



THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS 1976, AMENDMENT NO. 27

CATHERINE A. TIZARD, Governor-General

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 19th day of December 1994

Present:

THE HON. DOUG KIDD PRESIDING IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 77 and 199 of the Transport Act 1962, Her Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

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REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 27, and shall be read

together with and deemed part of the Traffic Regulations 1976* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 20th day of January 1995.

2. Interpretation—(1) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “left side”, the following definitions:

“ ‘Level crossing’—

“(a) Means any place where a railway line crosses any road or street on the level, or where the public is permitted to cross a railway line on the level; and in this paragraph ‘railway line’ does not include a railway line on a road or street, being a railway line intended solely for the use of light rail vehicles; and

“(b) Includes a bridge used for both rail service vehicles and road traffic on the same level:

“ ‘Light rail vehicle’—

“(a) Means a rail service vehicle that is designed to run along a road or street among other road vehicles and users; and

“(b) Includes a tram and tramcar; but

“(c) Does not include any—

“(i) Rail service vehicle approaching or on any level crossing; or

“(ii) Rail service vehicle while it is on a railway line which is not on a road or street:

“ ‘Light rail vehicle lane’ means a length of lane containing a light rail vehicle track on a roadway that is defined—

“(a) In the case of a light rail vehicle lane that is a continuous loop, by light rail vehicle lane signs erected at any point where the light rail vehicle lane crosses any intersection:

“(b) In any other case, by—

“(i) A light rail vehicle lane sign erected at its beginning; and

“(ii) A light rail vehicle lane sign erected at its end; and

“(iii) Light rail vehicle lane signs erected at any point where the light rail vehicle lane crosses any intersection.”.

(2) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “Police officer”, the following definition:

*S.R. 1976/227

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1978/72
 Amendment No. 2: (Revoked by S.R. 1984/169)
 Amendment No. 3: (Revoked by S.R. 1980/115)
 Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1980/31
 Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1980/115
 Amendment No. 6: S.R. 1981/158
 Amendment No. 7: S.R. 1981/311
 Amendment No. 8: S.R. 1982/95
 Amendment No. 9: S.R. 1983/282
 Amendment No. 10: S.R. 1984/31
 Amendment No. 11: S.R. 1984/169
 Amendment No. 12: S.R. 1985/70
 Amendment No. 13: S.R. 1985/144
 Amendment No. 14: S.R. 1985/289
 Amendment No. 15: S.R. 1987/213
 Amendment No. 16: S.R. 1988/171
 Amendment No. 17: S.R. 1988/187
 Amendment No. 18: S.R. 1988/326
 Amendment No. 19: (Revoked by S.R. 1990/333)
 Amendment No. 20: S.R. 1989/312
 Amendment No. 21: S.R. 1990/159
 Amendment No. 22: S.R. 1990/333
 Amendment No. 23: S.R. 1992/184
 Amendment No. 24: S.R. 1993/176
 Amendment No. 25: S.R. 1993/295
 Amendment No. 26: S.R. 1994/31

“ ‘Rail service’ has the same meaning as in the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989:”.

(3) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “roadway”, the following definition:

“ ‘Safety zone’ means a portion of roadway—

“(a) Indicated by a structure erected on the roadway; and

“(b) That has, near the end first met by approaching vehicles travelling along the side of the roadway on which the safety zone is established, a device displaying to approaching drivers the words ‘Safety Zone’:”.

(4) Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “service brake”, the following definition:

“ ‘Shared zone’ means a length of roadway intended to be used by pedestrians and vehicles that is defined at its beginning by a shared zone sign, and at its end by—

“(a) An end shared zone sign; or

“(b) A dead end; or

“(c) The length of roadway ending at an intersection:”.

3. Driving in lanes—(1) Regulation 5 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:

“(f) Any light rail vehicle lane during operating hours of the light rail vehicle service.”

(2) Regulation 5 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the following subclauses:

“(3) No driver of any vehicle (other than a light rail vehicle) shall impede the progress of any light rail vehicle.

“(4) The driver of a light rail vehicle shall take due care to enable drivers of other vehicles to move safely from the path of the light rail vehicle.”

4. Changing direction—Regulation 7 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after subclause (1), the following subclauses:

“(1A) A driver of a vehicle who is making a turn to the right shall not, if turning from the left side of a light rail vehicle lane or safety zone, permit the vehicle to impede the progress of any light rail vehicle travelling along the same roadway in the same or opposite direction.

“(1B) A driver of a vehicle who is making a turn to the left shall not, if turning from the right side of a light rail vehicle lane or safety zone, permit the vehicle to impede the progress of any light rail vehicle travelling along the same roadway in the same or opposite direction.”

5. Overtaking—Regulation 8 (1) (b) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding the expression “; or” and the following subparagraph:

“(iii) In any case where the overtaken vehicle is a light rail vehicle moving in the same direction, the light rail vehicle—

“(A) Is not signalling an intention to turn to the left or to stop; or

“(B) Is stationary for the purposes of allowing passengers to alight or board.”

6. Shared zone—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 12, the following regulations:

“12A. (1) Every driver of a light rail vehicle entering or proceeding along or through a shared zone shall give way to a pedestrian who is on the shared zone.

“(2) Every pedestrian on a shared zone shall not unduly impede the passage of any light rail vehicle on the shared zone.”

7. Riding dangerously—Regulation 17 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by adding, as subclause (2), the following subclause:

“(2) No person shall alight from or board a moving light rail vehicle”.

8. Places controlled by traffic signals—Regulation 18 (5) of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 2 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 21) is hereby amended by adding the following paragraphs:

“(k) While a white ‘T’ on a black background is displayed, a driver of a light rail vehicle facing the traffic signal may—

“(i) Travel straight ahead or turn right or turn left:

“(ii) Turn to the right or to the left even though a traffic signal is displaying a red signal in the form of a disc:

“(l) While a yellow ‘T’ alone is displayed, a driver of a light rail vehicle facing the traffic signal shall not—

“(i) Proceed beyond any stop line associated with the traffic signal; or

“(ii) In the absence of a stop line, enter the intersection at or near which the traffic signal is erected—

unless the light rail vehicle is so close to the stop line or intersection when the yellow ‘T’ first appears that the driver cannot safely stop the vehicle before passing the stop line or entering the intersection:

“(m) While a red ‘T’ alone is displayed or a red ‘T’ and a yellow ‘T’ together are displayed, a driver of a light rail vehicle facing the traffic signal shall not—

“(i) Proceed beyond any stop line associated with the traffic signal; or

“(ii) In the absence of a stop line, enter the intersection at or near which the traffic signal is erected.”

9. Speed limits—Regulation 21 of the principal regulations (as amended by regulation 2 (6) of the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 13) is hereby amended by adding the following subclauses:

“(15) No person shall drive a light rail vehicle in any shared zone at a speed exceeding of 10 kilometres an hour.

“(16) No person shall drive a light rail vehicle at a speed exceeding the maximum speed limit specified in the safety system of the operator of the vehicle that has been approved under section 6D of the Transport Services Licensing Act 1989.

“(17) For the purposes of this regulation, the term “motor vehicle” includes a light rail vehicle.”

10. Duties of drivers of light rail vehicles—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting in Part II, after regulation 37, the following regulation:

“37A. Every person driving a light rail vehicle shall drive the vehicle carefully and exercise due care towards other road users.”

11. Provisions relating to light rail vehicles—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 51, the following regulation:

“51A. No person shall—

“(a) While waiting to board a light rail vehicle, stand on any part of a roadway other than a safety zone; or

“(b) For the purpose of boarding a light rail vehicle, proceed from a footpath towards the vehicle until the vehicle has stopped.”

12. Special parking areas—Regulation 109(1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “bus stop,”, the words “light rail vehicle stop,”.

13. Light rail vehicle signals—The principal regulations are hereby amended by inserting, after regulation 116 (as substituted by regulation 5 of the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 21), the following regulation:

“116A. Light rail vehicle signals shall consist of—

“(a) A white ‘T’ on a black background:

“(b) A yellow ‘T’:

“(c) A red ‘T’:

“(d) A red ‘T’ and a yellow ‘T’ together.”

14. Fourth Schedule amended—(1) The Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 6(1) of the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 17) is hereby amended—

(a) By revoking the item relating to sign P40 and supplementary signs (a) and (b) in Part II, and substituting the item set out in Part I of the Schedule to these regulations:

(b) By inserting in Part IV, in their appropriate order, the items set out in Part II of the Schedule to these regulations:

(c) By inserting in Part VII (as substituted by regulation 7(2) of the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 21), after the item relating to sign Pk 7, the item set out in Part III of the Schedule to these regulations.

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**SCHEDULE
AMENDMENTS TO FOURTH SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS**

PART I

P40. (a) Railway	Rectangular, 900 mm wide, 275 mm high	White (r)	None	“RAILWAY”	Black, 175/24
(b) Light rail vehicle				“LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE”	Black, 175/24
	The following supplementary signs should be used if there is more than one railway track. They are to be placed below the “Railway” sign:				
(a) (More than 1 track)	Rectangular, 175 mm wide, 225 mm high	White (r)	None	<i>Numbers of tracks</i>	Black, 150/21
(b) (More than 1 track)	Rectangular, 525 mm wide, 175 mm high	White (r)	None	“TRACKS”	Black, 100/14

PART II

RIIA LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE LANE	400 mm diameter circle	Blue (r)	White (r) 15 mm	Symbol of a light rail vehicle. “LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE LANE”. Additional words may be used to define the period of operation in letters of at least X 25 on the bottom of the sign.	White (r)
(a) Ends	Rectangular, 350 mm wide, 150 mm high	Blue (r)	White (r)	“ENDS”	White (r)
(b) Begins	Rectangular, 350 mm wide, 150 mm high	Blue (r)	White (r)	“BEGINS”.	White (r)
R13A Shared zone	400 mm diameter circle	Blue (r)	White (r) 15 mm	Symbol of pedestrian over symbol of a light rail vehicle.	White (r)
R18A Safety zone	400 mm diameter circle	Blue (r)	White (r) 15 mm	“SAFETY ZONE”	White (r) 200/31

SCHEDULE—*continued*

AMENDMENTS TO FOURTH SCHEDULE OF PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS—*continued*

PART III

<p>Pk 7A. Light Rail Vehicle Stop (vehicles other than light rail vehicles may not stop or park in the area marked out)</p>	<p>Rectangular, 300 mm wide, 440 mm high, or more to accommodate the legend comfortably</p>	<p>White</p>	<p>Red, 10 mm</p>	<p>No Parking symbol of 120 mm diameter and 15 mm red border, with a red 10 mm wide diagonal slash through a black "P".</p>	<p>Black 70/11</p>
				<p>Light rail vehicle symbol, red, "Light Rail Vehicle Stop". Additional words or numerals may be used to define the period of operation, in letters at least X 25, red, on the bottom of the sign. In addition, a single or double-headed arrow of 15 mm shaft width, red, may be placed on the bottom of the sign.</p>	<p>X 35 red</p>

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Clerk of the Executive Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 20 January 1995, amend the Traffic Regulations 1976.

Regulation 2 inserts into the principal regulations new definitions relating to light rail vehicles.

Regulation 3 provides for light rail vehicle lanes.

Regulation 4 requires turning vehicles not to impede the progress of a light rail vehicle.

Regulation 5 relates to overtaking a light rail vehicle.

Regulation 6 provides for shared zones.

Regulation 7 prohibits alighting or boarding a moving light rail vehicle.

Regulation 8 states the effect of traffic signals relating to light rail vehicles.

Regulation 9 prescribes speed limits in respect of light rail vehicles.

Regulation 10 imposes a duty of care on drivers of light rail vehicles.

Regulation 11 prescribes road rules for passengers of light rail vehicles.

Regulation 12 provides for light rail vehicle stops.

Regulation 13 specifies light rail vehicle traffic signals.

Regulation 14 provides for new traffic signs relating to light rail vehicles.

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