
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into force in Wales certain provisions of Parts II and III of the Transport Act 2000.

The provisions which come into force on 1 August 2001 include:

Sections 108 to 113, which place a duty on local authorities to prepare local transport plans and bus strategies;

Sections 114 to 123, which make provision for local transport authorities to make bus service quality partnership schemes;

Sections 124 to 134, which make provision for local transport authorities to make bus service quality contracts schemes, but only to the extent which enables the National Assembly to make regulations relating to such schemes;

Sections 135 to 138, which enable local authorities to make schemes for joint and through bus ticketing;

Sections 139 to 144, which place a duty on local authorities to decide how to ensure that the public receive information about local bus services;

Sections 145 to 150 which make provision for mandatory concessionary travel on local buses for the elderly or disabled (but not including the right to the concession itself);

Sections 152 to 159 (with some exceptions), which relate to grants for local public transport and competition tests relating to the exercise of functions relating to bus services;

Sections 160, 161 and 162, which relate to the powers to make regulations, minor amendments to the law and interpretation;

Chapter I of Part III of the Act which provides for road user charging schemes, but only to the extent which enables the National Assembly and the Lord Chancellor to make regulations relating to such schemes;

Chapter II of Part III of the Act which provides for workplace parking levies, but only to the extent which enables the National Assembly and the Lord Chancellor to make any necessary regulations;

Chapter III of Part III of the Act which makes general and supplementary provisions relating to road user charging and workplace parking levies but with the exception of Schedule 12 which includes financial provisions;

The provisions which come into force on 1 April 2002 include:

The provisions of Section 145 which confer the right to the travel concessions;

Some minor amendments to the law under Section 161.