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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 2913**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders  
(Designation of Areas) Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - *8th December 1997*  
*Laid before Parliament* *10th December 1997*  
*Coming into force* - - *31st December 1997*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31(6) and (7) of the Road Traffic Act 1991(1), and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Commencement and citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Designation of Areas) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 31st December 1997.

**Revocation**

2. The Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Designation of Areas) Order 1992(2) is hereby revoked.

**Interpretation**

3. In this Order “experimental period” has the meaning given in section 31 of the Road Traffic Act 1991(3).

**Designation of areas and districts**

4. The following areas and districts are hereby designated for the purposes of section 31 of the Road Traffic Act 1991—

- (a) the petty sessions areas specified in Schedule 1 to this Order;
- (b) the districts and the commission area in Scotland specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

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(1) 1991 c. 40.  
(2) S.I.1992/3014.  
(3) The “experimental period” was extended by the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) Order 1997 (S.I. 1997/949).

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**Period of designation**

5. Those areas and districts are designated until the end of the experimental period.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

*Helene Hayman*  
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,  
Department of the Environment, Transport and  
the Regions

8th December 1997

## SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 4(a)

### PETTY SESSIONS AREAS

Petty sessional divisions of non-metropolitan counties and metropolitan districts

Abingdon, Didcot and Wantage

Aldridge & Brownhills

Appleby

Ashford and Tenterden

Bath and Wansdyke

Birmingham

Bishops Stortford

Boston

Bourne and Stamford

Bournemouth and Christchurch

Brecon

Bridgnorth

Bristol

Bromsgrove and Redditch

Burton upon Trent

Caistor

Cannock

Canterbury and St. Augustine

Cardiff

Carlisle

Carmarthen South

Carmarthen North

Central Dorset

Ceredigion Ganol

Cheshunt

Cirencester, Fairford and Tetbury

Cleddau

Corby

Cynon Valley

Dacorum

Dartford

De Ceredigion

Deben

Dinefwr

Dover and East Kent

Drayton

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Dudley  
Elloes  
Exeter  
Exmouth  
Faversham and Sittingbourne  
Folkestone and Hythe  
Forest  
Forest of Dean  
Furness and District  
Gainsborough  
Gloucester  
Gogledd Ceredigion  
Gogledd Preseli  
Grantham  
Gravesham  
Hartlepool  
Hertford and Ware  
Ipswich  
Kendal and Lonsdale  
Kennet  
Keswick  
Kettering  
Knowsley  
Lichfield  
Lincoln District  
Liverpool  
Llanelli  
Ludlow  
Machynlleth  
Maidenhead  
Maidstone  
Market Rasen  
Medway  
Mendip  
Merthyr Tydfil  
Mid Staffordshire  
Mid-Hertfordshire  
Miskin  
Neath Port Talbot  
New Forest

Newcastle and Ogmere  
Newcastle Under Lyme and Pirehill North  
Newtown  
North Avon  
North East Suffolk  
North Gloucestershire  
North Hertfordshire  
North Sefton  
North West Hampshire  
North West Suffolk  
North Wiltshire  
Northampton  
Oswestry  
Oxford  
Penrith and Alston  
Peterborough  
Pontefract  
Poole  
Radnorshire and North Brecknock  
Reading and Sonning  
Risbridge  
Rugeley  
Sedgemoor  
Seisdon  
Sevenoaks  
Severnminster  
Shrewsbury  
Sleaford  
Slough  
Solihull  
South Gloucestershire  
South Lakes  
South Pembrokeshire  
South Sefton  
South Somerset  
South Worcestershire  
Southampton  
Spilsby and Skegness  
St. Albans  
St. Edmundsbury

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Staffordshire Moorlands  
Stoke on Trent  
Stourbridge and Halesowen  
Stow  
Sudbury and Cosford  
Sutton Coldfield  
Swansea County  
Swindon  
Tamworth  
Taunton Deane  
Telford  
Thame and Henley  
Thanet  
The Wolds  
Tonbridge and Malling  
Tunbridge Wells and Cranbrook  
Vale of Glamorgan  
Wakefield  
Walsall  
Warley  
Watford  
Wellingborough  
Welshpool  
West Allerdale  
West Bromwich  
West Dorset  
West Somerset  
West Wiltshire  
Weymouth and Portland  
Whitehaven  
Wigton  
Windsor  
Ystradgynlais

Metropolitan Districts not divided into petty sessional divisions

Barnsley  
Doncaster  
Rotherham  
Sheffield  
South Tyneside  
St. Helens

Wirral  
Wolverhampton  
Outer London Boroughs not divided into petty sessional divisions  
Bexley  
Bromley  
Croydon  
Petty sessional divisions of the inner London area  
North Westminster  
South Central  
South Eastern  
South Western  
South Westminster  
Thames  
West Central  
West London

## SCHEDULE 2

Regulation 4(b)

### DISTRICTS AND COMMISSION AREA IN SCOTLAND

#### Districts

Dumbarton Sheriff Court district  
Glasgow and Strathkelvin Sheriff Court district  
Greenock Sheriff Court district  
Hamilton Sheriff Court district  
Paisley Sheriff Court district  
Stornoway Sheriff Court district

#### Commission Area

City of Glasgow District

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### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order revokes and replaces with modifications the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Designation of Areas) Order 1992. Sections 34A and 34B of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 give courts in designated areas the power to order that a period of disqualification imposed on a person convicted of a drink-drive offence be reduced, if he completes a course approved by the

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Secretary of State. Section 31 of the Road Traffic Act 1991 applies those provisions during an experimental period which runs to the end of 1999.

This Order adds further areas to the list of areas designated for the purposes of section 31 of the 1991 Act by the 1992 Order. It takes account of relevant changes made under the Local Government Act 1992(c. 19).