

# Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2020

## Questions and answers

### What is Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2020?

*Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2020* ('the Omnibus Amendment Rule') is a document prepared for public consultation that set out proposals to change requirements across 23 existing Land Transport Rules. Annual Regulatory Stewardship Amendment Rules provide a means for consulting on straightforward, small and discrete Rule changes that are mainly technical or editorial, or that originate, for example, from the need to reflect current industry best practice or changes to other legislation.

### What is the legal basis for the Rule?

Sections 152 to 158 (inclusive) of the *Land Transport Act 1998* allow the Minister of Transport to make Land Transport Rules relating to a wide variety of issues, including those covered by the proposed Rule changes – road user behaviour, vehicles, driver and operator licensing and roads (traffic control devices).

### What are the reasons for the amendments being made?

The changes are necessary for a range of reasons. These include:

- clarifying or modifying current requirements to support understanding and enforcement
- amending requirements or removing unnecessary or unintended requirements to reduce the burden of compliance (without lessening safety standards)
- amending requirements to be consistent with current practices and technology
- correcting errors in cross-references, descriptions and technical specifications in current Rules

### What are we seeking feedback on?

We welcome your comments on the proposed changes set out in the Omnibus Rule.

When you provide your feedback, it would be helpful if you would consider and comment on the following:

- What impact would the proposals have, and on whom? The Transport Agency is particularly interested in your comments on any costs (to you or to your organisation) of implementing the proposals.
- Would any groups or individuals, in particular, be disadvantaged by the proposals, and how?
- Would any groups or individuals, in particular, benefit from the proposals, and how?
- Are there any implementation or compliance issues that would need to be considered?
- Wherever possible, when making your comments please provide examples to illustrate your point.

## What changes are proposed?

Proposed amendments to 23 Land Transport Rules are combined into the Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment Rule:

- Door Retention Systems 2001
- Driver Licensing 1999
- External Projections 2001
- Frontal Impact 2001
- Fuel Consumption Information 2008
- Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash and Mirrors 1999
- Head Restraints 2001
- Heavy-vehicle Brakes 2006
- Heavy Vehicles 2004
- Interior Impact 2001
- Light-vehicle Brakes 2002
- Passenger Service Vehicles 1999
- Road User 2004
- Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002
- Seats and Seat Anchorages 2002
- Steering Systems 2001

- Traffic Control Devices 2004
- Tyres and Wheels 2001
- Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2016
- Vehicle Equipment 2004
- Vehicle Lighting 2004
- Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002
- Work Time and Logbooks 2007

## **What changes have been made in the amendment Rules?**

The changes to each Rule can be located in the above links. You will also find the consolidated Rule and earlier versions of Rules via those linked pages.

## **How do the proposed rule changes fit with other legislation?**

The proposed Rule changes will be made under sections 152 and 153, 154, 155, 157, 158 and 159 of the Land Transport Act 1998.

## **How do I make a submission?**

Please include the following information in your submission:

- The title of the proposed Rule change
- Your name, and title if applicable
- Your organisation's name if applicable
- Your email address (preferred) or postal address

You can send your submission via the online submission form or by email to [rules@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:rules@nzta.govt.nz).

The deadline for submissions is 5pm on Friday 4 September 2020

The online submission form is available at: [www.nzta.govt.nz/-rule](http://www.nzta.govt.nz/-rule).

If posting your submission, please address it to:

Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment Rule 2020

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## When will proposed Rule changes come into effect?

Subject to approval by the Minister of Transport, the proposed Rule changes are likely to come into effect in the first quarter of 2021.

## How will Waka Kotahi make sure people know about the amendment Rules?

A newsletter outlining the Rule changes is sent to the groups and individuals who have registered their interest in Rules that have been amended. Where necessary, the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency will advise relevant industry groups of the changes. Any relevant Factsheets or other information material available on its website will be updated to reflect the changes brought about by the amendment Rules.

## Sign up for Rule notifications

You can sign up to our Rules mailing list. If you wish to receive information about Land Transport Rules please enter your details online at: <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/registration-of-interest-in-land-transport-rules/> Alternatively, contact us on

## Where can I get copies of the Rules?

Final rules are available on the Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency website <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/rules/>

Printed copies of Land Transport Rules can be purchased from selected bookshops throughout New Zealand that sell legislation.

The Rules, except the Road User Rule, can also be purchased from the Rule printers and distributors, Blue Star Works, phone 0800 504 704 or email [nzta.support@bluestargroup.co.nz](mailto:nzta.support@bluestargroup.co.nz)

The Road User Rule is available from Legislation Direct (telephone (04) 568 0005). Rules can also be inspected at any office of the NZ Transport Agency.