



# Railway Regulation Act 1840

1840 CHAPTER 97 3 and 4 Vict

An Act for regulating Railways.

[10th August 1840]

## Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Act excluded (1.7.1994) by [S.I. 1994/1761](#), **art. 3(3)**  
Act excluded (11.11.1996) by [S.I. 1996/2714](#), **art. 3(5)**  
Act excluded (21.5.1997) by [S.I. 1997/1266](#), **art. 3(5)**  
Act excluded (27.8.1998) by [S.I. 1998/1936](#), **art. 3(5)**  
Act excluded (30.4.1999) by [S.I. 1999/1306](#), **art. 3(3)**  
Act excluded (21.7.1999) by [S.I. 1999/2129](#), **art. 3(4)**
- C2** Short Title given by [Short Titles Act 1896](#) (c. 14)
- C3** Preamble omitted under authority of [Statute Law Revision \(No. 2\) Act 1890](#) (c. 51)
- C4** This Act is not necessarily in the form in which it has effect in Northern Ireland
- C5** Act excluded (E.W.S.) (6.11.2013) by [The Transport for Greater Manchester \(Light Rapid Transit System\) \(Second City Crossing\) Order 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/2587), arts. 1, **3(1)** (with arts. 42, 43)
- C6** Act excluded (E.W.S.) (9.1.2014) by [The Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre Rapid Transit Order 2013](#) (S.I. 2013/3244), arts. 1, **3(1)** (with arts. 57, 58, Sch. 11 para. 19)
- C7** Act excluded (E.W.S.) (24.11.2016) by [The Transport for Greater Manchester \(Light Rapid Transit System\) \(Trafford Park Extension\) Order 2016](#) (S.I. 2016/1035), **art. 3(1)** (with arts. 43, 44)
- C8** Act excluded (E.W.S.) (4.1.2018) by [The Blackpool Tramway \(Blackpool North Extension\) Order 2017](#) (S.I. 2017/1214), **art. 3(1)** (with arts. 3(3), 58, 59)

1,2. .... F1

## Textual Amendments

- F1** Ss. 1, 2 repealed by [Regulation of Railways Act 1871](#) (c. 78), **Sch. 2**

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**Textual Amendments**

**F2** S. 3 repealed by Statute Law Revision Act 1959 (c. 68)

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**Textual Amendments**

**F3** S. 4 repealed by Perjury Act 1911 (c. 6), **Sch.** and False Oaths (Scotland) Act 1933 (c. 20), **Sch.**

5,6. .... **F4**

**Textual Amendments**

**F4** Ss. 5, 6 repealed by Regulation of Railways Act 1871 (c. 78), **Sch. 2**

7—9. .... **F5**

**Textual Amendments**

**F5** Ss. 7-9 repealed by Transport Act 1962 (c. 46), **Sch. 12 Pt. II**

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12. .... **F6**

**Textual Amendments**

**F6** Ss. 10-12 repealed by Regulation of Railways Act 1871 (c. 78), **Sch. 2**

13,14. .... **F7**

**Textual Amendments**

**F7** Ss. 13, 14 repealed by Transport Act 1962 (c. 46), s. 95(3), **Sch. 12 Pt. I** and expressed to be repealed by S.I. 1984/1986 (N.I. 15), art. 20, **Sch. 3**

15 ..... **F8**

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### Textual Amendments

**F8** S. 15 repealed by [Regulation of Railways Act 1871 \(c. 78\)](#), **Sch. 2**

## 16 For punishment of persons obstructing the officers of any railway company, or trespassing upon any railway.

If any person shall wilfully obstruct or impede any officer or agent of any railway company in the execution of his duty upon any railway, or upon or in any of the stations or other works or premises connected therewith, or if any person shall wilfully trespass upon any railway, or any of the stations or other works or premises connected therewith, and shall refuse to quit the same upon request to him made by any officer or agent of the said company, every such person so offending, and all others aiding or assisting therein, shall and <sup>F9</sup>may be seized and detained by any such officer or agent, or any person whom he may call to his assistance, until such offender or offenders can be conveniently taken before some justice of the peace for the county or place wherein such offence shall be committed, and when convicted, before such justice as aforesaid, (who is hereby authorized and required, upon complaint to him . . . <sup>F10</sup> to take cognizance thereof, and to act summarily in the premises,) shall, in the discretion of such justice, <sup>F9</sup> upon conviction by a magistrates' court, at the discretion of the court, <sup>F11</sup>forfeit to her Majesty any sum not exceeding <sup>F11</sup>level 1 on the standard scale<sup>F12</sup> £200 <sup>F13</sup>level 3 on the standard scale<sup>F14</sup>, <sup>F14</sup>and in default of payment thereof shall or may be imprisoned<sup>F15</sup> . . .

### Textual Amendments

- F9** Words commencing “upon conviction...” substituted (E.W.) for words commencing “and...” by [Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984 \(c. 60, SIF 95\)](#), s. 119, **Sch. 6 Pt. I para. 3**
- F10** Words repealed by [Magistrates Courts Act 1952 \(c. 55\)](#), s. 132(2)-(4), **Sch 6**
- F11** Words substituted (E.W.S.) by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c. 48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46 and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c. 21, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 289G
- F12** “£200” substituted for “£25” in relation to (a) British Railways Board by [British Railways Act 1977 \(c. xvii\)](#), **Sch. 1** and (b) London Transport Executive by [London Transport Act 1977 \(c. xii\)](#), **Sch.**
- F13** Words commencing “level 3...” substituted (E.W.S.) for “£200” by virtue of (E.W.) [Criminal Justice Act 1982 \(c.48, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 46 and (S.) [Criminal Procedure \(Scotland\) Act 1975 \(c.21, SIF 39:1\)](#), s. 289G
- F14** Words repealed (N.I.) by [Statute Law Revision \(Northern Ireland\) Act 1980 \(c. 59\)](#), s. 1, **Sch. Pt. IV**
- F15** Words repealed by [Statute Law Revision Act 1892 \(c. 19\)](#)

### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C9** S. 16 the expression “railway company” extended by [Channel Tunnel Act 1987 \(c. 53, SIF 102\)](#), ss. 43, 45, **Sch. 6 para. 3**, **Sch. 7 Pt. VI para. 2**
- C10** S. 16 modified by [Channel Tunnel Act 1987 \(c.53, SIF 102\)](#), ss. 43, 45, **Sch. 6 para. 4(1)(2)(a)**, **Sch. 7 Pt. VI para.2**
- C11** S. 16 modified (27.7.1993) by 1993 (c. xv) s.63  
S. 16 applied (with modifications) (21.7.1994) by 1994 c. xv, s. 66(1)  
S. 16 modified (18.12.1996) by 1996 c. 61, s. 20, **Sch. 9 Pt. II para. 8(1)**
- C12** S. 16 modified (22.7.2008) by [Crossrail Act 2008 \(c. 18\)](#), **Sch. 11 para. 7(1)(2)(a)(3)**
- C13** S. 16 modified (23.2.2017) by [High Speed Rail \(London - West Midlands\) Act 2017 \(c. 7\)](#), s. 70(1), **Sch. 29 para. 2**

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**C14** S. 16 modified (11.2.2021) by [High Speed Rail \(West Midlands - Crewe\) Act 2021 \(c. 2\), s. 64\(1\), Sch. 28 para. 2](#)

**17** ..... **F16**

**Textual Amendments**

**F16** S. 17 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1976 \(c. 16\), Sch. 1 Pt. XIX](#)

**18,19.** ..... **F17**

**Textual Amendments**

**F17** Ss. 18, 19 repealed by [Transport Act 1962 \(c. 46\), s. 95\(3\), Sch. 12 Pt. I](#)

**20** ..... **F18**

**Textual Amendments**

**F18** S. 20 repealed by [Regulation of Railways Act 1871 \(c. 78\), Sch. 2](#)

**21** ..... **F19**

**Textual Amendments**

**F19** S. 21 repealed by [Statute Law \(Repeals\) Act 1976 \(c. 16\), Sch. 1 Pt. XXI](#)

**22** ..... **F20**

**Textual Amendments**

**F20** S. 22 repealed by [Regulation of Railways Act 1871 \(c. 78\), Sch. 2](#)

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**Changes and effects yet to be applied to :**

- s. 16 words substituted by [2003 c. 44 Sch. 26 para. 1](#)