

**2015 No. 131**

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES**

**The Compulsory Right or Left-Hand Turn (Belfast) Order  
(Northern Ireland) 2015**

*Made* - - - - - *6th March 2015*

*Coming into operation* - *30th March 2015*

The Department for Regional Development<sup>(a)</sup> makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 4(1) of, and paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997<sup>(b)</sup> and now vested in it<sup>(c)</sup>.

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 1 to that Order.

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of that Schedule.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

The Department has modified the draft Order.

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as The Compulsory Right or Left-Hand Turn (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2015 and shall come into operation on 30th March 2015.

**Compulsory right-hand turn**

2. Subject to Article 4, every person causing or permitting a vehicle to proceed on the roads specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 while proceeding in the direction specified in column 2 shall cause or permit that vehicle on reaching the junctions with the roads specified opposite thereto in column 3 to make a right-hand turn onto those roads.

**Compulsory left-hand turn**

3. Subject to Article 5, every person causing or permitting a vehicle to proceed on the roads specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 while proceeding in the direction specified in column 2 shall cause or permit that vehicle on reaching the junctions with the roads specified opposite thereto in column 3 to make a left-hand turn onto those roads.

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(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)  
(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)  
(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

### **Exceptions**

4. The requirement in Article 2 to make a right-hand turn shall not apply to a vehicle being used on a road specified in column 1 of Schedule 1 in accordance with the exceptions specified in column 4 of that Schedule.

5. The requirement in Article 3 to make a left-hand turn shall not apply to a vehicle being used on a road specified in column 1 of Schedule 2 in accordance with the exceptions specified in column 4 of that Schedule.

6. The exceptions specified in column 4 of Schedules 1 and 2 are set out in detail in Schedule 3.

### **Revocations**

7. The provisions specified in column 1 of Schedule 4 are revoked to the extent specified in column 3.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 6th March 2015

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*G F McKenna*  
A senior officer of the Department for Regional Development

## SCHEDULE 1

Article 2

### Compulsory Right-hand Turns in Belfast

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
1.	The outside lane of Bedford Street	Northerly	Ormeau Avenue	Items 1 and 2 as set out in Schedule 3
2.	The westernmost lane of Donegall Quay	Southerly	Ann Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
3.	Little Patrick Street	South-easterly	Nelson Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
4.	Little Patrick Street	Westerly	York Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
5.	Upper Queen Street	Southerly	Howard Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3

## SCHEDULE 2

Article 3

### Compulsory Left-hand Turns in Belfast

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>	<i>Column 4</i>
1.	Albert Bridge slip road	Easterly	Short Strand	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
2.	Albion Lane	Westerly	Bradbury Place	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
3.	The outside lane of Bedford Street	Southerly	Ormeau Avenue	Items 1 and 2 as set out in Schedule 3
4.	Botanic Avenue	Northerly	Shaftesbury Square	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
5.	College Street	Westerly from its junction with Queen Street to its junction with College Square East	College Square East	Items 1 and 2 as set out in Schedule 3
6.	Donegall Road	Easterly	Shaftesbury Square	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
7.	Grosvenor Road	Easterly	Fisherwick Place	Items 1 and 2 as set out in Schedule 3
8.	Knocknagoney Road	Westerly	Belfast Road	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
9.	Little Patrick Street	North-westerly	Nelson Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
10.	Market Street	Southerly	East Bridge Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3

11.	May's Meadow	Northerly	East Bridge Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
12.	Montgomery Street	Southerly	Chichester Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
13.	Murray Street	Easterly	College Square East	Items 1 and 2 as set out in Schedule 3
14.	Ravenhill Road slip road	Northerly	Albert Bridge	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
15.	Rosetta Avenue	Easterly	Ormeau Road	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
16.	Rotterdam Street	Northerly	Bridge End	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
17.	Skipper Street	Southerly	High Street	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3
18.	Queen Street	Southerly	Wellington Place	Item 1 as set out in Schedule 3

## SCHEDULE 3

Article 6

### Exceptions

<i>Item No.</i>	<i>Exceptions</i>
1.	Where the driver of the vehicle is acting upon the direction or with the permission of a constable in uniform.
2.	Where the vehicle is being used for police, military, ambulance or fire and rescue purposes.

## SCHEDULE 4

Article 7

### Revocations

<i>Column 1</i>	<i>Column 2</i>	<i>Column 3</i>
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985	S.R. 1985 No. 21	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1985	S.R. 1985 No. 200	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987	S.R. 1987 No. 40	Article 2
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987	S.R. 1987 No. 237	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 4) (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1987	S.R. 1987 No. 386	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988	S.R. 1988 No. 33	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1988	S.R. 1988 No. 78	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1990	S.R. 1990 No. 65	Article 2
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) Order (Northern Ireland) 1991	S.R. 1991 No. 103	Article 2
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 2) Order (Amendment) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994	S.R. 1994 No. 7	Article 2 (1)
Control of Traffic (Belfast) (No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995	S.R. 1995 No. 326	The whole Order
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998	S.R. 1998 No. 109	Articles 3 and 4
Control of Traffic (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 1999	S.R. 1999 No. 153	Articles 4 and 5
The Control of Traffic (Belfast City Centre) Order (Northern Ireland) 2012	S.R. 2012 No. 197	Article 10

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order revokes the provisions specified in Schedule 4 and re-enacts the compulsory right-hand turns and compulsory left-hand turns therein.

Any person who acts in a contravention of the Order shall be guilty of an offence under the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (“the Regulation Order”) and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000), in accordance with the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 as amended by the Regulation Order.