

Land Transport Rule Traffic Control Devices

**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 traffic control devices 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: Traffic Control Devices 2004 (the Rule), which came into force on 27 February 2005, specifies the requirements for the design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of traffic control devices, and sets out the functions and responsibilities of road controlling authorities in providing traffic control devices to give effect to their decisions on the control of traffic.

Amendment 1

Following public consultation, the Rule was amended with effect from 15 September 2005 to amend definitions and make some minor corrections to the Rule. The amendment Rule also substituted a new Roundabout Give-Way sign (R2-3), Give-way Roundabout variable sign (R2-3.1) and R1-2.1, variable speed sign for the existing signs.

Amendment 2

The Rule was amended with effect from 6 October 2006 to allow fixed signs to be used at ramp signals instead of variable signs, clarify some provisions relating to pedestrian crossings and pedestrian traffic signals, clarify provisions relating to school bus signs, amend definitions and insert new signs, and make minor corrections to existing signs in *Schedule 1* and 2.

Amendment 3

In 2007 the Rule was amended to incorporate new signs, to alter sign descriptions to accord with existing, established practice and to make some corrections. These changes came into force 17 January 2008.

Amendment 4

The Rule was amended with effect from 28 October 2010 to:

- introduce a new regime for parking zones, and includes changes to the signing and marking of parking restrictions;
- replace the existing descriptions of parking signs with a new format, which will provide more flexibility and support changes to the new parking regime;
- replace the existing provisions for managing traffic entering a roundabout controlled by traffic signals;
- improve traffic signalling at multi-laned approaches to areas controlled by traffic signals; and
- allow the installation of nearside, pedestrian traffic signal displays at mid-block pedestrian crossings, countdown pedestrian signals at some crossing points and on-roadway warning lights at pedestrian crossings.

Amendment 5

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:

- changed and updated the description of the W17-1.3 traffic sign specified in the Rule so that it better reflects the wording of the related provision of the *Land Transport (Road User) Rule 2004*; and
- inserted a heading for the W19 series of signs in *Schedule 1* of the Rule to ensure that the format of this series is consistent with that used for headings in the Schedule.

