SCOTTISH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 122

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M9/A9 Trunk Road (Thurso and Scrabster) (20mph, 30mph and 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2025

Made - - - -	*24th April 2025*
Coming into force - -	*2nd May 2025*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 82(2)(a) and (b), 83(1), 84(1)(a), and 124(1)(d) of, and paragraph 27 of schedule 9 of, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with sections 83(1) and 84(2)(**b**) of that Act, they have given public notice of their intention to make the following Order, and have complied with Parts II and III of the Secretary of State's Traffic Orders (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1987(**c**).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the M9/A9 Trunk Road (Thurso and Scrabster) (20mph, 30mph and 40mph Speed Limits) Order 2025 and comes into force on 2 May 2025.

Speed limits

2. No person may drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding—

(a) 20 miles per hour on the length of roads specified in Part 1 of the schedule,

(b) 30 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in Part 2 of the schedule.

(c) 40 miles per hour on the lengths of road specified in Part 3 of the schedule.

Revocation

3. The following are revoked—

(a) The Trunk Roads (Restricted Roads) (Caithness) Order 1975(**d**).

(**a**) 1984 c. 27; section 82(2) was substituted by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22), ("the 1991 Act") schedule 8(II), paragraphs 59(3). Section 83(1) was substituted by the 1991 Act, schedule 8(II), paragraph 60(2). Section 84(1) was substituted by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40), section 45(2). Section 124 and paragraph 27 of schedule 9 contain amendments not relevant to this Order. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c. 27) 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**) Section 84(2) was substituted by the 1991 Act, schedule 8, paragraph 61.

(**c**) S.I. 1987/2244.

(**d**) S.I. 1975/477.

(b) The Trunk Roads (Restricted Roads) (Scrabster) Order 1982(**a**).

(c) The Edinburgh – Thurso Trunk Road (A882) (Thurso) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1992(**b**).

(d) The M9/A9/A882 Trunk Road (Scrabster) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1994(**c**).

Exemption

4. 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(**d**) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations; or

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

S R LEES
A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers

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Glasgow
24th April 2025

(**a**) S.I. 1982/645.
(**b**) S.I. 1992/2228.
(**c**) S.I. 1994/2923.
(**d**) S.I. 2011/935.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

SPECIFIED LENGTHS OF ROAD

PART 1

1. That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Scrabster, from a point 142 metres or thereby southwest of the extended centreline of its junction with the access road to the oil terminal to a point 276 metres or thereby northeast of the extended centreline of its junction to the access road to the oil terminal, a distance of 418 metres or thereby.

2. That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Thurso from a point 10 metres or thereby southeast of the extended centreline of its junction with the C1081 Janet Street to a point 85 metres or thereby northwest of the extended centreline of its junction with the C1077 Durness Street, a distance of 716 metres or thereby.

PART 2

3. That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Thurso, from a point 85 metres or thereby northwest of the extended centreline of its junction with the C1077 Durness Street to a point 203 metres or thereby west of the extended centreline of Castlegreen Road, a distance of 596 metres or thereby.

4. That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Thurso, from a point 10 metres or thereby southeast of the extended centreline of Janet Street in a south easterly then south westerly direction to a point 53 metres or thereby southwest of the extended centreline of Millbank Road, a distance of 718 metres or thereby.

PART 3

5. That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Thurso, from a point 142 metres or thereby southwest of the extended centreline of its junction with the access road to the oil terminal in a southerly direction to a point 203 metres or thereby west of the extended centreline of Castlegreen Road, a distance of 1.763 kilometres or thereby.

6. That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Thurso, from a point 53 metres or thereby, southwest of the extended centreline of Millbank Road in a southerly direction to a point 127 metres or thereby south of the extended centreline of Mount Vernon Cemetery access road, a distance of 509 metres or thereby.