



WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to *sections 152 and 155(b)* of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in *section 164(2)* of that Act

I, Julie Anne Genter, Associate Minister of Transport,

make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2019

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 10th day of April 2019

Hon Julie Anne Genter

Associate Minister of Transport

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Rule 32005/2004/12

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Objective of the Rule

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2019 (the amendment Rule) amends *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004* (the Vehicle Lighting Rule). The Vehicle Lighting Rule covers standards and safety requirements for lighting equipment that is fitted to a vehicle, to allow the vehicle to be operated safely under all driving conditions and so as not to endanger the safety of other road users.

The objective of the amendment Rule is to—

- update cross-references to refer to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*;
- allow reflective material that does not meet a standard to be fitted to a vehicle elsewhere than adjacent to required lighting equipment;
- allow for one or more amber beacons to be fitted to a motor vehicle that may be fitted with an amber beacon;
- update the definition of **Defence fire brigade** to refer to the *Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017*;
- update the definition of **Fire service vehicle** to refer to Fire and Emergency New Zealand;
- revoke the definition of **Fire authority**.

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to the Vehicle Lighting Rule and 14 other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2018* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into separate amendment Rules.

The NZ Transport Agency sent details of the amendment proposals by letter or email to approximately 2544 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the NZ Transport Agency's Contact Centre and, together with Questions and Answers, was also available on the NZ Transport Agency's website. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the daily newspapers in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin. It was also notified in the *New Zealand Gazette* on 23 July 2018.

The NZ Transport Agency received 41 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which 12 commented on the proposed amendments to the Vehicle Lighting Rule.

The submissions received were taken into account in finalising the draft Rule following which it was submitted to the Associate Minister of Transport for signing.

Part 1

Rule requirements

Section 1 Preliminary provisions

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2019*.

1.2 Commencement

This Rule comes into force on 1 June 2019.

1.3 Principal Rule amended

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004*.

Section 2 Amendments to principal Rule

2.1 Clause 1.4 amended (Application of rule provisions)

In *clause 1.4(6)*, replace “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002*” with “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*”.

2.2 Clause 3.4 amended (Flashing headlamps)

In *clause 3.4(2)*, replace “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002*” with “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*”.

2.3 Clause 9.1 amended (Application of requirements for retroreflectors and retroreflective material)

Replace *clause 9.1(2)* with:

9.1(2) Retroreflective material fitted within 150 mm of a required lamp or retroreflector on a heavy motor vehicle must—

- (a) comply with an approved vehicle standard for retroreflective material in this rule; or
- (b) be fitted in accordance with any other enactment relating to retroreflective material on vehicles.

2.4 Clause 9.3 amended (Fitting and performance requirements for retroreflectors)

Replace *clause 9.3(5)* with:

- 9.3(5) A rearward-facing retroreflector fitted to a heavy motor vehicle of Class NB, NC, TC, or TD must—
- (a) have an area of not less than 30 cm² and be fitted as part of a pair within 150 mm of the right and left extremities of the vehicle; or
 - (b) comply with an approved standard for retroreflectors and be fitted in accordance with the requirements of an approved standard for lighting equipment installation.

2.5 **Clause 11.2 amended (Fitting requirements for beacons)**

- 2.5(1) In *clause 11.2(4)*, replace “two” with “more”.
- 2.5(2) In *clause 11.2(5)*, replace “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002*” with “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*”.
- 2.5(3) In *clause 11.2(6)*, replace “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002*” with “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*”.

2.6 **Part 2 amended (Definitions)**

- 2.6(1) In *Part 2*, definition of **Defence fire brigade**, replace “*section 2 of the Fire Service Act 1975*” with “*section 6 of the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Act 2017*”.
- 2.6(2) In *Part 2*, replace the definition of **Fire service vehicle** with:

Fire service vehicle means a vehicle that is—

- (a) owned or operated by Fire and Emergency New Zealand; or
- (b) owned or operated by a defence fire brigade or an industry brigade

- 2.6(3) In *Part 2*, definition of **Overdimension motor vehicle**, replace “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002*” with “*Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016*”.

- 2.6(4) In *Part 2*, revoke the definition of **Fire authority**.