



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART V

TRAFFIC SIGNS

General provisions

65 Powers and duties of highway authorities as to placing of traffic signs.

[^{F1}(1) The traffic authority may cause or permit traffic signs to be placed on or near a road, subject to and in conformity with such general directions as may be given by the Ministers acting jointly or such other directions as may be given by the Secretary of State.]

[^{F2}(1A) The power to give general directions under subsection (1) above includes power to require equipment used in connection with traffic signs to be of a type approved in accordance with the directions.]

[^{F3}(2) The Secretary of State may give directions to a local traffic authority—
(a) for the placing of a traffic sign of any prescribed type or authorised character specified in the directions, or
(b) for replacing a sign so specified by, or converting it into, a sign of another prescribed type or authorised character so specified.

(3) The power to give general directions under subsection (1) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

[^{F4}(3A) No charge may be made—

- (a) in England and Wales, by a highway authority which is the council of a county, metropolitan district or London borough or the Common Council of the City of London, or
- (b) in Scotland, by a local roads authority,

with respect to the exercise of their power under subsection (1) above to permit a traffic sign to be placed on or near any road in their area if—

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- (i) the sign conveys information of a temporary nature or is otherwise intended to be placed only temporarily; and
- (ii) the sign is to be placed by a body which is prescribed for the purposes of this subsection as being a body appearing to the Secretary of State to be representative of the interests of road users or any class of road users.]

(4) In this section—

“authorised character” means a character authorised by the Secretary of State; and

“prescribed type” means a type prescribed by regulations made under section 64(1)(a) of this Act.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 65(1) substituted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1), [Sch. 8 para. 48\(2\)](#); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#); S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F2** S. 65(1A) inserted (1.7.1992) by [Road Traffic Act 1991 \(c. 40, SIF 107:1\)](#), s. 48, [Sch. 4 para. 29](#); S.I. 1992/1286, art. 2, [Sch.](#)
- F3** Words in s. 65(2) substituted (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1), [Sch. 8 para. 48\(3\)](#); S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), [Sch. 2](#); S.I. 1991/2288, art. 3, [Sch.](#)
- F4** S. 65(3A) inserted by [Local Government and Housing Act 1989 \(c. 42, SIF 81:1, 2\)](#), s. 153(1)(2)

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 65: transfer of certain functions to the Secretary of State by S.I. 1986/315, [art. 3\(1\)](#) and by S.I. 1986/316, [art. 3\(1\)](#)
- C2** S. 65 applied (with modifications) (6.3.1992) by [Aberdeen Harbour Order Confirmation Act 1992 \(c. ii\)](#), s. 1, [Sch. s. 3\(2\)](#).
S. 65: transfer of certain functions (3.7.2000) by 1999 c. 29, s. 275(1)(2) (with Sch. 12 para. 9(1)); S.I. 2000/801, art. 2, [Sch.](#)
S. 65 extended (30.4.1999) by S.I. 1999/1306, [art. 20\(3\)](#)
S. 65 extended (21.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/2129, [art. 32\(3\)](#)
S. 65: transfer of certain functions (27.12.1999) by S.I. 1999/3143, [art. 2\(1\)](#)
S. 65 extended (24.7.2001) by S.I. 2001/3627, [art. 53\(3\)](#)
S. 65 extended (14.3.2002) by S.I. 2002/412, [art. 27\(3\)](#) (with art. 38)
S. 65 extended (22.3.2005) by [The Midland Metro \(Wednesbury to Brierly Hill and Miscellaneous Amendments\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/927\)](#), [art. 44\(3\)](#) (with art. 51)
S. 65 extended (22.7.2005) by [The Midland Metro \(Birmingham City Centre Extension, etc.\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/1794\)](#), [art. 40\(3\)](#) (with art. 47)
S. 65 extended (26.8.2005) by [The River Tyne \(Tunnels\) Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/2222\)](#), [art. 39\(3\)](#) (with arts. 45(1), 48, Sch. 10 para. 21, 29)
S. 65 extended (11.1.2006) by [The Cambridgeshire Guided Busway Order 2005 \(S.I. 2005/3523\)](#), [art. 41\(3\)](#) (with art. 52)
S. 65 extended (S.) (27.4.2006) by [Edinburgh Tram \(Line Two\) Act 2006 \(asp 6\)](#), s. 58(3) (with s. 75)
S. 65 extended (S.) (8.5.2006) by [Edinburgh Tram \(Line One\) Act 2006 \(asp 7\)](#), s. 58(3) (with ss. 76, 84)
S. 65 extended (13.12.2006) by [The Luton Dunstable Translink Order 2006 \(S.I. 2006/3118\)](#), [art. 31\(3\)](#)
- C3** S. 65 extended (9.6.2009) by [The Nottingham Express Transit System Order 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1300\)](#), [art. 49\(3\)](#) (with art. 84, Sch. 16)
- C4** S. 65: transfer of functions (E.W.) (1.4.2011) by [The Greater Manchester Combined Authority Order 2011 \(S.I. 2011/908\)](#), arts. 1, [8\(1\)\(a\)](#)
- C5** S. 65(1) extended (18.6.1992) by [British Railways \(No. 2\) Act 1992 \(c. xi\)](#), s. 14(3)(b)

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- S. 65(1) extended (29.3.1993) by 1993 c. iv, s. 3(3).
- S. 65(1) modified (27.7.1993) by 1993 c. xv, s. 4(5).
- S. 65(1) applied (24.3.1994) by 1994 c. ii, s. 1, **Sch. Pt. II s. 5(3)(c)**
- S. 65(1) applied (21.7.1994) by 1994 c. xv, s. 4(5)
- S. 65(1): power to contract out functions of the Secretary of State conferred (S.) (16.3.1996) by S.I. 1996/878, art. 2, **Sch. para. 4**
- S. 65(1): transfer of certain functions (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, art. 2, **Sch. 1**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**
- S. 65(1) amended (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, art. 4, **Sch. 3**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**
- C6** S. 65(2)(3A)(b)(ii): transfer of functions (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, **art. 2 Sch. 3**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**

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