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**Guidelines for Setting and Managing of Speed Limits in Ireland (2015) – Incorporating Guidelines for the application of Special Speed Limits.**

**Direction given to road authorities by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport.**

A Chara,

I refer to Circular RSD 1 of 2015 and the subsequent National Seminar held in Naas on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015.

In accordance with the Guidelines (Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland – March 2015 Edition) all staff involved in the setting and managing of speed limits shall be trained and competent in the use of the Guidelines. This includes all consultants and contractors involved. Pending the introduction of a formal training course a record of attendance at these seminars/workshops will suffice in satisfying this requirement.

As a follow on from the National Seminar the Department has now organised for a number of Regional Seminars (including Workshops) to be delivered during the months of February and March of 2016. A programme and timetable are attached in Appendix A.

The regional Seminars may be attended by those that are involved in the setting and managing of speed limits. This can include personnel from Local Authorities, An Garda Síochana, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) as well as contractors and consultants (to be nominated by one of the first three named organisations) directly involved in the process. There will be no fees to delegates to attend this Seminar.

To facilitate planning for these **Regional Speed Limits Seminars**, nominees are now sought to be sent in order of priority by emailing to [speedlimits@dtas.ie](mailto:speedlimits@dtas.ie) by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 with the following details: -

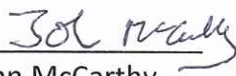
- Priority number
- Name
- Organisation
- Nominating Organisation (if different)
- Training Centre (An Garda Síochana and TII only)

Whereas every effort will be made to accommodate all requests for attendance at these workshops space is likely to be limited. Allocations will in the first instance be made to ensure all organisations can be accommodated. Additional workshops will be considered, if required.

Records of attendance will kept and maintained for all those who attend the Seminar. Similarly, Local Authorities will need to maintain records of all staff or consultants involved in the setting and managing of speed limits. These records should be available for inspection, if required.

Queries regarding the above should be addressed to [speedlimits@dtas.ie](mailto:speedlimits@dtas.ie).

Yours sincerely

  
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## Appendix A

### WORKING AGENDA FOR SPEED LIMIT SEMINARS

Note: - Participants need to have either attended or viewed the presentations from the Speed Limits Seminar from June 2015. See [www.lasntg.com](http://www.lasntg.com) and login as a guest.

Time	Presentation
09:30 – 09:45	Background/Review
09:45 – 10:15	Overview of Guidelines
10:15 – 10:45	Traffic Signs Manual
10:45 – 11:15	IT/MapRoad
11:15 – 11:30	Tea/Coffee
11:30 – 12:00	Urban Design/DMURS
12:00 – 12:30	Rural Design/DMRB
12:30 – 13:00	A Garda Perspective on Enforceability
13:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	Administrating Speed Limits
14:30 – 15:30	Workshops
15:30 – 16:00	Groups present findings
16:00 – 16:15	Wrap-up/Close

#### Schedule of Venues and dates for Speed Limit Workshops

Castlebar Training Centre, Castlebar, Mayo	1st Workshop	Wednesday 3rd February 2016
Stranorlar Training Centre, Stranorlar, Donegal	2nd Workshop	Tuesday 9th February 2016
Roscrea Training Centre, Roscrea, Tipperary	3rd Workshop	Tuesday 23rd February 2016
Ballycoolin Training Centre, Fingal, Dublin	4th Workshop	Tuesday 8th March 2016
Ballincollig Training Centre, Cork	5th Workshop	Tuesday 15th March 2016