

**Land Transport Rule
Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash,
and Mirrors**

Consolidated Rule
with amendments incorporated
as at
September 2009

The consolidation of the Rule and its amendments is intended to provide up-to-date details of the current requirements. It is not the official version of the Rule.

Preface

The consolidated Rule brings together the requirements relating to glazing, windscreen wipe and wash, and mirrors in the principal Rule and its amendments. These Rules were produced, under an agreement with the Secretary for Transport, by the NZ Transport Agency (NZTA) or its predecessor land transport Crown entities. They were signed into law by the Minister of Transport or his or her delegate under the *Land Transport Act 1998*.

The principal Rule

Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999 (the Rule), which came into force on 25 October 1999, established minimum safety levels for glazing, fitted in a vehicle, to ensure adequate levels of visibility and structural strength. The Rule sets out requirements for windscreen wash systems and – for vehicles manufactured from 1992 – windscreen wipe systems. It also sets out requirements for the fitting of rear-view mirrors, and the standards with which rear-view mirrors must comply.

The Rule applies throughout the life of the vehicle by specifying requirements for certification as a prerequisite to first registration in New Zealand, repair, modification, in-service inspection and other aspects of continuing compliance.

Amendment 1

Following public consultation, the Rule was amended with effect from 15 September 2005 to update the safety requirements for windscreen wipe systems and windscreen wash systems, as a result of changes to *Australian Design Rules*.

Amendment 2

A further amendment, with effect from 29 June 2007, removed the requirement in the Rule for agricultural vehicles to have laminated windscreens. The amendment clarified that scratches, other defects, discoloration of a laminated windscreen, bubbling in overlays or other defects in overlays must not unreasonably impair a driver's vision. The 2007 amendment also updated terminology for consistency with *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*, and amended several definitions.

