

Land Transport Rule

Steering Systems

Consolidated Rule
with amendments incorporated
as at
1 October 2011

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 vehicle steering systems 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: Steering Systems 2001, which came into force on 1 April 2002, covers the design, construction and maintenance of steering systems in motor vehicles.

Amendment 1

Following public consultation, the Rule was amended with effect from 1 April 2010 to insert into the Rule a restriction on certification and use of left-hand drive vehicles that was previously set out in *regulation 70* of the *Traffic Regulations 1976*

It also provided for certain exemptions from the restriction, including those exemptions previously set out in the *Left Hand Drive (Exemption from Equipment Requirements) Notice 1998* (Gazette Notice 1851 of 1998) made pursuant to *regulation 90* of the *Traffic Regulations 1976* and revised the requirements for exempt left-hand-drive vehicles.

Amendment 2

The Rule was amended with effect from 1 October 2011 to include changes consulted on in *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2011*.

The amendment Rule:

- increased the speed capability threshold from 30 km/h to 50 km/h above which vehicles that do not have a direct mechanical connection between the steering wheel and the road wheels (including tractors with an hydraulic steering system) must have an additional steering system; and
- updated the description in the Rule of a ‘Category E’ motor vehicle (that is, a vehicle that is exempt from registration and licensing).

