

## Measures introduced in Member countries related to COVID-19

**Country: Ireland**

**Date: 02/04/2020**

Measure related to :	Restriction period		Temporary exemptions (e.g. weekend bans, driving and rest hours, etc... )	
	From	To	Type	Period
<p><b>Goods:</b></p> <p>In view of the potential impact of COVID-19 on HGV operations and the importance of the road haulage sector to the national economy and in response to requests from the haulage industry, the Road Safety Authority (RSA) and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport (DTTAS) have agreed to allow a temporary and urgent derogation in respect of certain provisions of the EU driving and resting time rules. The derogation will apply to all operators and drivers subject to the EU drivers' hours and tachograph rules engaged in the carriage of goods (including oil etc.).  <a href="https://www.rsa.ie/en/RSA/Professional-Drivers/Driving-Safely/Driver-Hours/">https://www.rsa.ie/en/RSA/Professional-Drivers/Driving-Safely/Driver-Hours/</a></p> <p>The Road Traffic (Licensing of Drivers) Regulations 2006 requires all persons 70 years of age or more to comply with the requirement to provide a medical report. The New Statutory Instrument (S.I. 86 of 2020) relaxes this requirement for</p>	18 March 2020	16 April 2020		
	20 March 2020	31 July 2020		

<p>persons 70 years and over who do not have an identified/specified illness until 31 July 2020. This will be kept under review.  <a href="http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2020/si/86/made/en/pdf">http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2020/si/86/made/en/pdf</a></p>				
<p>In order to ensure a continuous flow of goods within the EU, drivers with valid Irish Driver CPC cards that are due to expire during the current COVID-19 outbreak will be granted an extension of a maximum of six months up to 26 September 2020.  <a href="https://theorytest.ie/coronavirus-covid-19-and-the-driver-theory-test/">https://theorytest.ie/coronavirus-covid-19-and-the-driver-theory-test/</a></p>	<p>26 March 2020</p>	<p>26 September 2020</p>		
<p>In view of the Health Service Executive (HSE) and Government guidelines all Driver Theory Test Centres will close from 25th March until further notice. “Emergency Testing Appointments” will be provided for candidates with exceptional circumstances. These exceptional circumstance include: Ambulance Service; Fire Service; Civil Defence; Medical professionals or critical supply chain HGV drivers, who require a Driving Theory Test to provide support to essential services during COVID-19.  <a href="https://theorytest.ie/coronavirus-covid-19-and-the-driver-theory-test/">https://theorytest.ie/coronavirus-covid-19-and-the-driver-theory-test/</a></p>	<p>25 March 2020</p>	<p>Until further notice</p>		
<p>Periodic roadworthiness testing for M1 vehicles has been suspended until further notice.  <a href="https://www.rsa.ie/en/Utility/News/Alerts/Coronavirus-COVIDID--19--No-Disruption-to-RSA-Services/">https://www.rsa.ie/en/Utility/News/Alerts/Coronavirus-COVIDID--19--No-Disruption-to-RSA-Services/</a></p>	<p>28 March 2020</p>	<p>Until further notice</p>		

<p>Periodic roadworthiness testing for M2, M3, N1, N2, N3 vehicles and trailers has been suspended until further notice.  <a href="https://www.rsa.ie/en/Utility/News/Alerts/Coronavirus-COVIDID--19--No-Disruption-to-RSA-Services/">https://www.rsa.ie/en/Utility/News/Alerts/Coronavirus-COVIDID--19--No-Disruption-to-RSA-Services/</a></p> <p>Driving tests have been suspended until 19 April 2020 and this will be kept under review. Where there are exceptional circumstances eg. Ambulance Service, Fire Service, Civil Defence, medical professionals and critical supply chain HGV drivers, needing a driving test, all reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate these customers.  <a href="https://www.rsa.ie/en/RSA/Learner-Driver/The-Driving-Test/Driving-Test-Disruptions/">https://www.rsa.ie/en/RSA/Learner-Driver/The-Driving-Test/Driving-Test-Disruptions/</a></p>	<p>28 March 2020</p> <p>13 March 2020</p>	<p>Until further notice</p> <p>19 April 2020</p>		
<p><b>Passengers:</b></p> <p>On Friday March 27, the National Transport Authority announced that revised timetables for Iarnród Éireann (Irish Rail) will come into effect on Monday March 30. Iarnród Éireann services on Intercity services will be at 45-65% of normal levels. Services on commuter services in the Dublin area will also be at 45-65% of normal levels. DART will operate every 15 minutes at peak, and every 30 minutes at other times. Individual trains will operate at maximum train size where possible to facilitate social distancing. Luas (tram) services will not change at this time. Luas will manage the service daily by extending the tram headways, if required.  <a href="https://www.nationaltransport.ie/news/new-public-transport-timetables-to-take-effect-starting-monday/">https://www.nationaltransport.ie/news/new-public-transport-timetables-to-take-effect-starting-monday/</a></p>	<p>30 March 2020</p>	<p>Until further notice</p>		

<p>On Friday March 27, the National Transport Authority announced that revised timetables for Dublin Bus, Go-Ahead Ireland and Bus Éireann, will come into effect Wednesday April 1. Under the revised timetables, services will run at approximately 80% of current levels. These operators are moving to a 'Saturday Plus' schedule which will be based on the current Saturday schedule, augmented by additional services, particularly in the early morning. Go-Ahead Ireland will be operating services at approximately 94% of current levels, with Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann both operating services at over 80% of current levels. While there will be some reductions in peak and off-peak services, on-bus journey times are faster as a result of a dramatic reduction in traffic in built-up areas.</p> <p><a href="https://www.nationaltransport.ie/news/new-public-transport-timetables-to-take-effect-starting-monday/">https://www.nationaltransport.ie/news/new-public-transport-timetables-to-take-effect-starting-monday/</a></p>	1 April 2020	Until further notice		
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