Draft Regulations laid before the Scottish Parliament under section 86(8) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, for approval by resolution of the Scottish Parliament.

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The HGV Speed Limit (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026

Made - - - -	*2026*
Coming into force - -	*1st April 2027*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 86(2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 86(8)(**b**) of that Act, a draft of this instrument has been laid before, and approved by resolution of, the Scottish Parliament.

In accordance with section 134(8) of that Act(**c**), the Scottish Ministers have consulted with such representative organisations as they think fit.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the HGV Speed Limit (Variation) (Scotland) Regulations 2026 and come into force on 1 April 2027.

(2) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Variation of HGV speed limit

2.—(1) Part 1 of schedule 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**d**) is varied in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) For the class of vehicle specified in entry 2(b) of item 5 in the table—

(a) in the corresponding entry in column 3(b) (dual carriageway road not being a motorway), for "50" substitute "60",

(**a**) 1984 c. 27 ("the 1984 Act"). Section 86(2) was amended by the Scotland Act 2016 (c. 11) ("the 2016 Act"), schedule 2, paragraph 8(2). Section 86(7) of the 1984 Act provides that the Scottish Ministers are the "relevant authority", for the purpose of making regulations varying schedule 6 of that Act, as respects the driving of vehicles on roads in Scotland. Section 86(7) of the 1984 Act was inserted by the Scotland Act 2012 (c. 11) ("the 2012 Act"), section 21(11).

(**b**) Section 86(8) was inserted by the 2012 Act, section 21(11).

(**c**) Section 134(8) of the 1984 Act was inserted by the 2016 Act, schedule 2, paragraph 12(5).

(**d**) Part 1 of schedule 6 was amended by S.I. 1986/1175, S.S.I. 2014/274 and S.I. 2014/3552. The amendments made by S.I. 2014/3552 extend to England and Wales only.

(b) in the corresponding entry in column 3(c) (other road), for "40" substitute "50".

(3) After the table, omit the sentence beginning "For a vehicle falling within class 5(2)(b) above".

Revocation

3. The HGV Speed Limit (M9/A9 Trunk Road) Regulations 2014(**a**) are revoked.

Name
A member of the Scottish Government

St Andrew's House,
Edinburgh
Date

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations amend the maximum speed limit on roads which are not motorways for goods vehicles (known as HGVs) which have a maximum laden weight, or, if drawing a trailer, aggregate maximum laden weight, exceeding 7.5 tonnes.

Regulation 2(2) amends Part 1 of schedule 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for HGVs being driven in Scotland:

- by substituting a maximum speed limit of 60 mph for the current limit of 50mph on dual carriageway roads,
- by substituting a maximum speed limit of 50mph for the current limit of 40mph on other roads.

Regulation 2(3) removes an existing amendment to the table in Part 1 of schedule 6 which had effect only in relation to certain specified lengths of road. Regulation 3 revokes the S.S.I. which made that amendment.

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