SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2026 No. 255

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A78 Trunk Road (Skelmorlie to Largs) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) Order 2026

Made - - - -	*3rd September 2026*
Coming into force - -	*12th September 2026*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1), 4(1) and 14(1)(b) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 14(1)(b) of that Act, they are satisfied that the traffic on the length of road specified in the schedule should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public, or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to works.

In accordance with section 14(3) of that Act, they have had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order.

Citation, commencement and cessation

1. This Order may be cited as the A78 Trunk Road (Skelmorlie to Largs) (Temporary 40mph Speed Restriction) Order 2026, comes into force on 12 September 2026 and ceases to have effect on 11 March 2028.

Speed restriction

2. No person may use, or permit the use of, any vehicle on the length of road, or a part or parts of the length of road, specified in the schedule at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour when a restriction is identified as applying to that length of road, or a part or parts of that length of road, by means of a traffic sign of the type described in item 1 (diagram 670 – maximum speed limit in mph) of the sign table in Part 2 of schedule 10 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(**b**).

(**a**) 1984 c. 27; section 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22) ("the 1991 Act"), schedule 8, paragraph 18, and section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), schedule 1. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (inserted by the 1991 Act, schedule 8, paragraph 70 and amended by S.I. 2001/1400) as read with section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54) (relevantly amended by S.I. 2001/1400). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(**b**) S.I. 2016/362.

Exemptions

3. No speed restriction imposed by this Order applies to—

(a) vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(**a**) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations, or

(b) vehicles being used in an emergency for coastguard purposes.

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177 Bothwell Street,
Glasgow
3rd September 2026

(**a**) S.I. 2011/935.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

SPECIFIED LENGTH OF ROAD

That length of the A78 Greenock – Prestwick Trunk Road at Skelmorlie from a point 11 metres or thereby south of the extended southern kerb line of Eglinton Terrace, Skelmorlie, to a point 640 metres or thereby north of the centre line of Danefield Avenue, Largs, for a distance of 4.65 kilometres or thereby.