



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART V **E+W+S**

TRAFFIC SIGNS

General provisions

65 **Powers and duties of [^{F1}traffic] authorities as to placing of traffic signs. **E+W+S****

[^{F2}(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 ^{F3}... or such other directions as may be given by the [^{F4}relevant authority] .]

[^{F5}(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.]

[^{F6}(2) The [^{F4}relevant authority] may give directions to [^{F7}a strategic highways company or] 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 [^{F8}of the Secretary of State][^{F9} or the Welsh Ministers] to give general directions under subsection (1) above shall be exercisable by statutory instrument.

[^{F10}(3ZA) The power of the Scottish Ministers to give general directions under subsection (1) is to be exercisable by Scottish statutory instrument.

(3ZB) Before giving a general direction under subsection (1) the Secretary of State must consult with [^{F11} the Welsh Ministers and] the Scottish Ministers.

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(3ZC) Before [^{F12}the Welsh Ministers or the Scottish Ministers give a general direction under subsection (1) they] must consult with the Secretary of State.]

[^{F13}(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—

- (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 [^{F14}in regulations made by the [^{F4}relevant authority]] for the purposes of this subsection as being a body appearing to the [^{F4}relevant authority] 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 [^{F4}relevant authority] ; and

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

[^{F15}(5) In this section ““relevant authority”” means—

- (a) in relation to a function so far as exercisable within devolved competence, within the meaning of the Scotland Act 1998, means the Scottish Ministers;
- (b) in relation to a function so far as exercisable within devolved competence, within the meaning given by section 58A(7) and (8) of the Government of Wales Act 2006, means the Welsh Ministers;
- (c) otherwise, means the Secretary of State.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** Word in s. 65 heading substituted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), **Sch. 1 para. 82(3)**; S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
- F2** 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.**
- F3** Words in s. 65(1) omitted (23.5.2016) by virtue of Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), **ss. 41(5), 72(7)** (with Sch. 2 paras. 34(2), 35(2))
- F4** Words in s. 65 substituted (1.4.2018) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), **Sch. 6 para. 37(2)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 9); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(r)
- F5** 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.**
- F6** 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.**
- F7** Words in s. 65(2) inserted (5.3.2015) by Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), s. 57(1), **Sch. 1 para. 82(2)**; S.I. 2015/481, reg. 2(a)
- F8** Words in s. 65(3) inserted (23.5.2016) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), **ss. 41(7), 72(7)** (with Sch. 2 paras. 34(2), 35(2))
- F9** Words in s. 65(3) inserted (1.4.2018) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), **Sch. 6 para. 37(3)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 9); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(r)

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- F10** S. 65(3ZA)-(3ZC) inserted (23.5.2016) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), **ss. 41(8)**, 72(7) (with Sch. 2 paras. 34(2), 35(2))
- F11** Words in s. 65(3ZB) inserted (1.4.2018) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), **Sch. 6 para. 37(4)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 9); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(r)
- F12** Words in s. 65(3ZC) substituted (1.4.2018) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), **Sch. 6 para. 37(5)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 9); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(r)
- F13** S. 65(3A) inserted by Local Government and Housing Act 1989 (c. 42, SIF 81:1, 2), **s. 153(1)(2)**
- F14** Words in s. 65(3A)(ii) inserted (23.5.2016) by Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11), **ss. 41(9)**, 72(7) (with Sch. 2 paras. 34(2), 35(2))
- F15** S. 65(5) inserted (1.4.2018) by Wales Act 2017 (c. 4), s. 71(4), **Sch. 6 para. 37(6)** (with Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 9); S.I. 2017/1179, reg. 3(r)

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 extended (22.8.2013) by The Leeds Railway Station (Southern Entrance) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/1933), arts. 1, **38(3)**
- C6** S. 65 extended (6.11.2013) by The Transport for Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (Second City Crossing) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/2587), arts. 1, **40(3)** (with arts. 42, 43)
- C7** S. 65 modified (2.8.2016) by The Midland Metro (Wolverhampton City Centre Extension) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/684), arts. 1, **42(3)** (with arts. 46, 47, Sch. 9 para. 4, Sch. 10 para. 12(2))
- C8** S. 65 modified (24.11.2016) by The Transport for Greater Manchester (Light Rapid Transit System) (Trafford Park Extension) Order 2016 (S.I. 2016/1035), arts. 1, **41(3)** (with arts. 43, 44)
- C9** S. 65 extended (19.12.2017) by The Network Rail (Buxton Sidings Extension) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1150), arts. 1, **35(3)** (with art. 32(2))
- C10** S. 65 excluded (4.1.2018) by The Blackpool Tramway (Blackpool North Extension) Order 2017 (S.I. 2017/1214), arts. 1, **40(3)** (with arts. 58, 59)

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- C11** S. 65 modified (4.3.2020) by The Midland Metro (Birmingham Eastside Extension) Order 2020 (S.I. 2020/141), arts. 1, **43(3)** (with arts. 47, 48, Sch. 10 para. 19)
- C12** S. 65: functions made exercisable concurrently (E.W.) (30.1.2021) by The West Yorkshire Combined Authority (Election of Mayor and Functions) Order 2021 (S.I. 2021/112), arts. 1(2), **21(1)(b)(2)-(5)**
- C13** S. 65 modified (18.7.2023) by The Longfield Solar Farm Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/734), arts. 1, **14(1)**
- C14** S. 65: functions made exercisable concurrently (E.W.) (20.12.2023) by The York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority Order 2023 (S.I. 2023/1432), arts. 1(2), **18(1)(2)** (with art. 18(5))
- C15** S. 65(1) extended (18.6.1992) by British Railways (No. 2) Act 1992 (c. xi), s. **14(3)(b)**
 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**
- C16** S. 65(1) applied (S.) (10.1.2022) by Transport (Scotland) Act 2019 (asp 17), **ss. 53(4)**, 130(2) (with s. 126); S.S.I. 2021/428, reg. 2, sch.
- C17** 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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