

2025 No. 358

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A701 Trunk Road (Dumfries) (Temporary 20mph Speed
Restriction) Order 2025**

Made - - - - 20th November 2025

Coming into force - - 28th November 2025

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1), 4(1) and 14(1)(b) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 14(1)(b) of that Act, they are satisfied that the traffic on the lengths of road specified in the schedule should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public, or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to works.

In accordance with section 14(3) of that Act, they have had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order.

Citation, commencement and cessation

1. This Order may be cited as the A701 Trunk Road (Dumfries) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2025, comes into force on 28 November 2025 and ceases to have effect on 28 May 2027.

Speed restriction

2. No person may use, or permit the use of, any vehicle on the lengths of road, or a part or parts of the lengths of road, specified in the schedule at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour when a restriction is identified as applying to those lengths of road, or a part or parts of those lengths of road, by means of a traffic sign of the type described in item 1 (diagram 670 – maximum speed limit in mph) of the sign table in Part 2 of schedule 10 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(b).

(a) 1984 c. 27; section 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22) (“the 1991 Act”), schedule 8, paragraph 18, and section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), schedule 1. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (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) S.I. 2016/362.

Exemptions

3. 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^(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations, or
- (b) vehicles being used in an emergency for coastguard purposes.

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20th November 2025

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^(a) S.I. 2011/935.

SCHEDULE

Article 2

SPECIFIED LENGTHS OF ROAD

1. That length of the A701 Dumfries – Beattock Trunk Road at Dumfries from a point 24 metres or thereby north of the extended centre line of Catherinefield Road in a generally southwardly direction to a point 327 metres or thereby north of the extended centre line of Martinton Road, a distance of 584 metres or thereby.

2. That length of the A701 Dumfries – Beattock Trunk Road at Dumfries from a point 33 metres or thereby north of the extended centre line of Auchencrieff Road South in a generally southwardly direction to a point 9 metres or thereby south of Tinwald Downs Roundabout, a distance of 847 metres or thereby.