



Road Traffic Act 1988

1988 CHAPTER 52

PART I

PRINCIPAL ROAD SAFETY PROVISIONS

Driving offences

[^{F1}3ZA Meaning of careless, or inconsiderate, driving

- (1) This section has effect for the purposes of sections 2B [^{F2}, 2C] and 3 above and section 3A below.
- (2) A person is to be regarded as driving without due care and attention if (and only if) the way he drives falls below what would be expected of a competent and careful driver.
- (3) In determining for the purposes of subsection (2) above what would be expected of a careful and competent driver in a particular case, regard shall be had not only to the circumstances of which he could be expected to be aware but also to any circumstances shown to have been within the knowledge of the accused.
- (4) A person is to be regarded as driving without reasonable consideration for other persons only if those persons are inconvenienced by his driving.]

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 3ZA inserted (24.9.2007 for certain purposes and otherwise 18.8.2008) by [Road Safety Act 2006](#) (c. 49), **ss. 30, 61**; [S.I. 2007/2472](#), **art. 2(h)**; [S.I. 2008/1918](#), **art. 2**
- F2** Word in s. 3ZA(1) inserted (28.6.2022) by [Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022](#) (c. 32), **ss. 87(2), 208(5)(i)**

Status:

Point in time view as at 28/06/2022. This version of this provision has been superseded.

Changes to legislation:

Road Traffic Act 1988, Section 3ZA is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 23 June 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.