming into force* | *4 August 2025* |

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A4042 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road 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 the A4042 Trunk Road (Pontypool Roundabout to Court Farm Roundabout, Torfaen) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 4 August 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 functions 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 trunk road" ("*y gefnffordd*") means the A4042 Newport to Shrewsbury trunk road.

**Restriction**

**3.** No person may drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule 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 lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order 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 12 months.

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(**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 30 July 2025

*Nicci Hunter*
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

**SCHEDULE**

The length of the northbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 36 metres south of Pontypool Roundabout to its junction with the southern side of that roundabout.

The length of the northbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the north-eastern side of Pontypool Roundabout to a point 216 metres north-east of that roundabout.

The entire circulatory carriageway of Pontypool Roundabout.

The length of the southbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 45 metres south of its junction with the south-eastern side of Court Farm Roundabout to its junction with the north-eastern side of Pontypool Roundabout.

The length of the southbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the south-eastern side of Pontypool Roundabout to a point 40 metres south of that roundabout.