

## CROSSING THE BORDER

**T**HE Land Frontier, which is shown on the map on pages 22-23, divides Ireland into two separate territories. Northern Ireland, comprising six counties of the old province of Ulster, forms part of the British Customs Union. The Republic of Ireland, containing the remaining twenty-six counties, has its own Customs Service.

As a result of this division there are certain differences between the motor laws and the Customs tariffs in force on the two sides of the frontier. How these affect motorists travelling between the Republic of Ireland and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is indicated below.

### **(1) The motorist from the Republic of Ireland crossing to Northern Ireland**

Motor vehicle licences, but not driving licences, issued in the Republic are valid for a temporary stay in Northern Ireland. A licence to drive in Northern Ireland may be obtained by members from the Association's offices in Dublin and Cork. A certificate of insurance in accordance with the Northern Ireland Road Traffic Act is also required by motorists driving in Northern Ireland.

Customs duty at the rate of 33½ per cent. ad valorem, plus purchase tax, is normally chargeable on all vehicles entering Northern Ireland from the Republic, and the motorist on a visit must, therefore, deposit the amount of duty involved, or enter into a bond, with the Customs. The Automobile Association can, however, provide its members with a British Triptyque, which avoids the need to lodge large sums of money at the frontier. The Triptyque not only satisfies the requirements of the Northern Ireland Customs but also has attached to it a Temporary Exportation Certificate which facilitates the return of the vehicle to the Republic.

## (2) The motorist from Northern Ireland crossing to the Republic of Ireland

Northern Ireland motor vehicle licences, but not driving licences, are valid for a temporary stay in the Republic. A licence to drive in the Republic may be obtained by members from the Association's office in Belfast. A certificate of insurance valid in the Republic is also necessary.

Customs duty is chargeable on vehicles entering the Republic from Northern Ireland, and, in order that members may avoid having to lodge large sums of money at the frontier, they are advised to obtain a Triptyque from the A.A. office in Belfast. This is valid for twelve months and is issued with the minimum of formality.

## (3) Customs—Hours of Duty

At the ports, Customs Officers attend to all formalities at any time when vehicles are being loaded or unloaded, but, at the Land Frontier, crossings must be made during the specified hours unless the extra attendance of Customs Officers has been arranged.

<b>First entry, either into the Republic of Ireland or into Northern Ireland</b>	9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, except on the following holidays: Republic of Ireland: Saint Patrick's Day, Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday, August Bank Holiday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day. Northern Ireland: Easter Monday, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.
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<b>Intermediate crossings...</b>	8 a.m. to midnight every day—holidays included—with the following exceptions:
	Pettigo } 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day Blacklion } —holidays included.
	Carrickcarnan } 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. every Bridgend } day — holidays in- cluded.

### Final Exportation :

<b>from Northern Ireland</b>	9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays—holidays excepted.
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<b>from the Republic of Ireland</b>	Times as shown above for "intermediate crossings".
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A fee of 2s. is levied after 9 p.m.

## (4) Overtime Arrangements—Land Frontier

The extra attendance of Customs Officers at the Land Frontier can be arranged on payment of fees varying from 2s. to 29s. according to the type of entry or exit. At least 48 hours' notice must be given to the Customs. Full details may be obtained from any A.A. office.

## (5) Approved Roads—Land Frontier

A list of approved roads for crossing the Land Frontier appears on page 21, and a map of the Border on pages 22-23.

## Approved Roads for Traffic between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland showing Mileages between Custom Houses and Frontier Posts

APPROVED ROAD			NORTHERN IRELAND				REPUBLIC OF IRELAND			
Northern Ireland	Mileage to	Republic of Ireland	Customs Station 1	Mileage to	Frontier Post 2	Mileage to	Frontier Post 3	Mileage to	Customs Station 4	
Londonderry ...	19½	Moyle ...	Londonderry (Strand Road)	6	Culmore ...	—	Muff ...	—	Muff	
Londonderry ...	14	Buncrana or Letterkenny ...	Londonderry (Strand Road)	4½	Galleght ...	½	Bridgend ...	—	Bridgend	
Londonderry ...	24½	St. Johnston ...	Londonderry (Strand Road)	4½	Mallemann ...	—	Carrigan ...	3½	St. Johnston	
Strabane ...	17½	Letterkenny ...	Strabane Bridge ...	—	Strabane Bridge ...	—	Lifford-Strabane Br.	—	Lifford	
Strabane ...	14½	Stranorlar ...	Strabane Bridge ...	—	Strabane Bridge ...	—	Lifford-Strabane Br.	—	Lifford	
Raniskillen ...	27½	Ballyshannon (via Belleek)	Belleek ...	—	Belleek ...	—	Cloghore ...	4	Ballyshannon	
Raniskillen ...	87	Ballyshannon (via Box Is.)	Belleek ...	—	Belleek ...	—	Cloghore ...	4	Ballyshannon	
Raniskillen ...	26½	Manorhamilton (via Belleek)	Raniskillen ...	1½	Bekoo ...	—	Blackhorn ...	13½	At Railway Station, Manorhamilton	
Raniskillen ...	12½	Swanlinbar ...	Enniskillen (Gaol Square) ...	11½	Millan ...	—	Swanlinbar ...	—	Swanlinbar	
Newtown-Butler ...	5½	Clones ...	Newtown-Butler ...	4½	Clouthroy Bridge ...	—	Clones ...	—	Clones	
Angnacloy ...	12½	Moaghgan ...	—	—	Anglinacloy ...	—	May Arkley ...	31	Moaghgan	
Armagh ...	17½	Moaghgan ...	Armagh (The Probate Court)	10½	Middletown ...	—	Tyholand ...	5	Moaghgan	
Armagh ...	18	Castleblayney ...	Armagh (The Probate Court)	12	Carnagh ...	—	Tullymagrow ...	5	Castleblayney	
Armagh ...	28	Dundalk (via Newtown Hamiton)	Armagh ...	22	Tullydonnel ...	—	Drumbilla ...	5½	Dundalk	
Newry ...	12½	Dundalk ...	—	—	Killeen ...	—	Carrickman ...	8½	Dundalk	
Newry ...	15½	Greencore ...	Newry ...	5½	Upper Fathom ...	—	Ferryhill ...	9½	Carrickman	
Londonderry ...	21½	Letterkenny ...	Londonderry (Strand Road)	4½	Killeen ...	—	Kildrum ...	—	Carrickman	
Enniskillen ...	56½	Donegal (via Pettigo)	Enniskillen (Gaol Square) ...	30	Tullykinnon Br.	—	Pettigo ...	—	Carrickman	

\* These roads are not available for stamping Triptyques on the occasion of first importation.

**A motorist crossing the Frontier by other than these roads is liable to very severe penalties, including confiscation of his car.**



