



WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to *sections 152 and 155* of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in *section 164(2)* of that Act

I, *Michael Wood*, Minister of Transport,

make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2021

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 15th day of March 2021

Hon Michael Wood

Minister of Transport

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Objective of the Rule

The objective of *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2021* (this Rule) is to make amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004*, including:

- to enable illuminated vehicle mounted signs visible from the rear of a vehicle to be a colour other than red or amber, provided that sign does not dazzle, confuse, or distract other road users;
- to allow retroreflective material fitted to heavy motor vehicles that are emergency vehicles, manufactured before 1 January 2006 and registered before 1 June 2019, to remain in place on those vehicles; and
- replace the definition of low volume vehicle so that:
 - the definition is consistent across the land transport rules; and
 - the definition has the same meaning as in *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004* and other land transport rules were combined into a single draft rule, the *Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2020* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into separate amendment rules. The amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004* were put into this Rule.

The NZ Transport Agency sent out notifications of the amendment proposals by email to approximately 1861 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available, together with an overview document, on the NZ Transport Agency's website. Public consultation was carried out from 25 August 2020 to 16 October 2020. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the *Gazette* on 26 August 2020.

The NZ Transport Agency received 23 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, 7 of which were regarding proposed amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004*. The submissions received were taken into account in finalising this Rule, following which this Rule was submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Preliminary provisions

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting Amendment 2021*.

1.2 Commencement

This Rule comes into force on 1 May 2021.

1.3 Principal Rule amended

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Lighting 2004*.

Section 2 Amendments to principal Rule

2.1 Clause 2.1A amended (General fitting and performance requirements)

After clause 2.1A(9), insert:

2.1A(10) 2.1A(9) does not apply to illuminated vehicle-mounted signs that comply with 10.8.

2.2 Clause 9.1 amended (Application of requirements for retroreflectors and retroreflective material)

After clause 9.1(2), insert:

9.1(2A) 9.1(2) does not apply to retroreflective material fitted to a heavy motor vehicle that is an emergency vehicle manufactured before 1 January 2006 and that was registered before 1 June 2019.

2.3 Part 2 amended (Definitions)

In Part 2, replace the definition of **Low volume vehicle** with:

Low volume vehicle has the same meaning as in *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.