

2024 No. 768 (W. 113)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M4 Motorway (Junction 23,
Rogiet to the Wales/England
Border, Monmouthshire)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and
Restrictions) Order 2024

Made 26 June 2024

Coming into force 1 July 2024

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on 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 23, Rogiet to the Wales/England Border, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 1 July 2024.

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 powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

- (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 00:01 hours on 1 July 2024 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are 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.

4. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 10, 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.

5. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 10, not prohibited in the eastbound

(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).

carriageway, no person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle on the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway in any direction other than westwards.

6. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

7. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

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

Application

9.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 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.

Suspensions

10. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the motorway specified in Schedules 3 and 4 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 7 and 8 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

11. The maximum duration for this Order is 18 months.

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

Dated the 26 June 2024

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1
Contraflow

The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from a point 1000 metres east of Station Road overbridge to the Wales/England border. A total distance of 9.5 kilometres.

The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from the Wales/England border to a point 740 metres east of Station Road overbridge. A total distance of 9.5 kilometres.

SCHEDULE 2
Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles

The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from a point 740 metres east of Station Road overbridge for a distance of 12.1 kilometres.

The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from the Wales/England border for a distance of 17.6 kilometres.

SCHEDULE 3
Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit

The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from a point 1000 metres east of the Station Road overbridge for a distance of 1 kilometre.

The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from the centre of the Severn Road overbridge at the eastern concession boundary for a distance of 1 kilometre.

SCHEDULE 4
Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit

The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from a point 1000 metres east of Station Road overbridge to the Wales/England border. A total distance of 9.5 kilometres.

The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from Wales/England border to a point 740 metres east of Station Road overbridge. A total distance of 9.5 kilometres.