



THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS 1976, AMENDMENT NO. 28

THOMAS EICHELBAUM, Administrator of the Government

ORDER IN COUNCIL

At Wellington this 4th day of March 1996

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to sections 77 and 199 of the Transport Act 1962, His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.



ANALYSIS

- 1. Title and commencement
- 2. Interpretation
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REGULATIONS

1. Title and commencement—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 28, 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 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

2. Interpretation—Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by inserting, after the definition of the term “warrant of fitness”, the following definition:

“‘Zone parking control’, in relation to any road, means a parking restriction imposed by the controlling authority of the road—

“(a) That applies to an area comprising a number of roads; and

“(b) In respect of which, whether by reason of—

“(i) The nature of the area; or

“(ii) The nature of the parking restriction; or

“(iii) Traffic patterns into and within the area; or

“(iv) The nature and number of entry points to the area,—
or for any other reason, persons using motor vehicles within the area could reasonably be expected to be aware of the application of the parking restriction to the area without the need for the erection of signs at each intersection within the area; and

“(c) Which the controlling authority specifically declares to be a zone parking control.”.

3. Temporary speed limits—The principal regulations are hereby amended by revoking regulation 23 (as amended by section 35 (3) of the Land Transport Act 1993), and substituting the following regulation:

“23. (1) Where a controlling authority considers that there is or is likely to arise at any place on a road a temporary risk of—

“(a) Danger to the public or to road workers; or

“(b) Damage to the road,—

the controlling authority may at that place erect signs in accordance with this regulation for the purpose of fixing a temporary maximum speed limit for motor vehicles.

“(2) A temporary maximum speed limit fixed under this regulation shall be a speed that is a multiple of 10 kilometres an hour (being a speed that is less than the existing speed limit on the road).

*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. 1982/93

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

Amendment No. 27: S.R. 1994/312

“(3) Every person commits an offence who drives a motor vehicle on a road where a temporary maximum speed limit is fixed, and signs are erected in accordance with this regulation, at a speed in excess of the maximum so fixed.

“(4) The signs to be erected at any temporary speed-limit area shall be as follows:

“(a) At each approach to the temporary speed-limit area, a speed limit (temporary) sign as described in the Fourth Schedule to these regulations showing the speed fixed; and

“(b) At each exit from the temporary speed-limit area, the appropriate speed limit sign showing the speed restriction that applies from that point onwards.

“(5) The signs specified in subclause (4) of this regulation may be erected by—

“(a) A police officer or traffic officer; or

“(b) An authorised agent of the controlling authority; or

“(c) The person in charge of the work in progress on the portion of road.

“(6) The Director or the Commissioner of Police may at any time direct that any sign erected under this regulation be removed and the temporary maximum speed limit revoked.”

4. Parking signs—Regulation 123 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

“(2) Parking signs shall be provided and maintained as follows:

“(a) Zone parking control notification signs and supplementary zone parking signs defining their area of application shall—

“(i) Be erected at each entry point to the zone to which the zone parking control applies, and at each exit point from the zone, to indicate their area of operation:

“(ii) Be provided and maintained at distances of not more than 100 m between any 2 signs:

“(iii) Be erected at either side of any area within the zone marked by any of the parking signs Pk 1 (Restricted Parking) or Pk 2 (Supplementary Parking) as described in Part VII of the Fourth Schedule to these regulations:

“(iv) Be placed at right angles to the roadway facing the direction in which traffic on the side of the roadway on which the signs are erected is approaching the signs:

“(b) A “Clearway” sign without arrows or supplementary notices defining its area of application shall—

“(i) Be erected at right angles to the roadway facing in the direction in which traffic on the side of the roadway in which the sign is erected is approaching the sign:

“(ii) Apply to the roadway past the sign in the direction in which that traffic is travelling as far as the next intersection on the same side of the road as the sign or the next Clearway sign on that side, whichever is the nearer:

“(iii) Be provided and maintained at distances of not more than 100 m between any 2 signs:

“(c) In any other case, parking signs with arrows or supplementary notices defining their area of application shall be provided and maintained—

“(i) At each end of the roadway affected; and

“(ii) At or near both sides of any intervening intersection; and

“(iii) At distances of not more than 100 m between any
2 signs.”

5. Fourth Schedule amended—(1) Part IV of the Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 6 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 17) is hereby amended by omitting from the fifth column of item R 22 (a) the words “A small white (r) panel bearing the letters ‘Km/h’, in black, 70/12, below the speed limit is optional.”

(2) Part VII of the Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 7 (2) of the Traffic Regulations 1976, Amendment No. 21) is hereby amended by adding the items set out in the Schedule to these regulations.

SCHEDULE
ITEMS ADDED TO PART VII OF FOURTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL
REGULATIONS

| Name of Sign | Shape and Size | Background colour | Border | Legend | Colour and Size |
|--|--|-------------------|--------|--|--|
| Pk 12. (a) Zone Parking Notification (advises drivers that they are entering or leaving an area subject to zone parking control) | Rectangular, at least 300mm wide, 300mm high or more to accommodate the legend comfortably | Blue | White | "P" Additional words to define nature of the restriction (e.g. "Coupon", "Hospital", "Pay and Display", etc.) Parking Zone "Begins" or "Ends" | White 200/34 × 50 × 75 |
| (b) Repeater Zone Parking (drivers must comply with the conditions stated on the sign) | Rectangular, at least 300mm wide, 300mm high or more to accommodate the legend comfortably | Blue | White | "P" Additional words to define nature of the restriction (e.g. "Coupon", "Hospital", "Pay and Display", etc.) Parking Zone "Begins" or "Ends" or Additional words, numerals, or symbols to define the conditions under which parking may be undertaken in the zone, the period of application, and any other information necessary to enable drivers to comply with the restrictions | White 120/20 × 25 × 35 × 20 |

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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 the 28th day after their notification in the *Gazette*, amend the Traffic Regulations 1976 to—

- (a) Allow road controlling authorities to set temporary speed limits of other than 30 km/h at roadworks; and
- (b) Allow local authorities to introduce “zonal” schemes, such as coupon parking schemes, without an excessive number of parking signs.

Regulation 2 defines the term “zone parking control”, mainly by reference to factors such as the size, nature, and traffic patterns of the area to be controlled, to specify the types of parking restriction to which the reduced signage requirements introduced by *regulation 4* may apply.

Regulation 3 revokes the existing regulation 23 of the principal regulations, which provides for the setting of 30 km/h temporary speed limits, and substitutes a new regulation that—

- (a) Allows any speed that is a multiple of 10 km/h to be fixed as a temporary speed limit; and
- (b) Refers to danger to road workers, as well as the public, as a ground for setting a temporary speed limit; and
- (c) Allows for the erection of temporary speed limit signs by police officers, and their removal at the direction of the Commissioner of Police.

Regulation 4 amends regulation 123 of the principal regulations to set out in the new subclause (2) (a) the slightly relaxed signage requirements in respect of areas subject to zone parking control. The main difference from other parking sign requirements is that signs are not required at each intersection within the zone. Nor will signs be required at each side of bus stops, loading zones, etc.

Signs must still be erected not more than 100 m apart within the zone.

Regulation 5 inserts 2 new signs relating to zone parking into the Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations.

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These regulations are administered in the Ministry of Transport.