



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: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 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 objectives of *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages Amendment 2021* (this Rule) is to make the following amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002*:

- Amend the dates applicable for when *Table 2.1* or *Table 2.3* apply to a motor vehicle.
- Amend the wording of clause 4.1(11) to reflect similar wording provided for in *Land Transport Rule: Seats and Seat Anchorages 2002* and to include the Low Volume Vehicle Code as one of the possible considerations a vehicle inspector or inspecting organisation must take into account.
- 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: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002* 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: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002* 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, 2 of which were regarding the proposed amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002*. The submissions received were taken into account in finalising the separate amendment Rules, following which they were submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Preliminary provisions

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 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: Seatbelts and Seatbelt Anchorages 2002*.

Section 2 Amendments to principal Rule

2.1 Clause 2.1 amended (Application of requirements)

2.1(1) In clause 2.1(5)(a)(ii):

- (a) delete “and before 1 April 2002”; and
- (b) replace “1 January 1961” with “1 November 1979”.

2.1(2) In clause 2.1(5)(c)(i), replace “1 January 1961” with “1 November 1979”.

2.2 Clause 4.1 amended (Modification)

In clause 4.1(11), replace “technical requirements, regarding geometry and load-carrying capacity, in any of the approved vehicle standards for seatbelt anchorages that apply to light motor vehicles” with “technical requirements relating to geometry and load-carrying capacity in any of the approved vehicle standards in *Schedule 3* or the *Low Volume Vehicle Code*”.

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*.