

Road Traffic Rules

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ROAD TRAFFIC RULES

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Definitions

1A. In these Rules —

“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.

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.

Vehicle to keep close to left-hand edge of roadway

5.—(1) Every vehicle which is moving at a slow rate of speed shall be driven as close to the left-hand side of the roadway as possible.

(2) Every vehicle shall at all times be driven in such manner as not to obstruct vehicles moving at a faster speed.

Vehicle not to obstruct other vehicles at road intersection or junction

6. Every vehicle arriving at a controlled intersection or junction of roads which does not intend to turn right or left at the intersection or junction shall, on being released, move forward straight across such intersection or junction in such a manner as not to

obstruct any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction on either side of such vehicle.

Positioning of vehicle before making a turn at road intersection or junction

7. The driver or rider of a vehicle who intends to turn to the right at an intersection or junction of roads shall, before reaching such intersection or junction and as opportunity offers, move into the appropriate lane as indicated by the directional arrows to turn right and any driver or rider of a vehicle intending to turn to the left shall, as opportunity offers, move into the appropriate lane as indicated by the directional arrows to turn left.

Vehicle making right turn at road intersection or junction

8.—(1) The driver or rider of a vehicle stationary at or approaching a controlled intersection or junction of roads and wishing to turn to the right shall, as soon as the intersection or junction is open to the vehicle, move forward as near as possible to the centre of the intersection or junction and await a safe opportunity to complete the turn to the right.

(2) When turning the driver or rider of the vehicle shall proceed with due regard for the safety of pedestrians crossing the road.

Vehicle making left turn at controlled road intersection or junction

9.—(1) No driver or rider of a vehicle shall turn to the left at a controlled intersection or junction of roads when the signal facing such vehicle closes such intersection or junction, unless specifically permitted by these Rules so to turn.

(2) At particular intersections or junctions where the turn to the left into crossing traffic is permitted, notices, lines or signs as defined in the Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Rules (R 33) shall be placed to indicate such permission; and in such case the driver or rider of the vehicle shall proceed with due regard for the safety of pedestrians crossing the road and of the traffic stream which the vehicle seeks to enter.

Vehicle to draw up or stop parallel and close to left-hand side of roadway

10.—(1) No person in charge of any vehicle shall draw up or stop the vehicle in any road except parallel with and as close to the left-hand side of the roadway and as close to the edge as possible —

- (a) unless otherwise directed by notices, lines or signs or by a police officer in uniform engaged in the regulations of traffic; or
- (b) except within an authorised parking place in the centre of the road and as directed by notices or lines by a police officer in uniform engaged in the regulation of traffic,

and in any case in such manner as not to cause unnecessary obstruction or annoyance to