Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2004

GN No. 194 of 2004

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

Regulations made by the Minister under section 124 & 190 of the Road Traffic Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2004.

2. In these regulations -

"A road" means any main road bearing a classification number starting with the letter A in the Second Schedule to the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976;

"B road" means any main road bearing a classification number starting with the letter B in the Second Schedule to the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976;

"de-restricting sign" means a traffic sign of the prescribed size, colour and type specified as C17ª, C17d, or J² as the case may be, in Part III of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990;

"M road" means any motorway bearing a classification number starting with the letter M in the First Schedule to the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976;

"principal Act" means the Road Traffic Act;

"road" has the same meaning as in the Roads Act;

"speed limit sign" means a traffic sign of the prescribed size, colour and type specified as C14 in Part III of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990;

"speed zone" means a zone along a road on which the speed at which a motor vehicle may be driven is limited by these regulations and is indicated by the speed zone sign C14ª and the de-restricting sign C17d;

"UR road" means a road which is not classified as a motorway or a main road by the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976.

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3. Subject to these regulations, no person shall drive a motor vehicle specified in the first column of the First Schedule on the type of road specified in the second, third, fourth and fifth columns of that Schedule, at a speed in excess of the speed respectively specified in that Schedule.

4. Subject to regulation 3, no person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed in excess of 40 kilometres per hour on an A road or a B road, or 60 kilometres per hour on a M road, which by reason of weather conditions, poor visibility, high pedestrian activity, the density or nature of traffic, the condition of the road or road surface, or other similar reason, a speed in excess of 40 kilometres or 60 kilometres, as the case may be, is an unsafe speed for the prevailing conditions.

5. Where the driver of a motor vehicle is approaching or overtaking a stationary school bus stopped for the purpose of embarking or disembarking school children, the driver shall -

   (a) drive with due care and attention for the safety of the children; and

   (b) while passing at any point less than 5 metres from the school bus, not drive at a speed in excess of 30 kilometres per hour.

6. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic unless such speed is necessary for the safe operation of the vehicle.

7. The Permanent Secretary may, in respect of any stretch of road along any type of road specified in the First Schedule, establish a speed zone and -

   (a) considering the presence of any substantial abutting development, school, shopping centre, market, hospital or any other public building generating high pedestrian activity or vehicular traffic, poor visibility, decrease the maximum speed by a maximum of 40 kilometres per hour;

   (b) increase the maximum speed by 10 kilometres per hour.

8. No person shall ride a cycle on any road at a speed in excess of 30 kilometres per hour.

9. (1) Every speed zone established under regulation 7 shall be indicated by the advance warning traffic sign A37ª specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990,
with the distance in metres at which the speed zone is to commence appearing at the bottom right hand corner.

(2) The commencement of a speed zone shall be indicated by the traffic sign C14° specified in Part III of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990, which shall show the maximum speed limit.

(3) The end of a speed zone shall be indicated by the de-restricting sign C17Â° specified in Part III of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990.

10. For the purposes of road works, or of traffic engineering or any safety requirement along a road, the Commissioner of Police or the Permanent Secretary may establish a temporary speed zone by erecting -

(a) at the approach of the zone, a temporary speed limit sign specified as J¹ in Part X of the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990; and

(b) at the exit of the zone, an appropriate de-restricting sign specified as J² in Part X of the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990.

11. These regulations shall not apply to-

(a) a race or trial of speed authorised in conformity with the Road Traffic Act;

(b) a fire engine used for the purpose of extinguishing fires, of preserving life and property in case of fire, or of aiding or rescuing persons in danger, or in the case of an accident;

(c) an ambulance used for the purpose of aiding or rescuing persons in danger, or in the case of an accident; or

(d) a motor vehicle owned by the Government and used by the Police for the purpose of executing its functions.

12. Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding 5,000 rupees.

13. The Traffic Signs Regulations 1990 are amended in the First Schedule -
14. The Road Traffic (Speed Limits) Regulations 1982 are revoked.

15. These regulations shall come into operation on 1 December, 2004.

Made by the Minister on 25 November, 2004.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(regulations 3)

MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS IN KILOMETRES PER HOUR FOR SPECIFIC CLASS OF VEHICLES

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<th>Goods vehicles or articulated vehicles having a maximum gross weight:</th>
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| (c) not exceeding 3.5 tonnes                                   | 80  
| (d) exceeding 3.5 tonnes                                      | 70  
| Motor vehicles drawing one trailer where the combined aggregate maximum gross weight - |  
| (e) not exceeding 3.5 tonnes                                   | 55  
| (f) exceeding 3.5 tonnes                                      | 55  
| Motor vehicles drawing more than one trailer                  | 40  
| Motor tractors                                                | 70  

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SECOND SCHEDULE
(regulation 13)

37A. Speed zone warning

Advance warning of a speed zone is given by the sign A37a. The figure at the bottom right hand corner shall indicate the distance in metres at which the speed zone starts.
THIRD SCHEDULE
(regulations 2 and 13)

(b) Notification of commencement of a speed zone shall be given by the sign C14a.

The figure expresses the speed limit applicable. After or below the figure expressing the speed, the words Km or Kilometres may be added.
FOURTH SCHEDULE
(regulations 2 and 13)

(c) The point at which the speed limit within the speed zone ceases to apply, shall be indicated by sign C17\textsuperscript{a}. This sign is similar to sign C17\textsuperscript{a}, but shall show, in addition, in light grey the symbol of the restriction which has ceased.
FIFTH SCHEDULE
(Regulation 13)

FIRST SCHEDULE
PART X
TEMPORARY SIGNS

Temporary signs shall have a minimum dimension of 750mm x 750mm and a maximum dimension of 1050 mm x 1050 mm.

Description of signs

1. Temporary speed limit
   Notification of a temporary speed limit used for the purposes of road works, traffic engineering or safety requirement along a road shall, be given by sign J¹. After or below the figure expressing the speed, the word Km or kilometres may be added.

   ![J¹](image)

2. End of temporary speed limit
   The point at which the temporary speed limit used for the purposes of road works ceases to apply shall be indicated by sign J². This sign is similar to sign J¹, but shall show, in addition, in light grey the symbol of the restriction which has ceased.

   ![J²](image)