

Changes to two of the give way rules



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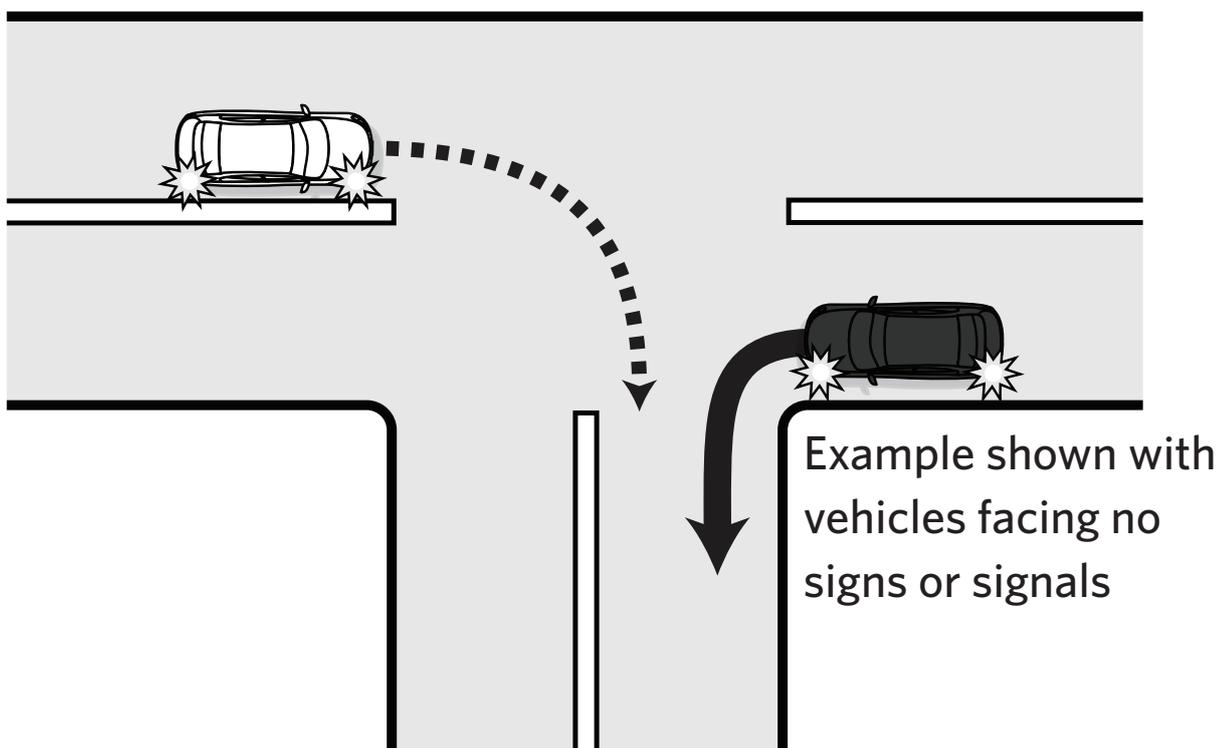
The give way rules change at 5am on Sunday 25 March 2012

All traffic signals and signs at intersections that show road users what they need to do will not change. These still need to be obeyed. There are two give way rules that will be changing.

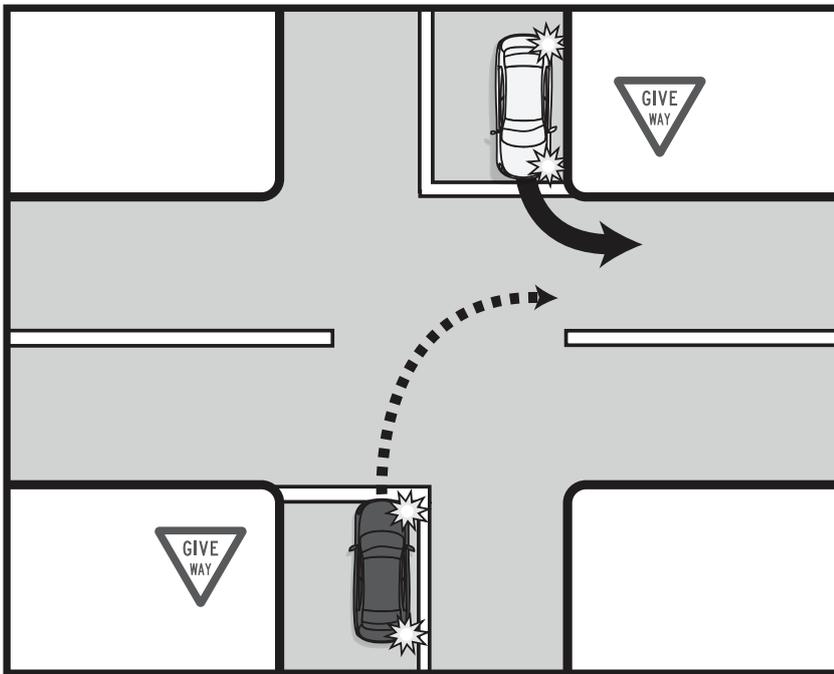
Change 1: The left turn versus right turn rule

The new rule will require all traffic turning right to give way to a vehicle coming from the opposite direction and turning left. This will apply at crossroads, T-intersections and driveways where:

- both vehicles are facing each other with no signs or signals (uncontrolled)
- both vehicles are facing give way signs
- both vehicles are facing stop signs
- both vehicles are facing green traffic signals.



Vehicle turning right will have to give way



Example shown with vehicles facing the same signs or signals

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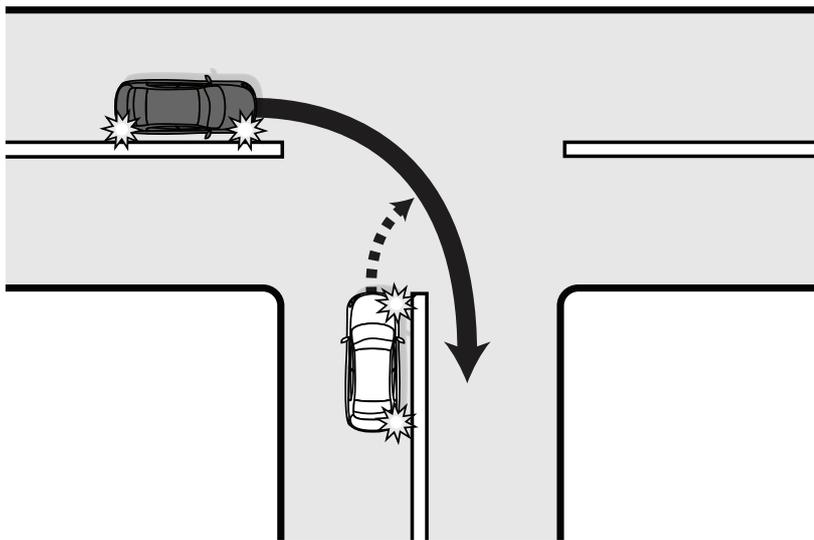
As a pedestrian at traffic signal controlled intersections, you need to be alert to the left turning traffic that will not be required to give way to right turning traffic. If the left turning vehicle is coming from behind you, remember to check as the light changes and you get the tactile audible crossing signal that the turning driver is giving way to pedestrians.

At stop and give way signs, you still need to check for all traffic to identify an appropriate time to cross. Remember that the left turner will turn before right turning traffic.

At T-intersections you will still need to check for traffic from all directions and identify a safe time to cross. The left turning vehicle will not have to give way to the right turning vehicle.

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Change 2: At uncontrolled T-intersections (no signs or signals)



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give way to cars turning into the bottom of the T. Drivers are being reminded with the statement 'top of the T goes before me'.

This rule change will also apply to uncontrolled driveways, such as at a supermarket or hospital. The traffic exiting the driveway will need to give way to all traffic on the road.

All vehicles entering or exiting a driveway must continue to give way to pedestrians on a footpath, or cyclists and pedestrians on a cycle path or shared path. Drivers should not pull out to block the footpath in front of pedestrians and cyclists.

There is no change at roundabouts.

At an uncontrolled T-intersection, all traffic from a terminating road (bottom of the T shape) will have to give way to all traffic on a continuing road (across the top of the T).

This means a vehicle turning right from the bottom of the T into the continuing road (top of the T) will have to

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