

2016 No. 307

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Taxi Buses (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016

Made - - - - 22nd July 2016

Coming into operation - 15th August 2016

The Department for Infrastructure(**a**) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 4(1), (2) and (3) and 27A(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**b**) and now vested in it(**c**).

The Department has consulted such persons as it considered appropriate in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedules 1 and 4A to that Order(**d**).

The Department has published a notice in compliance with paragraphs 1 and 3 of those Schedules.

No written objection or other representation has been received.

Citation, commencement and interpretation

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as The Taxi Buses (Belfast) Order (Northern Ireland) 2016 and shall come into operation on 15th August 2016.

(2) In this Order—

“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**); or
- (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**).

(a) 2016 c. 5 (N.I.)

(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2) Article 27A was inserted by Article 21(1) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 4)

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

(d) Schedule 4A was inserted by Article 21(2) of the Taxis Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 (c. 4)

(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

Location and number of taxis

2. No stand for taxi buses shall be used except one specified in column 2 of the Schedule in relation to the location specified opposite thereto in column 1, their number shall not exceed that specified in column 3 and the hours available for use shall be as stated in column 4.

Use of stands or starting places

3. No vehicle other than a taxi bus shall use the stands specified in column 2 of the Schedule between the hours specified in column 4.

Amendment

4.—(1) Schedule 1 to The Urban Clearways Order (Northern Ireland) 2016(a) is amended in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3).

(2) Delete item 35 in respect of Bridge Street, Belfast.

(3) After item 186, add the following items—

“187.	Bridge Street, Belfast – from a point 10 metres south-east of its junction with the south-eastern building line of Rosemary Street to its junction with High Street – south-west side.	8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Monday to Friday inclusive
188.	Bridge Street, Belfast – north-east side.	8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.	Monday to Friday inclusive”

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on 22nd July 2016

(L.S.)

G F McKenna
A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

SCHEDULE

Article 2

STANDS FOR TAXI BUSES IN BELFAST

	<i>Column 1 – Location</i>	<i>Column 2 – Position of stand</i>	<i>Column 3 – Maximum number of taxi buses</i>	<i>Column 4 – Hours available for use</i>
1.	Bridge Street	South-west side – from its junction with the south-eastern building line of Rosemary Street for a distance of 10 metres in a south-easterly direction.	2	7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday
2.	North Street	South-west side – from a point 5 metres south-east of its junction with Law’s Court for a distance of 20 metres in a south-easterly direction.	4	7.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This order prescribes the precise locations which may be used as stands for taxi buses in Belfast city centre, the maximum number of taxi buses which may use each stand and hours available for use (Article 2). The Order also prohibits vehicles other than taxi buses from using the stands (Article 3).

The order also amends the Urban Clearways (Northern Ireland) Order 2016 in respect of the taxi stand on Bridge Street (Article 4).

A penalty charge (£90) is payable with respect to a vehicle involved in a contravention of the Order in accordance with the Traffic Management (Northern Ireland) Order 2005 and The Penalty Charges (Prescribed Amounts) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.