



Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

1984 CHAPTER 27

PART VI

SPEED LIMITS

86 Speed limits for particular classes of vehicles.

- (1) It shall not be lawful for a person to drive a motor vehicle of any class on a road at a speed greater than the speed specified in Schedule 6 to this Act as the maximum speed in relation to a vehicle of that class.
- (2) Subject to subsections (4) and (5) below, the [^{F1}relevant authority] may by regulations vary, subject to such conditions as may be specified in the regulations, the provisions of that Schedule.
- (3) Regulations under this section may make different provision as respects the same class of vehicles in different circumstances.
- ^{F2}(4)
- (5) The [^{F1}relevant authority] shall not have power under this section to vary the speed limit imposed by section 81 of this Act.
- (6) The [^{F1}relevant authority] shall not have power under this section to impose a speed limit, as respects driving on roads which are not restricted roads for the purposes of section 81 of this Act, on a vehicle which—
 - (a) is constructed solely for the carriage of passengers and their effects;
 - (b) is not adapted to carry more than 8 passengers exclusive of the driver;
 - (c) is neither a heavy motor car nor an invalid carriage;
 - (d) is not drawing a trailer; and
 - (e) is fitted with pneumatic tyres on all its wheels.
- ^{F3}(7) The [^{F1}relevant authority] in this section—
 - (a) as respects the driving of vehicles on roads in England ^{F4}..., is the Secretary of State;

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[as respects the driving of vehicles on roads in Wales, is the Welsh Ministers;]
^{F5}(aa)

(b) as respects the driving of vehicles on roads in Scotland, is the Scottish Ministers.

(8) Regulations made by the Scottish Ministers under this section are subject to the affirmative procedure.]

^{F6}(9)

Textual Amendments

- F1** Words in s. 86 substituted (23.5.2016) by [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 72(7), **Sch. 2 para. 8(2)**
- F2** S. 86(4) repealed (1.11.1991) by [New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 \(c. 22, SIF 59, 108\)](#), s. 168(1)(2), **Sch. 8 para. 63, Sch. 9**; which repeal is in force for Scotland only by S.I. 1991/2286, art. 2(2), **Sch.2** and for England and Wales only by S.I. 1991/2288, **art. 3**,Sch.
- F3** S. 86(7)-(9) inserted (3.7.2012) by [Scotland Act 2012 \(c. 11\)](#), **ss. 21(11)**, 44(5); S.I. 2012/1710, art. 2(k)
- F4** Words in s. 86(7)(a) omitted (1.4.2018) by virtue of [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 26(5)(a)**, 71(4) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 9](#)); S.I. 2017/1179, **reg. 3(f)**
- F5** S. 86(7)(aa) inserted (1.4.2018) by [Wales Act 2017 \(c. 4\)](#), **ss. 26(5)(b)**, 71(4) (with [Sch. 7 paras. 1, 6, 9](#)); S.I. 2017/1179, **reg. 3(f)**
- F6** Words in s. 86(9) omitted (23.5.2016) by virtue of [Scotland Act 2016 \(c. 11\)](#), s. 72(7), **Sch. 2 para. 8(3)**

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** S. 86 excluded by [Road Traffic Act 1988 \(c. 52, SIF 107:1\)](#), **s. 186(6)**
- C2** S. 86(1) excluded by 1988 c. 52, s. 12E (as inserted (10.3.2017) by [Deregulation Act 2015 \(c. 20\)](#), **ss. 73(3)**, 115(7); S.I. 2017/273, **art. 2(a)**)
- C3** S. 86(1) excluded (S.) (17.4.2019) by [The Motor Sport on Public Roads \(Scotland\) Regulations 2019 \(S.S.I. 2019/138\)](#), **regs. 1, 6, sch. 2**
- C4** S. 86(2) amended (1.7.1999) by S.I. 1999/1750, **art. 4, Sch. 3**; S.I. 1998/3178, **art. 3**

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