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**WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND**

**PURSUANT** to sections 152 and 157(g) of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in section 164(2) of that Act

**I, Michael Woodhouse**, Associate Minister of Transport,

**HEREBY** make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices Amendment 2013

SIGNED AT Wellington

This *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *NOVEMBER* 2013

Michael Woodhouse

Associate Minister of Transport

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## Objective of the Rule

**Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices Amendment 2013** (the amendment Rule) amends *Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004* (the Traffic Control Devices Rule). The Traffic Control Devices Rule specifies requirements for the design, construction, installation, operation and maintenance of traffic control devices, and sets out the functions and responsibilities of road controlling authorities in providing traffic control devices to give effect to their decisions on the control of traffic.

The objective of the amendment Rule is to:

- correct cross-references relating to the specific provisions that allow more than one traffic sign to be mounted on a single pole or in a single location;
- allow school patrol signs to be mounted on the black and white poles installed at pedestrian crossings;
- define and allow the use of wide centre-lines as a device for channelling traffic;
- correct an error relating to the specified colour for markings for time-restricted parking spaces and clarify the specified colour for marking parking spaces for the disabled;
- clarify that zone parking applies to pay parking areas;
- amend the definition of ‘school bus’ to include a bus used on a school trip, with all passengers seated, if the bus is fitted with school bus signs;
- add new signs and sign components and correct errors in the descriptions of nine signs.

## Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to the Traffic Control Devices Rule and eight other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus*

*Amendment 2013* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into nine separate amendment Rules, including this Rule.

The NZ Transport Agency sent details of the amendment proposals by letter or email to approximately 2400 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the NZ Transport Agency's Contact Centre and, together with Questions and Answers, was also made available on the NZ Transport Agency's website. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the daily newspapers in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin and in the *New Zealand Gazette*.

The NZ Transport Agency received 22 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which nine commented on the proposed amendments to the Traffic Control Devices Rule.

The submissions received were taken into account in finalising this amendment Rule following which it was submitted to the Associate Minister of Transport for signing.



## **Section 1      Application**

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### **1.1                      Title**

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices Amendment 2013*.

### **1.2                      Commencement**

This Rule comes into force on 1 January 2014.

### **1.3                      Scope of Rule**

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices 2004*.

## **Section 2      Amendments to Rule requirements**

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### **2.1                      Specific requirements for traffic signs**

2.1(1)                      In *clause 4.5(1)(a)*, replace “12.5(4) and 12.6(4)” with “12.5(6)”.

2.1(2)                      In *clause 4.5(2)(b)*, replace “except as provided in 8.2(10)(b)” with:

“except for:

“(i)                      a school patrol stop sign;

“(ii)                     the traffic control device required in 8.2(10)”.

### **2.2                      Provision of traffic control devices for channelling traffic**

After *clause 7.1(3)(a)*, insert:

“(aa)                    wide centre-lines;”.

## 2.3 Centre-lines

2.3(1) In *clause 7.2(2)(d)*, replace “7.4.” with “7.4; or”.

2.3(2) After *clause 7.2(2)(d)*, insert:

“(e) wide centre-lines as described in 7.2A.”.

2.3(3) After *clause 7.2(3)(c)(iii)*, insert:

“(iv) wide centre-lines as described in 7.2A; or”.

2.3(4) After *clause 7.2*, insert:

### “7.2A Wide centre-lines

“7.2A(1) A road controlling authority may mark wide centre-lines on a roadway if the road controlling authority considers that increasing the separation between traffic travelling in opposite directions would improve the overall operating safety of the road.

“7.2A(2) Wide centre-lines must be marked with two approximately parallel lines spaced not less than 0.5 m and not more than 1.5 m apart and each of which is one of the following:

“(a) a broken or continuous white centre-line that is not less than 100 mm wide; or

“(b) a continuous yellow no-passing line that is not less than 100 mm wide; or

“(c) a line preceding a no-passing line that is not less than 100 mm wide and consists of a series of yellow dashes, each of which is not longer than 15 m.”.

## 2.4 No-passing lines

Replace *clause 7.3(2)* with:

“7.3(2) A no-passing line applies to traffic that normally travels to the left of the line and

must consist of a continuous yellow line not less than 100 mm wide that is marked:

- “(a) approximately 100 mm to the left of either:
  - “(i) another continuous yellow line; or
  - “(ii) a broken or continuous white line in the form described in 7.2(2)(a); or
  - “(iii) a dashed yellow line in the form described in 7.3(3); or
  - “(iv) a regular pattern of raised white or yellow pavement markers; or
- “(b) not less than 0.5 m and not more than 1.5 m to the left of another line that together with the no-passing line forms wide centre-lines as described in 7.2A.”.

## 2.5 **Types and means of indicating parking restrictions**

- 2.5(1) In *clause 12.4(9)*, replace “M8-1 and” with “M3-5, M8-1 or”.
- 2.5(2) In *clause 12.4(13)*, after “road user”, insert “or an area where parking is permitted subject to payment of a fee”.

## 2.6 **General requirements for marking parking restrictions**

In *clause 12.7*, after “park” insert “or letters, numerals or symbols to indicate other details about the parking restriction”.

## Section 3 Amendments to Definitions

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### 3.1 Replacement of definition

In *Part 2 Definitions*, replace the definition of ‘school bus’ with:

“**school bus**

- “(a) means a bus that is being used, whether or not for hire or reward:
  - “(i) for transporting school children to or from school with or without their teachers; or
  - “(ii) principally for transporting school children to or from a school function; but
- “(b) does not include a bus that:
  - “(i) is being used principally for transporting school children to or from a school function; and
  - “(ii) is carrying no more passengers than the seated capacity specified in the bus’s certificate of loading; and
  - “(iii) is not displaying a ‘School bus’ sign.”.

### 3.2 New definition inserted

In *Part 2 Definitions*, insert in the appropriate place:

“**Wide centre-lines** means the marking described in 7.2A(2).”.

### 3.3 Amendment to definition

In *Part 2 Definitions*, the definition of ‘Zone restriction’, after “road user” insert “or an area where parking is permitted subject to payment of a fee”.

## **Section 4      Amendments to Schedules**

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### **4.1                      Schedule 1 Signs**

- 4.1(1)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, insert in the appropriate places the items in *Schedule 1* to this Rule.
- 4.1(2)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, item R4-13 (*Signal bypass lane – do not stop for signals – advance notice*), replace “A46-1, A46-1.1” with “R4-13 or R4-13.1 sign”.
- 4.1(3)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, item R4-13.1 (*Signal bypass lane – signals do not apply*):
- (a)                      in the text below “Description”:
    - (i)                      replace “(detailed below A46-1 sign)” with “(as detailed below sign R4-13) above”; and
    - (ii)                     replace “‘LANE’ above” with “‘LANE’”; and
  - (b)                      in the text below “Colour” and “Size”, replace “see note below sign A46-1” with “as detailed below sign R4-13”.
- 4.1(4)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, item R6-2C (*Text or symbols that may appear below or beside symbol R6-1C or R6-1D*), insert in the appropriate alphabetical place the item in *Schedule 2* to this Rule.
- 4.1(5)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, item R6-3 (*Parking signs – Component 3 – Period of application*), after the row relating to ‘At All Other Times’, insert the item in *Schedule 3* to this Rule.
- 4.1(6)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, item R6-4 (*Parking signs – Component 4 – Extent of restriction*):
- (a)                      replace “R6-2A or B” with “R6-1A or B” in all places in which it occurs; and
  - (b)                      replace “R6-2C or D” with “R6-1C or D” in all places in which it occurs.
- 4.1(7)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, item W3-2.1 (*Slippery surface supplementary – ice/grit*), replace “950” with “900”.
- 4.1(8)                      In *Schedule 1 Signs*, items A40-1 (*No exit*) and A40-3 (*Bells off (railway level crossing)*):

- (a) replace “black” with “white (R)”; and
- (b) replace “white (R)” with “black”, in all places in which it occurs.

4.1(9)

In *Schedule 1 Signs*, item A42-3 (*Slow vehicle bays next “[distance] km”*), replace the description with:

*“Indicates that there are a number of slow vehicle bays over a specified distance beyond the sign for slow vehicles to pull over to allow vehicles travelling in the same direction to pass.”*

4.1(10)

In *Schedule 1 Signs*, items A42-4 and A42-5, replace “passing bay” with “slow vehicle bay”.

## 4.2

### ***Schedule 2 Markings***

In *Schedule 2 Markings*, *Figure M3-4A*, replace “yellow” with “white” in both places in which it occurs.

## Schedules

### Schedule 1 New signs inserted

[Reference 4.1(1)]

<b>R1-5.5 Safer Speed Area Threshold</b>			
<i>The speed limit shown on the sign has been set in accordance with Safe System principles and applies to the roads in the area beyond the sign.</i>			
<b>Shape and size</b>	rectangle 750 x 1200 mm (approach speed < 60 km/h) 900 x 1500 mm (approach speed 60 – 80 km/h) 1200 x 1900 mm (approach speed > 80 km/h)		
<b>Background</b>	blue (R) or green (R)		
<b>Border</b>	white (R) 30 mm		
<b>Legend</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Size</b>
	R1-1 above	white (R), red (R) and black	As for R1-1 600 mm diameter (approach speed < 60 km/h) 750 mm diameter (approach speed 60 – 80 km/h) 900 mm diameter (approach speed > 80 km/h)
	“Safer” “Speed” “Area”	White (R)	100/20 upper case 75/19 lower case (approach speed < 60 km/h) 120/24 upper case 90/22.5 lower case (approach speed 60 – 80 km/h) 160/32 upper case 120/30 lower case (approach speed > 80 km/h)

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<b>R2-2.4</b>	<b>Give way – supplementary – left-turning traffic</b>		
	<i>Supplementary sign to R2-2. Give way applies to traffic making a left turn.</i>		
<b>Shape and size</b>	Rectangle 900 x 600 mm		
<b>Background</b>	White (R)		
<b>Border</b>	Red (R) 20 mm		
<b>Legend</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Size</b>
	“LEFT”	red (R)	150/21
	“TURNING”	red (R)	150/21
	“TRAFFIC”	red (R)	150/21

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<b>A43-4</b>	<b>NZ Cycle Trail (NZCT) symbol</b>		
	<i>A symbol used only on approved NZCT routes to guide cyclists and inform other road users.</i>		
<b>Shape and size</b>	rectangle 140 x 126 mm (symbol for small signs), 200 x 180 mm (symbol for large signs)		
<b>Background</b>	black		
<b>Border</b>	none		
<b>Legend</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Size</b>
	“symbol of cyclist and wheels”	white (R) with front wheel	126 x 112 mm (small symbol)
		enclosing a red (R) circle	180 x 160 mm (large symbol)

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**A43-4.1 NZ Cycle Trail (NZCT) logo**

*The logo used only to formally describe approved NZCT routes at their beginning or end.*

<b>Shape and size</b>	Rectangle 200 x 100 mm (logo for small signs), 300 x 150 mm (logo for large signs)		
<b>Background</b>	Panel A black, Panel B white		
<b>Border</b>	none		
<b>Legend</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Size</b>
	<b>Panel A</b>		
	“symbol of cyclist and wheels” to the left of	as for A43-4	86 x 77 mm (small logo) 133 x 120 mm (large logo)
	“Nga Haerenga” above	white (R)	8/1.6 upper case, 6/1.5 lower case (small logo) 12/2.4 upper case, 9/2.3 lower case (large logo)
	<b>Panel B</b>		
	“THE NEW ZEALAND CYCLE TRAIL”	black	10/2 (small logo) 15/3 (large logo)

**A43-4.2 NZ Cycle Trail (NZCT) route arrow**

*Guides cyclists travelling along a road that forms an approved NZCT route by indicating directions to turn or confirming they are travelling in the correct direction.*

<b>Shape and size</b>	Rectangle 200 x 300 mm		
<b>Background</b>	white (R)		
<b>Border</b>	black 10 mm		
<b>Legend</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Size</b>
	“NZCT symbol” above	as for A43-4	140 x 126 mm
	“arrow” aligned appropriately	black	shaft 30 mm

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**A43-4.3 NZ Cycle Trail (NZCT) route information**

*Guides cyclists travelling along a road that forms an approved NZCT route by indicating directions to turn or confirming they are travelling in the correct direction.*

<b>Shape and size</b>	Rectangle 300 mm x height to fit message		
<b>Background</b>	white (R)		
<b>Border</b>	black 10 mm		
<b>Legend</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Size</b>
	“NZCT symbol” above	as for A43-4	200 x 180 mm
	“Word or words detailing the name of the route or the destination and may include the distance in km to that destination” above	black	25/5 upper case, 19/4.7 lower case
	“arrow” aligned appropriately	black	shaft 38 mm

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**A43-4.4 NZ Cycle Trail (NZCT) route begins/ends**

*Guides cyclists travelling along a road that forms an approved NZCT route by indicating the beginning or end of the NZCT route.*

**Shape and size** Rectangle 200 mm x height to fit message (small sign),  
300 mm x height to fit message (large sign)

**Background** white (R)

**Border** black 10 mm

**Legend****Description****Colour****Size**

“NZCT logo”  
above

as for  
A43-4.1

200 x 100 mm  
(small sign)  
300 x 150 mm  
(large sign)

optional - “Word or  
words detailing the  
name of the route”

black

25/5 upper case,  
19/4.7 lower  
case

“Cycle Trail”

black

25/5 upper case,  
19/4.7 lower  
case

“BEGINS” or  
“ENDS”

black

25/5

## Schedule 2 New sign component R6-2C

[Reference 4.1(4)]

### Pay parking conditions displayed on parking machine

*The conditions of parking, including fees and times, are displayed on the parking machine.*

<b>Legend</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Colour</b>	<b>Dimensions</b>
	“Conditions on Parking Machine”	White on blue	NZ Tpt Med ‘x’ height 35 mm

### Schedule 3 New sign Component 3 – Period of application

[Reference 4.1(5)]

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<b>Times Vary</b>	<i>The maximum parking period and times when parking is permitted or a fee must be paid may vary at different times of the day or days of the week. Used for pay parking where the conditions of parking are displayed on the parking machine.</i>	NZ Tpt Med 'x' height 25 mm
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