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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A465 Trunk Road (Ebbw Vale
West Junction, Blaenau Gwent to
Hardwick Roundabout,
Monmouthshire) (Temporary
Traffic Prohibitions and
Restrictions) Order 2021**

Made 4 May 2021

Coming into force 7 May 2021

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A465 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited and/or restricted because of works proposed on or near the road.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1), (4) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984⁽¹⁾, make this Order.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A465 Trunk Road (Ebbw Vale West Junction, Blaenau Gwent to Hardwick Roundabout, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2021 and this Order comes into force on 7 May 2021.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“exempted vehicle” (“*cerbyd esempt*”) means:

(1) 1984 c. 27; Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1. By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, and section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984⁽¹⁾;
- (b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes and being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces of the Crown, who is a member of the special forces—
 - (i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving at high speeds; or
 - (ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds;

“special forces” (*“lluoedd arbennig”*) means those units of the armed forces the maintenance of whose capabilities is the responsibility of the Director of Special Forces or which are for the time being subject to the operational command of that Director;

“the trunk road” (*“y gefnffordd”*) means the A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the intermittent period commencing at 00:01 hours on 7 May 2021 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are permanently removed.

Prohibitions and Restrictions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

6. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per

(1) Section 87 was amended by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (c. 21), Schedule 1, paragraph 55, the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c. 15), Schedule 4, paragraph 42, the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c. 22), schedule 8, paragraph 29(2) and the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), section 50(4) and (5).

hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

7. No person may, during the works period, use any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 4, 5 and 6 are in operation.

8. No person may, during the works period, ride any pedal cycle on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

Suspension

9. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 2 and 3 are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in article 4, 5 and 6 are in operation.

Application

10. (1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limits imposed by this Order apply to an exempted vehicle.

Duration of this Order

11. The maximum duration for this Order is 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 4 May 2021

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1

PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES

The length of the trunk road (along existing and new alignment lanes) from a point 37 metres east of the centre point of Brynmawr Roundabout to a point 38

metres west of the centre point of Glanbaiden Roundabout.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road from a point 38 metres east of the centre point of Glanbaiden Roundabout to the Llanfoist exit slip road.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road from a point 45 metres west of the centre point of Hardwick Roundabout to a point 38 metres east of the centre point of Glanbaiden Roundabout.

The length of the eastbound trunk road (along existing and new alignment lanes) from the Ebbw Vale West Junction off slip road to a point 37 metres north of the centre point of the Brynmawr Roundabout.

The length of the westbound trunk road (along existing and new alignment lanes) from a point 37 metres north of the centre point of the Brynmawr Roundabout to the Ebbw Vale West Junction on slip road.

The circulatory carriageway of Glanbaiden Roundabout from its trunk road westbound exit arm to its trunk road eastbound entry arm.

The circulatory carriageway of Glanbaiden Roundabout from its trunk road eastbound exit arm to its trunk road westbound entry arm.

SCHEDULE 2

50 MPH SPEED LIMIT

The length of the trunk road (along existing and new alignment lanes) from a point 2,700 metres north west of the centre point of the Brynmawr Roundabout to the Ebbw Vale East Junction on slip road.

SCHEDULE 3

40 MPH SPEED LIMIT, 10 MPH SPEED LIMIT AND NO OVERTAKING

The length of the trunk road (along existing and new alignment lanes) from a point 37 metres north of the centre point of the Brynmawr Roundabout to a point 1,200 metres north west of the centre point of Brynmawr Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 4

PROHIBITION OF CYCLISTS

The length of the trunk road (along existing and new alignment lanes) from the eastbound off slip at Ebbw Vale West Junction on the eastern lanes and the westbound on slip road at Ebbw Vale West Junction on the western lanes to a point 37 metres north of the centre point of the Brynmawr Roundabout.

The length of the trunk road (along existing and new alignment lanes) from a point 37 metres east of the centre point of the Brynmawr Roundabout to the eastbound off slip road at Llanfoist Junction on the eastbound lanes and the westbound off slip road at Llanfoist Junction for the westbound lanes.