

Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2016

Frequently asked questions

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1. WHAT IS LAND TRANSPORT RULE: OMNIBUS AMENDMENT 2016?

Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2016 ('the Omnibus Amendment Rule' or 'the Rule') includes proposals to make changes to fifteen existing Land Transport Rules. An Omnibus Amendment Rule is produced annually to group together relatively straightforward or technical consequential amendments. These types of changes need to be made continually as other legislation, and technology changes.

2. 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 detailed on the website [here](#).

3. WHY HAS THIS AMENDMENT RULE BEEN DRAFTED?

The Omnibus Amendment Rule provides an effective way of consulting on a range of relatively minor changes to several Land Transport Rules, all at once.

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.

4. WHY DOES THIS YEAR'S OMNIBUS AMENDMENT RULE INCLUDE A STRONG FOCUS ON CYCLING-RELATED RULES?

The NZ Transport Agency has included some recommendations from the Cycling Safety Panel Report 2014 in the Omnibus Amendment Rule 2016.

Cycling is now the fastest growing mode of transport in several cities and towns across New Zealand. For example, adult cycle trips into the Wellington CBD increased by 100 per cent between 2006 and 2015. However, cycling surveys show that the main reason people choose not to cycle is because they feel it is too dangerous.

The Ministry of Transport and the Transport Agency have prioritised an initial package of rule changes that would help provide a safer environment for cyclists. The proposed changes are minor and/or technical in nature, reflect best practice design or are informed by the results of current trials. Some help to remove inconsistencies in road rules or provide more certainty for the mutual benefit of both cyclists and road users.

5. WHY ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES IN ONE AMENDMENT RULE RATHER THAN IN SEPARATE ONES?

The Rule brings together nearly 40 proposed changes to Land Transport Rules. It's more efficient to consult on the proposed changes in this way, instead of producing separate Amendment Rules. Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule will be split into separate Amendment Rules for signing and publication.

6. WHAT RULES HAVE PROPOSED CHANGES?

- Door Retention Systems 2001
- Heavy Vehicle Brakes 2006
- Heavy Vehicles 2004
- Passenger Service Vehicles 1999
- Road User 2004
- Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002
- Setting of Speed Limits 2003
- Steering Systems 2001
- Traffic Control Devices 2004
- Tyres and Wheels 2001
- Vehicle Dimensions and Mass 2002
- Vehicle Exhaust Emissions 2007
- Vehicle Equipment 2004
- Vehicle Lighting 2004
- Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002

7. WHAT IS THE CONSULTATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CHANGES?

The yellow draft consultation document is being released for comment. The opportunity to comment is being advertised in daily newspapers in the five main centres and in the New Zealand Gazette. Groups and individuals who have registered their interest in Rules covered by the Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2016 will be directly advised, by email, of the availability of the yellow draft for comment. They will be provided with a link to the consultation material on the NZ Transport Agency's website and invited to make a submission.

8. HOW CAN I OBTAIN A PHYSICAL COPY OF THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT?

To obtain a physical copy of the consultation document or if you have any queries about it after reading the consultation material, telephone the Transport Agency Contact Centre on 0800 822 422.

9. DOES THE DRAFT AMENDMENT RULE GIVE ME ALL THE INFORMATION I NEED TO FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT CHANGES ARE PROPOSED TO THE PRINCIPAL RULES?

This is an Amendment Rule, and, therefore, contains only the proposed amending provisions. Although we have tried to make the changes as clear and succinct as possible, it should be read together with the Rules that are being changed. The overview document provides information about the amendments and why they are being proposed. This is intended to help put the proposed changes into context.

10. HOW CAN I MAKE A SUBMISSION?

You can submit your comments on the online submission form or send your submission by email to: rules@nzta.govt.nz, or by post to:

Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2016
Rules Team
NZ Transport Agency
Private Bag 6995
WELLINGTON 6141

Submissions close at 5pm on 12 August 2016.

11. WHAT WILL HAPPEN AFTER THE CONSULTATION PROCESS?

The submissions received during the consultation period will be summarised and analysed and taken into account before dividing the provisions into fifteen separate Amendment Rules. The final Amendment Rules will then be submitted to the Associate Minister of Transport for signing.



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