1994 No. 201

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	*31st May 1994*
Coming into operation . .	*31st July 1994*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 27 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 31st July 1994.

Amendments

2. The Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**b**) shall be amended as follows—

(1) inserting in regulation 4(1) immediately after the definition of "school crossing patrol" the following definition—

" "20 mph speed limit zone" means an area in which the maximum speed limit on all roads or lengths of road within the area is 20 miles per hour, the entrances for vehicular traffic into the area being indicated by a sign shown in diagram 674;".

(2) in paragraph 4 of regulation 13 for sub-paragraph (*g*) substitute the following sub-paragraph—

"(*g*) the lenses shall be provided with a backing board of the shape and size shown in diagram 8014 which board shall be coloured black, save for a red and white chequered border;".

(3) inserting under diagram 626.1 in Part II of Schedule 1 and immediately above the diagram number the words "Permitted variant: The numerals may be changed to accord with the circumstances.".

(4) after diagram 671 in Part II of Schedule 1 insert the following diagrams and the words specified in or under them—

(**a**) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department"
(**b**) S.R. 1979 No. 386; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1982 No. 389 and S.R. 1984 No. 58

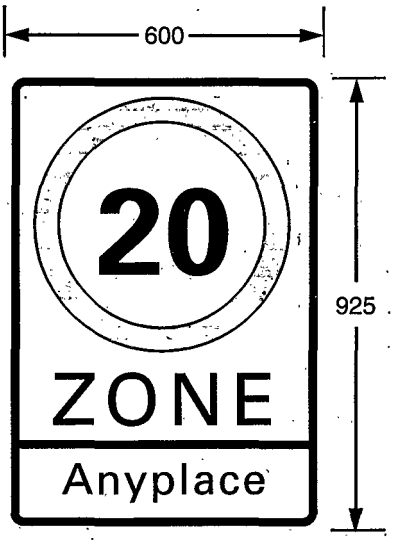


Plate showing the entrance to a 20 mph speed limit zone.

Permitted variants: (lower portion) The place name may be varied to accord with the circumstances or it may be omitted. The place name may be in any style of lettering. The background and lettering may be in any colour, except red.

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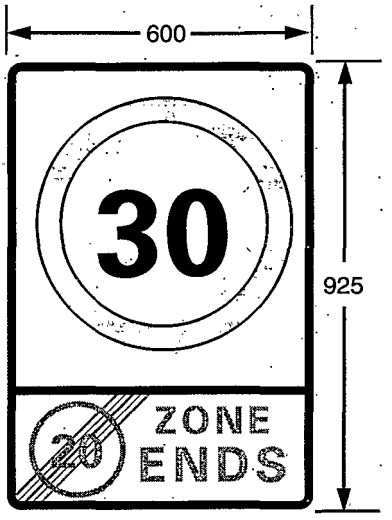
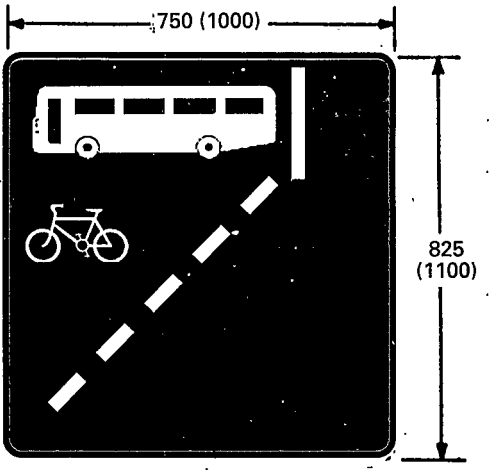


Plate showing (lower portion) exit from 20 mph speed limit zone and (upper portion) maximum speed limit on a road being the number of miles per hour shown by the numerals.

Permitted variant: (upper portion) The numerals may be changed to accord with the circumstances.

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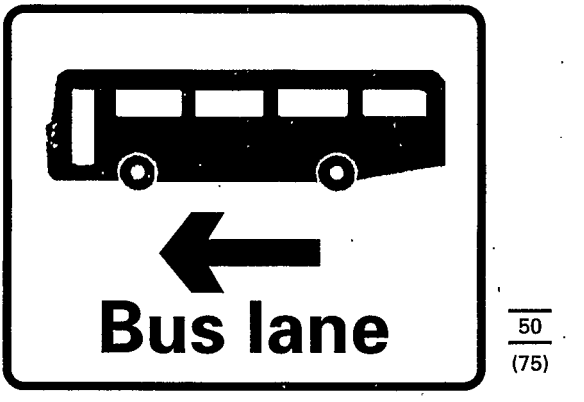
(5) after diagram 811 in Part IIA of Schedule 1 insert the following diagrams and the words specified in or under them—



Lane reserved for stage carriages, school buses, works buses and pedal cycles ahead.

Permitted variant: The word "taxi" may be added between the bus and cycle symbols where hackney carriages are permitted to use the lane.

812.1



Lane reserved for stage carriages, school buses and works buses on road at junction ahead.

Permitted variants: The arrow may be reversed and the position of the bus symbol and arrow altered to accord with the circumstances. The arrow may be omitted. Where this occurs the words "Bus lane" shall read "Bus lanes". The bus symbol may be reversed with the door replaced by a fifth window.

812.2

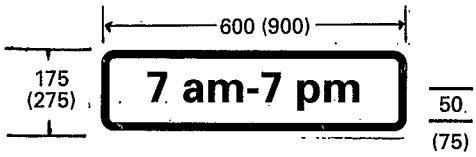


Plate for use with sign in diagram 812.2.

Permitted variant: The times may be changed to accord with the circumstances.

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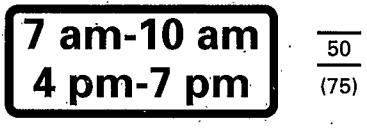
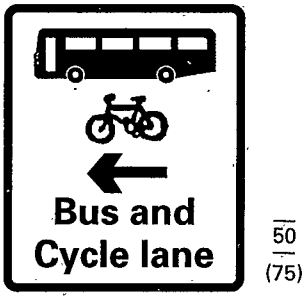


Plate for use with sign in diagram 812.2.

Permitted variants: The times may be changed and either the morning or afternoon period may be omitted to accord with the circumstances.

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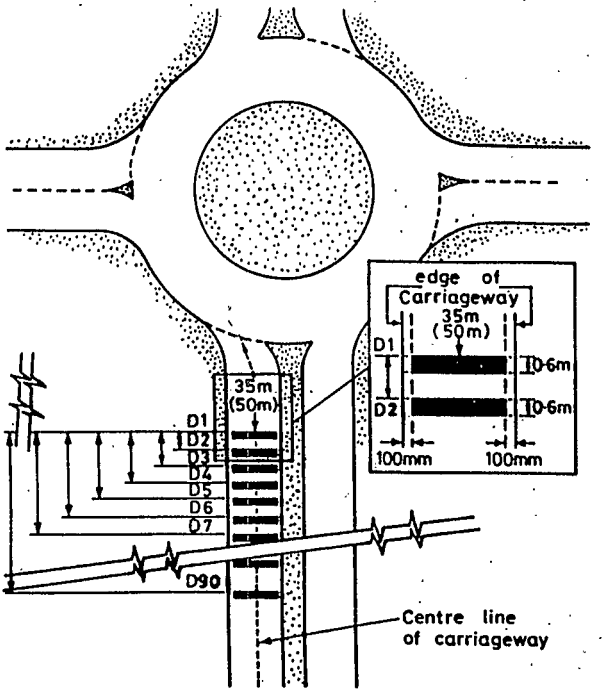


Lane reserved for stage carriages, school buses, works buses and pedal cycles on road at junction ahead.

Permitted variants: The arrow may be reversed and the position of the bus and cycle symbols and arrow altered to accord with the circumstances. The arrow may be omitted. Where this occurs the word "lane" shall read "lanes". The bus symbol may be reversed with the door replaced by a fifth window. The cycle symbol may be reversed.

812.5

(6) after diagram 1003.4 in Part III of Schedule 1 insert the following diagram and the words specified in or under it—



BAR No.	DISTANCE FROM D1 (metres)
D 1	0.00
D 2	2.75
D 3	5.50
D 4	8.25
D 5	11.05
D 6	13.90
D 7	16.80
D 8	19.70
D 9	22.60
D10	25.55
D11	28.55
D12	31.60
D13	34.65
D14	37.70
D15	40.80
D16	43.95
D17	47.15
D18	50.35
D19	53.55
D20	56.80
D21	60.10
D22	63.45
D23	66.80

BAR No.	DISTANCE FROM D1 (metres)
D24	70.15
D25	73.60
D26	77.05
D27	80.55
D28	84.10
D29	87.65
D30	91.30
D31	94.95
D32	98.65
D33	102.40
D34	106.15
D35	110.00
D36	113.85
D37	117.75
D38	121.70
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D40	129.70
D41	133.75
D42	137.85
D43	142.00
D44	146.15
D45	150.40

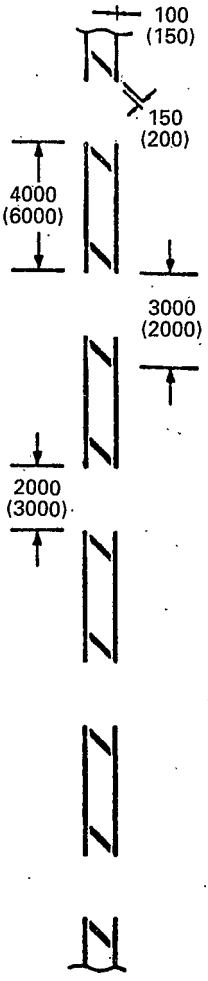
BAR No.	DISTANCE FROM D1 (metres)
D46	154.65
D47	158.95
D48	163.35
D49	167.75
D50	172.25
D51	176.75
D52	181.30
D53	185.95
D54	190.60
D55	195.35
D56	200.10
D57	204.90
D58	209.80
D59	214.70
D60	219.70
D61	224.70
D62	229.80
D63	234.90
D64	240.10
D65	245.40
D66	250.70
D67	256.10
D68	261.50

BAR No.	DISTANCE FROM D1 (metres)
D69	267.00
D70	272.60
D71	278.20
D72	283.90
D73	289.60
D74	295.45
D75	301.30
D76	307.25
D77	313.30
D78	319.35
D79	325.55
D80	331.75
D81	338.15
D82	344.65
D83	351.35
D84	358.30
D85	365.50
D86	373.20
D87	380.90
D88	388.60
D89	396.25
D90	403.95

Transverse yellow bar markings to indicate to vehicular traffic approaching a roundabout, on a dual-carriageway road, the need to adjust to the correct speed.

1003.6

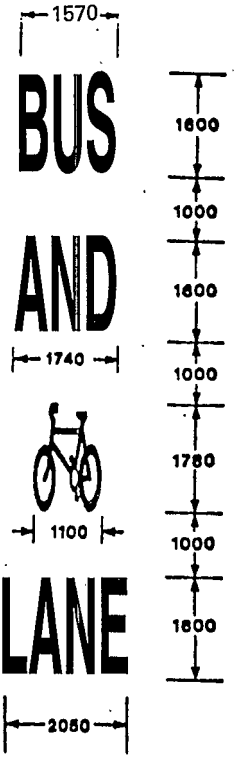
(7) after diagram 1040.1 in Part III of Schedule 1 insert the following diagram and the words specified in or under it—



Marking to indicate to vehicular traffic a length of road along which drivers should not overtake by passing through the marking unless it is seen by the driver to be safe to do so.

1040.2

(8) after diagram 1048 in Part III of Schedule 1 insert the following diagram and the words specified in or under it—



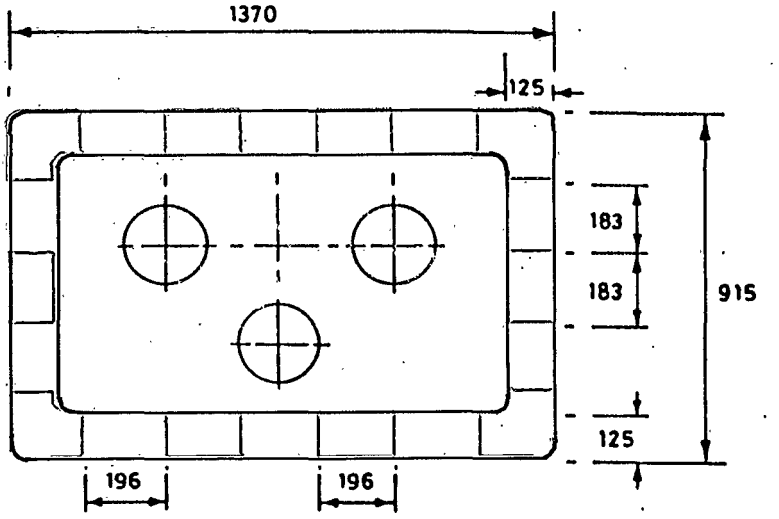
To indicate to vehicular traffic a traffic lane reserved for stage carriages, school buses, works buses, pedal cycles and, where indicated in diagram 654 or 812.1, hackney carriages. Other vehicles may enter the lane to stop to load or unload where this is not prohibited.

1048.1

(9) after Part VII of Schedule 1 insert the following Part—

"PART VIII

Size and type of backing board for use with light signals for the control of vehicular traffic.



Backing board for use with light signals for the control of vehicular traffic at railway and tramway level crossings, fire and ambulance stations, airfields and swing and lifting bridges.

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Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 31st May 1994.

(L.S.) *E. J. Galway*
Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations amend the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 by—

(*a*) inserting a definition for 20 mph speed limit zone (regulation 2(1));

(*b*) prescribing a revised backing board for use with light signals for the control of vehicular traffic at railway and tramway level crossings, fire and ambulance stations, airfields and swing and lifting bridges (regulation 2(2) and (9));

(*c*) inserting the permitted variant under diagram 626.1 (the sign indicating a weight restriction) (regulation 2(3));

(*d*) prescribing new signs for indicating the entrance to and exit from a 20 mph speed limit zone (regulation 2(4));

(*e*) prescribing new signs, plates and a road marking for indicating the presence of a bus lane (regulation 2(5) and (8));

(*f*) prescribing a new road marking for use on the approaches to roundabouts on dual-carriageway roads (regulation 2(6)); and

(*g*) prescribing a new road marking to indicate to vehicular traffic a length of road along which drivers should not overtake by passing through the marking unless it is seen by the driver to be safe to do so (regulation 2(7)).