
STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2021 No. 146 (C. 4)

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

**The Road Traffic (Amendment) (2016 Act)
(Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021**

Made - - - - 3rd June 2021

The Department for Infrastructure⁽¹⁾ makes the following Order in exercise of the power conferred by section 26(1) of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016⁽²⁾ and now vested in it⁽³⁾.

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Amendment) (2016 Act) (Commencement No. 3) Order (Northern Ireland) 2021.

Appointed Day

2. The day appointed for the coming into operation of the provisions of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016, specified in the Schedule, shall be 28th June 2021.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 3rd June 2021



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(1) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see section 1(6) and (11) of, and Schedule 1 to, the Departments Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 ([2016 c. 5 \(N.I.\)](#)). Pursuant to section 1(9) of that Act, the Department of the Environment is dissolved
(2) [2016 c. 11 \(N.I.\)](#)
(3) See Article 8(1)(b) of, and Part 2 of Schedule 5 to, the Departments (Transfer of Functions) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 ([S.R. 2016 No. 76](#))

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SCHEDULE

Article 2

Provisions of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 coming into operation on the 28th June 2021

<i>Provisions of the Act</i>	<i>Subject Matter</i>
Section 24 insofar as it relates to paragraph 10 of Schedule 1	Transitional and saving provisions

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order brings into operation on the 28th June 2021 the provisions of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 specified in the Schedule.

Paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 amends Article 36 (reduced disqualification period for attendance on courses) of the Road Traffic Offenders (Northern Ireland) Order 1996 to make referral of offenders to the Course for Drink Drive Offenders automatic, at the time of conviction, whilst still allowing the court discretion (for ‘special reasons’) to not issue a referral order if that is deemed inappropriate.

NOTE AS TO EARLIER COMMENCEMENT ORDERS

(This note is not part of the Order)

The following provisions of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 2016 have been brought into operation by commencement orders made before the date of this Order:

<i>Provision</i>	<i>Date of Commencement</i>	<i>S.R. No.</i>
Sections 3, 4 and 21	25th November 2016	2016 No. 399 C. 31
Section 6	9th November 2020	2020 No. 240 C. 7