

Road Traffic Rules

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Legislative History

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ROAD TRAFFIC RULES

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1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic Rules.

Definitions

1A. In these Rules —

“ambulance” means a motor vehicle that is specifically equipped for —

- (a) the transport on roads of; and
- (b) the provision, during such transport, of out-of-hospital clinical care to,

sick or injured individuals who require emergency medical treatment;

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“authorised”, for an ambulance, means —

- (a) being specified in a licence (other than a revoked licence) under the Healthcare Services Act 2020 authorising the use of the ambulance to provide a licensable healthcare service specified in that licence; or
- (b) being owned by the Government and used for the purposes of the Singapore Armed Forces or the Singapore Civil Defence Force;

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“Bus Give-Way Box” means the section of a road marked as a Bus Give-Way Box under rule 7(15) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules (R 33);

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“Bus Give-Way Controlled Area” means the section of a road marked as a Bus Give-Way Controlled Area under rule 7(14) of the Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules;

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“Bus Give-Way Line” means the line marked on a road which separates a Bus Give-Way Controlled Area and a Bus Give-Way Box, referred to in the Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules;

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“bus stand” means an area in a bus terminus for a bus passenger to board or alight from a bus;

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“Demerit Points No Parking Zone” means any part of a road that is marked with a single yellow zig-zag line and includes the public footpath adjacent to the road;

“Demerit Points No Stopping Zone” means any part of a road that is marked with a double yellow zig-zag line and includes the public footpath adjacent to the road;

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“taxi stand” means a public stand provided for taxis, indicated by a sign specified in Diagram 108B of Part III of the Schedule to the Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules (R 33) and marked on the road by means of yellow lines;

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“taxi stop” means an area of a road indicated by a sign specified in Diagram 107(c) of Part III of the Schedule to the Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules and marked on the road by means of yellow lines.

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Drivers to give signals

2.—(1) The driver of a vehicle on a road shall, in order to inform the traffic that he intends to stop, slow down or to change the direction of the vehicle to the right or to the left, signal his intention by means of an approved type of direction indicator as laid down in the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9).

(2) Signals under this rule shall always be made in sufficient time to enable traffic to take appropriate action for the avoidance of danger.

Vehicle to be driven on part of road between centre and left-hand edge of roadway

3. Every vehicle shall ordinarily be driven on that part of a road which lies between the centre thereof and the left-hand edge of the roadway; and shall, when overtaking any vehicle, except in those cases specifically referred to in these Rules, only do so in such manner as to leave the vehicle overtaken on its left or near side and to avoid causing inconvenience or danger to any person or other vehicle.

Vehicle overtaking and passing another

4. The driver of a vehicle who intends to overtake and pass another vehicle proceeding in the same direction may, if he sees the driver of the latter vehicle make the signal to turn to the right or left as required by rule 2 and take the position required by rule 7, overtake and pass the said vehicle on its left or right side.