

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**);

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

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

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

“taxi” means a motor hackney carriage which is licensed to stand or ply for hire on a road or public place and subject to the By-Laws made in respect of Motor Hackney Carriages standing or plying for hire made by the Council of the County Borough of Belfast on 4th June 1951 and which meets the specifications prescribed by regulation 41 of the Public Service Vehicles (Conditions of Fitness, Equipment and Use) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995(**e**).

Control of traffic by signs and road markings

2.—(1) The sign and road markings illustrated by the diagrams in the Schedule are authorised for use for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic—

- (a) that the stopping by vehicles other than taxis is prohibited during the period indicated on the upper panel; and
- (b) that loading only shall be permitted during the period indicated on the lower panel for the purpose of the conveyance of goods to or from adjacent premises where—
 - (i) the goods by reason of their size or weight could not reasonably be conveyed to or from such premises otherwise than by means of a vehicle; and
 - (ii) the use is no longer than is necessary to convey those goods to or from those premises.

(2) The information indicated and conveyed by the sign and road markings 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 a road marking.

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

(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) S.R. 1995 No. 447

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 markings shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagrams in the Schedule.

(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 markings shown in diagrams B and C in the Schedule may be varied in accordance with Table 3, subject to the Note to that Table.

TABLE 3
Dimensions of road markings

Item (1)	Dimensions shown in diagrams (2)	Permitted variations (3)
1.	3 metres or more	(i) Up to 15% 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.	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.
3.	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 requires 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.—(1) Where the circumstances in which a road marking is to be placed so require or where appropriate in those circumstances, the form of the road marking may be varied in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) The number of times the legend “TAXIS / LOADING ONLY” is shown may be varied according to the length of the marking.

10. Where the form of the sign or road markings is varied in accordance with this authorisation, the information conveyed to vehicular traffic by the sign or road markings is varied to accord with the form of the sign or road markings 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 19th December 2013

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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 taxis during the period indicated on the upper panel and loading only during the period indicated in the lower panel

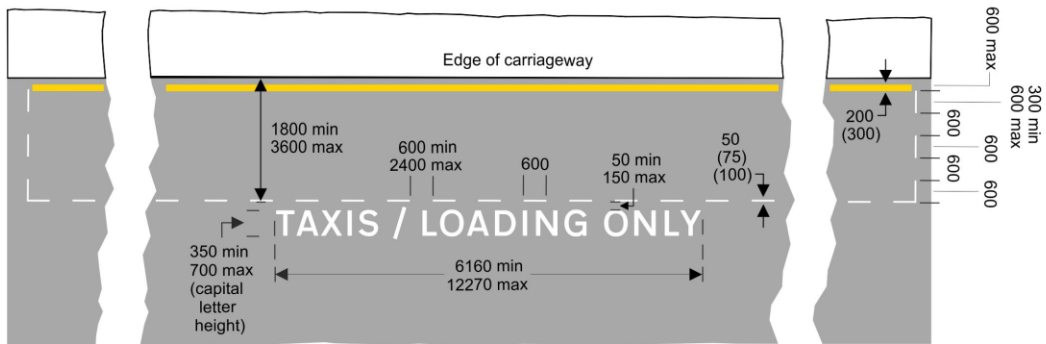


Diagram B

Parking bay reserved for taxis and loading only at the times indicated on the accompanying plate

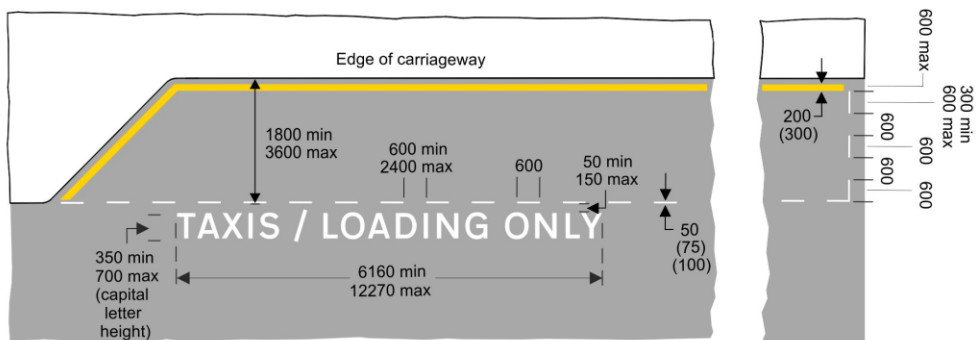


Diagram C

Parking bay, located in a lay by, reserved for taxis and loading only at the times indicated on the accompanying plate