Road Traffic Act 1974

Road Traffic Code Amendment Regulations 2000

Made by the Governor in Executive Council.

1. Citation
These regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic Code Amendment Regulations 2000.

2. Regulation 1210 replaced
Regulation 1210 of the Road Traffic Code 1975* is repealed and the following regulation is inserted instead —

1210. Restrictions on flashing warning lights

(1) Subject to subregulations (2) and (3), a person shall not use a warning lamp displaying intermittent flashes on a vehicle.

(2) Subregulation (1) does not extend to —

(a) the use of a lamp displaying intermittent flashes of a colour or colours approved by the Director General, upon —

(i) a vehicle when conveying a police officer on official duty or when that vehicle is stationary at any place connected with the official duty; or
(ii) any other type of vehicle approved by the Director General and used in conformity with any conditions that may be imposed by the Director General;

(b) the use of a lamp displaying intermittent red flashes (or flashes of another colour or colours approved by the Director General), upon —

(i) an emergency vehicle of a fire brigade on official duty in consequence of a fire or an alarm of fire or of an emergency or rescue operation where human life is reasonably considered to be in danger;

(ii) an ambulance, answering an urgent call or conveying any injured or sick person to any place for the provision of urgent treatment;

(iii) an emergency vehicle being used to obtain or convey blood or other supplies, drugs or equipment for a person urgently requiring treatment and duly authorised to carry a siren or bell for use as a warning instrument; or

(iv) a vehicle authorised as an “emergency vehicle” for the purposes of these regulations, by the Director General;

(c) the use of a lamp displaying intermittent amber flashes (or flashes of another colour or colours approved by the Director General), upon —

(i) an emergency vehicle, or a vehicle conveying a person who is authorised by the Director General under section 49 of the Transport Co-ordination Act 1966;

(ii) a special purpose vehicle occupying a hazardous position on a road, while stationary or manoeuvring at a speed not exceeding 20 kilometres an hour;

(iii) a vehicle engaged in road construction or maintenance within the provisions of regulation 103A(3) of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977;

(iv) a disabled motor vehicle that is stationary on the main travelled portion of the carriageway and is displaying the flashes from both sides of the front and of the rear of the vehicle by means of a flashing lamp turn signalling device fitted in compliance with the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977;
(v) a pilot or escort vehicle travelling in front of or behind a vehicle or convoy of vehicles that exceed the maximum height, width, length or mass limitations under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulation 1977 while that vehicle, or those vehicles, are subject to a permit issued under those regulations;

(vi) a pilot or escort vehicle when travelling in front of or behind a self-propelled agricultural implement, a towed agricultural implement or a convoy of such implements;

(vii) a vehicle owned by the King's Park Board being used for official duties in King's Park as defined in regulation 1806(1);

(viii) a self-propelled agricultural implement that does not conform to the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977, but where the signalling devices comply with the equipment described in regulation 404 of those regulations and the vehicle is travelling on a road;

(ix) a vehicle towing an agricultural implement, and that agricultural implement, when that implement does not conform to the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977, but the signalling devices comply with the equipment described in regulation 404 of those regulations and the vehicle is travelling on a road;

(x) a vehicle that is being used to drive stock along or across a road, where the flashing lamps comply with the equipment described in regulation 404 of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977;

(xi) a fire control vehicle (other than that of a fire brigade) which is used to control or extinguish fires, when that vehicle does not conform to the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977 in relation to lighting equipment, but the signalling devices comply with the equipment described in regulation 404 of those regulations and the vehicle is travelling to or from a fire or a fire control exercise;
(xii) a motor vehicle that is used solely or principally for the carriage of children to and from school, equipped to carry more than 8 adult persons (including the driver), when in the process of picking up or setting down school children;

(xiii) a vehicle or vehicle combination that exceeds the maximum height, width, length or mass limitations under the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977, while that vehicle is subject to a condition of a permit issued under those regulations, requiring such lamps;

(d) the use of flashing white lamps fitted within the illuminated sign of a taxi, upon a taxi, for the purpose of indicating that the driver is under attack or otherwise in distress; or

(e) the use of a flashing light upon a bicycle, in compliance with, or as permitted under, regulation 3007 of the Road Traffic (Vehicle Standards) Regulations 1977.

(3) Subregulation (1) does not prohibit the use of flashing lamp signalling devices —

(a) in accordance with regulation 804;

(b) that are a part of an alarm system; or

(c) on military vehicles operated by the Defence Forces of the Commonwealth.

[* Reprinted as at 23 September 1997.
For amendments to 22 August 2000 see 1999 Index to Legislation of Western Australia, Table 4, p. 257-8.]

By Command of the Governor,

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