



6th June 2025

Circular RW 12 of 2025

Reinstatement Tolerance and Intervention Limits as set out in the Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads (The Purple Book)

Dear Director of Services/Senior Engineer,

Following a review of the reinstatement tolerances and intervention limits in The Guidelines for Managing Openings in Public Roads (Second Edition, Rev 1, April 2017) by the Road Management Office (RMO) the Department has agreed to issue this circular in relation to the two revisions to Table 6.8.2 Intervention limits. The revised Table 6.8.2 can be found in Appendix 1 of this circular.

The following changes will apply to all roadworks and reinstatement carried out from 16th June 2025

- i) The intervention limit for a Combined Defect on a reinstatement wider than 900mm is amended from 22mm to 12mm. The amendment aligns with the intervention limit of the TII Publication, Requirement for the Reinstatement of Openings in National Roads CC-PAV-04007.
- ii) Note 2 on Table 6.8.2 has been updated as follows to account for reinstatement on roads which were not designed or constructed in accordance with Series 700 of the TII Specification for Road Works.

The revised wording is as follows:

“Note 2: The longitudinal profile of the reinstated trench/surface shall comply with Series 700 of the TII Specification for Road Works for surface regularity requirements. Where it is considered that due to the existing vertical profile of the road, the requirements of Series 700 are not achievable, requirements for longitudinal profile must be agreed with the Authority in advance of any works.”

The RMO has prepared training material which will be circulated to ensure national consistency for measurement of defects as described in section 6.8.2 Reinstatement Tolerance in the Purple Book.

Any queries in relation to this circular should be addressed to the Roads Management Office (RMO) at contact@rmo.ie.



Please bring this circular to the attention of all Engineering staff, particularly District/Area Engineers within your Local Authority responsible for dealing with the maintenance and of roads and road reinstatements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. O'Sullivan', located below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

**Higher Executive Officer
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Appendix 1

Revised Table 6.8.2 – Intervention Limits

| Intervention | Reinstatement Width (mm) | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------|
| | ≤400 | >400 & ≤500 | >500 & ≤600 | >600 & ≤700 | >700 & ≤800 | >800 & ≤900 | >900 |
| Edge Depression | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Surface Depression | 8 | 10 | 11 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Surface Crowning | 8 | 10 | 12 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Combined Defect | 10 | 10 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |

Note 1: *This Table applies to bituminous and concrete surfaces.*

Note 2: The longitudinal profile of the reinstated trench/surface shall comply with Series 700 of the TII Specification for Road Works for surface regularity requirements. Where it is considered that due to the existing vertical profile of the road, the requirements of Series 700 are not achievable, requirements for longitudinal profile must be agreed with the Authority in advance of any works.