

**2026 No. 000 (C. XX)**

**RAILWAYS**

**Railway Safety (2002 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026**

*Made* - - - - - *xx Xxxxxx 2026*

The Department for Infrastructure (1) makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 8(2) of the Railways Safety Act (Northern Ireland) 2002(2).

**Citation**

1.—This Order may be cited as the Railway Safety (2002 Act) (Commencement No.1) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026.

**Appointed Day**

2. xx xxxxx 2026 is the appointed day for the coming into operation of sections 2 and 3 of the Railways Safety Act (Northern Ireland) 2002.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department for Infrastructure on xx xxxxxxxx 2026.

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A senior officer of the Department for Infrastructure

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(1) Formerly the Department for Regional Development; see 2016 c.5 (N.I.), s.1 (6)  
(2) 2002 c.8 (N.I.)

## **EXPLANTARY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order is made by the Department for Infrastructure under section 8(2) of the Railways Safety Act (Northern Ireland) 2002 ("2002 Act").

This Order is the first commencement order made under the 2002 Act.

Article 2 brings into operation section 2 and section 3 of the 2002 Act on xx xxxxxx 2026 for the purpose of making regulations in respect of:

- the requirement to obtain departmental approval prior to new works, plant or equipment is brought into use and following alteration to works, plant or equipment.
- the reporting of accidents to the Department, to include follow up action and investigation where appropriate

Article 2 also brings into operation the offence provisions associated with sections 2 and 3 of the 2002 Act, including offences for carrying out works, plant or equipment without the required approval and failing to meet statutory duties relating to accident reporting and investigation.