

Traffic Signs Authorisation

The Department for Regional Development(a), gives the following authorisation in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(b) and now vested in it(c).

Interpretation

1. In this authorisation—

“the 1997 Regulations” means the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(d);

“Belfast Metropolitan Area” means a grouping of council areas which include commuter towns combining the Belfast, Lisburn & Castlereagh, Newtownabbey, North Down and Carrickfergus districts;

“retroreflecting material” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;

“road marking” means the road marking shown in diagram B in the Schedule;

“sign” means the sign shown in diagram A in the Schedule; and

“taxi bus” means a motor vehicle—

- (a) licensed to operate carriage services under the road service licence provision of Part II of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(e);
- (b) used in accordance with a service permit issued under Part 1 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 2011(f); or
- (c) for which a class D taxi licence has been issued in accordance with the Taxi Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015(g).

Control of traffic by sign and road marking

2.—(1) The sign and road marking illustrated by the diagrams in the Schedule are authorised for use in the Belfast Metropolitan Area for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic that the stopping by vehicles other than taxi buses is prohibited during the period indicated.

(2) The information indicated and conveyed by the sign and road marking shall be that specified in or under the diagrams in the Schedule.

Sign and road marking to be placed in combination

3.—(1) The sign may be placed in a road only in conjunction with the road marking.

(2) The road marking may be placed on a road only in conjunction with the sign.

Sign and road marking to be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagrams

4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this authorisation, the sign and road marking shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagrams in the Schedule.

(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)

(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)

(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV

(d) S.R. 1997 No. 386

(e) 1967 c.37 (N.I.) to which there are no relevant amendments

(f) 2011 c.11 (N.I.)

(g) S.R. 2015 No. 393

(2) Dimensions indicated in the diagrams in the Schedule are expressed in millimetres.

Variation of dimensions

5.—(1) Any dimension specified in the sign shown in diagram A in the Schedule may be varied in accordance with Tables 1 and 2.

TABLE 1
Height of letters or numbers

Item (1)	Dimensions shown in diagram (2)	Permitted variations (3)
1.	Less than 100 millimetres	Up to 7.5% of the dimension

TABLE 2
All dimensions other than those in Table 1

Item (1)	Dimensions shown in diagram (2)	Permitted variations (3)
1.	50 millimetres or more, but less than 300 millimetres	Up to 7.5% of the dimension
2.	Less than 50 millimetres	Up to 10% of the dimension

(2) Where the legend on the sign shown in diagram A is varied in accordance with paragraph (1), the overall dimensions or the number of lines filled by the legend, or both, may be varied so far as necessary to give effect to the variation of the legend.

(3) Any dimension specified for the road marking shown in diagram B in the Schedule may be varied in accordance with Table 3, subject to the Note to that Table.

TABLE 3
Dimensions of road marking

Item (1)	Dimensions shown in diagrams (2)	Permitted variations (3)
1.	300 millimetres or more, but less than 3 metres	(i) Up to 20% of the dimension where the varied dimension is greater than the specified dimension; or (ii) Up to 10% of the dimension where the varied dimension is less than the specified dimension.
2.	10 millimetres or more, but less than 300 millimetres	(i) Up to 30% of the dimension where the varied dimension is greater than the specified dimension; or (ii) Up to 10% of the dimension where the varied dimension is less than the specified dimension.

Note: Where a dimension denoting the length or width of a road marking is varied in accordance with this table, and there is a space between two parts of the marking, the dimensions of that space may be varied as required to accommodate the variation of the length or width of the marking, provided that the character of the marking is maintained.

Proportions and form of letters, numerals and other characters

6.—(1) All letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in the sign shall have the proportions and form as prescribed in Part II of Schedule 13 to the 1997 Regulations.

(2) The letters incorporated in the road marking shall have the proportions and form shown in Part VI (c) of Schedule 13 to the 1997 Regulations.

Height of road marking

7. The road marking shall not project above the surface of the adjacent carriageway more than 6mm at any point.

Permitted variants

8.—(1) Where the circumstances in which the sign is to be placed so require or where appropriate in those circumstances, the form of the sign may be varied in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Reference to a time limit, the time of day, the day of the week, the month of the year or the year may be added, varied or omitted as appropriate.

9. Where the circumstances in which the road marking is to be placed so require or where appropriate in those circumstances, the form of the road marking may be varied in the following manner—

- (i) the legend “TAXI BUSES” may be varied to “TAXI BUS”; and
- (ii) the number of times the legend “TAXI BUSES” is shown may be varied according to the length of the marking.

10. Where the form of the sign or road marking is varied in accordance with this authorisation, the information conveyed to vehicular traffic by the sign or road marking is varied to accord with the form of the sign or road marking as varied.

Illumination requirements

11.—(1) The sign may be left unlit, or be illuminated by the use of retroreflecting material in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Where retroreflecting material is used on any part of the sign, all other parts of that sign shall also be illuminated by means of retroreflecting material.

(3) The road marking shall be illuminated with retroreflecting material.

Application of Article 50 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

12. Article 50 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(a) shall apply to the sign and road markings.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Regional Development on 20th April 2016

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(a) S.I. 1995/2994 (N.I. 18) Article 50 was substituted by Article 75(1) of and paragraph 19 of Schedule 8 to S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)

SCHEDULE



Diagram A

Prohibition of stopping by vehicles other than taxi buses during the period indicated

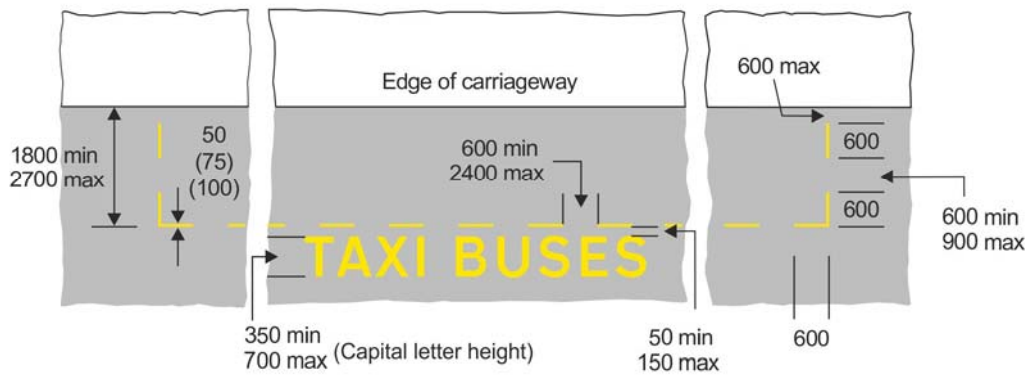


Diagram B

Taxi bus rank at edge of carriageway