

2015 No. 1618 (W. 206)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A465 Trunk Road (Dowlais,
Merthyr Tydfil to Ebbw Vale West
Junction, Blaenau Gwent)
(Temporary Speed Restrictions &
No Overtaking) Order 2015**

Made 17 August 2015

Coming into force 24 August 2015

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Neath – Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) (“the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be restricted or prohibited 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) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 24 August 2015 and its title is The A465 Trunk Road (Dowlais, Merthyr Tydfil to Ebbw Vale West Junction, Blaenau Gwent) (Temporary Speed Restrictions & No Overtaking) Order 2015.

2. —(1) In this Order:

“the lengths of the trunk road” (“*y darnau o’r gefnffordd*”) means:

- i. the length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with Dowlais Top Roundabout in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil to the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Ebbw Vale West junction in the County Borough of Blaenau Gwent, including the entire lengths of the eastbound exit and entry slip roads at Rhymney Interchange and Tredegar Interchange;
- ii. the length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Ebbw Vale West junction in the County Borough of Blaenau Gwent to its

junction with the A4060 Dowlais Roundabout in the County Borough of Merthyr Tydfil, including the entire lengths of the westbound exit and entry slip roads at Tredegar Interchange and Rhymney Interchange;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 24 August 2015 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article is a reference to the article bearing that number in this Order.

Restrictions and Prohibition

3. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road.

4. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle in the lengths of the trunk road during such times as the restriction referred to in article 5 is in operation.

Application

7. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the restrictions and prohibition referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

8. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 17 August 2015

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- (1) 1984 c.27; Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.
- (2) By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.