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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**1997 No. 949**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders  
(Experimental Period) Order 1997**

*Made* - - - - - *13th March 1997*  
*Coming into force* - - - - - *1st April 1997*

Whereas a draft of this Order has been approved by resolution of each House of Parliament in pursuance of section 31(9)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1991<sup>(1)</sup>;

Now therefore, the Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31(1) and (8) of that Act, hereby makes the following Order:—

**Commencement and citation**

1. This Order may be cited as the Courses for Drink-Drive Offenders (Experimental Period) Order 1997 and shall come into force on 1st April 1997.

**Extension of the Experimental Period**

2. The end of 1999 is hereby specified in place of the end of 1997 for the purposes of section 31(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1991 (experimental period for the application of section 34A of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988<sup>(2)</sup>).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

13th March 1997

*John Bowis*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,  
Department of Transport

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(1) 1991 c. 40.  
(2) 1988 (c. 53); Section 34A was inserted by section 30 of the Road Traffic Act 1991.

**Status:** This is the original version (as it was originally made).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

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

Section 31(1) of the Road Traffic Act 1991 provides that no order shall be made under section 34A of the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988 (which provides that courts acting for designated areas have the power to order that a period of disqualification imposed on a person convicted of a drink-drive offence be reduced if by a date specified in the order, the offender satisfactorily completes a course approved by the Secretary of State) after the end of 1997 or such later date as may be specified. This Order specifies the end of 1999 in place of the end of 1997.