
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

1998 No. 68

**ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES
MAGISTRATES' COURTS**

**The Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Designation
of District) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998**

Made - - - - 4th March 1998

To be laid before Parliament

Coming into operation 31st March 1998

The Lord Chancellor, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by Article 39(4) and (6) of the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996⁽¹⁾, and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Designation of District) Order (Northern Ireland) 1998 and shall come into operation on 31st March 1998.

Designated district

2.—(1) The petty sessions district of Belfast and Newtownabbey is hereby designated for the purposes of Article 39 of the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996.

(2) The period from the 31st March 1998 to the 31st December 2000 is hereby specified as the period for which the petty sessions district mentioned in paragraph (1) is designated.

Dated 4th March 1998

Irvine of Lairg, C.

Status: This is the original version (as it was originally made). This item of legislation is currently only available in its original format.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

Articles 36 to 38 of the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996, give a court power to order that the period of disqualification imposed on a person convicted of a prescribed drink-drive offence is to be reduced if he completes a course approved by the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland. Article 39 of the Offenders Order applies those provisions with modification during an experimental period. In particular, during the experimental period, orders can be made only by a court of summary jurisdiction acting for a designated district.

This Order designates the petty sessions district of Belfast and Newtownabbey for the purposes of Article 39 of the Offenders Order and specifies the period for which it is so designated.