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PURSUANT to Section 155(a) and (b) of the Land Transport Act 1998

I, **Harry James Duynhoven**, Minister for Transport Safety,

**HEREBY** make the following ordinary rule:

Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles Amendment

SIGNED AT Wellington

This **30<sup>th</sup>** day of **May** 2007

Harry James Duynhoven

Minister for Transport Safety

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## Passenger Service Vehicles Amendment 2007

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## Objective of the Rule

### **Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles**

**Amendment 2007** amends *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999*, which specifies requirements for the design and construction of all passenger service vehicles in New Zealand.

The objectives of this amendment to *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999* are:

- to add new joint Australian and New Zealand standards as alternative standards with which the design and construction of wheelchair hoists, ramps and occupant restraints, and the attachment of hoists and ramps to a passenger service vehicle, must comply;
- to add a standard for equipment fitted in passenger service vehicles to assist visually- or hearing-impaired persons.

It is intended that these changes will contribute to the government's objective of developing national, design performance standards for accessibility to public transport.

Minor amendments have also been made to update references to other Rules, and to amend definitions.

## Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, a number of relatively minor amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999* and 10 other Land Transport Rules were combined into a single draft Rule, *Land Transport Rule: Omnibus Amendment 2006* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). The main purpose of the changes proposed by the Omnibus Amendment Rule was to clarify provisions and to correct some errors in Rules.

On 28 June 2006, Land Transport New Zealand sent a letter containing the Rule amendment proposals to about 2200 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the Rules to be amended, and sought submissions on

the proposed changes. The draft Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available through the Land Transport NZ Help Desk and was available together with Questions and Answers on the Land Transport NZ website. The availability of the draft was publicised in metropolitan and selected regional daily newspapers, *Te Karere National News* and the *New Zealand Gazette*. Land Transport NZ received 50 submissions on the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule, of which 14 commented on the proposed requirements for passenger service vehicles.

Following consultation, the provisions in the draft Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into 11 separate amendment Rules, including this Rule. The submissions that were received were taken into account in drafting this amendment Rule before it was submitted to the Minister for Transport Safety for signing.

### **Material incorporated by reference**

Documents that are ‘incorporated by reference’ in this Rule are available, on request, for inspection (free of charge) at the National Office of Land Transport NZ. Contact details for Land Transport NZ are listed at the front of this Rule.





## **Section 1    Application**

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### **1.1            Title**

1.1(1)            This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles Amendment 2007*.

1.1(2)            This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999*.

### **1.2            Date when Rule comes into force**

This Rule comes into force on the 29 June 2007.

## **Section 2    Amendments relating to passenger service vehicles**

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### **2.1            Certification**

*Clause 1.4* is amended by omitting “1998” and substituting “2002”.

### **2.2            Application of Rule provisions**

*Subclause 1.5(2)* is amended by omitting “1998” in each place where it appears and substituting in each case “2002”.

### **2.3            Doors and their operation**

2.3(1)            *Subclause 2.2(1)* is amended by omitting “1997” and substituting “2001”.

2.3(2)            *Paragraph 2.2(1)(a)* is amended by omitting “2.2(1)(d)” and substituting “2.2(4)”.

## 2.4 Design and construction of dedicated emergency exits

2.4(1) *Paragraph 5.4(2)(a) is amended by omitting “Land Transport Rule: Glazing 1996” and substituting “Land Transport Rule: Glazing, Windscreen Wipe and Wash, and Mirrors 1999”.*

2.4(2) *Subclause 5.4(3) is amended by omitting “1998” and substituting “2002”.*

## 2.5 Safety requirements for special equipment

The heading to *section 8* is revoked and the following heading is substituted:

**“Section 8 Requirements for special equipment for persons with disabilities”.**

## 2.6 Application

*Section 8* is amended by revoking *clause 8.1* and substituting the following subclauses:

“8.1(1) *Clauses 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4* apply to vehicles fitted with equipment for persons with special mobility requirements that enter passenger service in New Zealand on or after 1 July 2000, and to passenger service vehicles fitted with that equipment on or after that date.

“8.1(2) *Clauses 8.5 and 8.6* apply to vehicles fitted with equipment to assist visually- or hearing-impaired passengers that enter passenger service on or after 1 January 2008, and to passenger service vehicles fitted with that equipment on or after that date.”

## 2.7 Wheelchair hoists and ramps

*Clause 8.2* is amended by revoking *subclause (1)* and substituting the following subclause:

“8.2(1) A wheelchair hoist and its attachment to a passenger service vehicle must either:

“(a) comply with the design and construction requirements of versions of *AS 3856.1-1991* and *AS 3856.2-1991*, or *AS/NZS 3856.1:1998* and *AS/NZS 3856.2:1998* that were applicable at the time of attachment; or

“(b) be certified in accordance with *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002* as complying with, or being equivalent to, the technical requirements of *AS 3856.1-1991* and *AS 3856.2-1991*, or versions of *AS/NZS 3856.1:1998* and *AS 3856.2:1998* that were applicable at the time of attachment.”

## 2.8 Wheelchair and wheelchair-occupant restraints

*Subclause 8.4(1)* is amended by revoking *paragraphs (a)* and *(b)* and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) comply with the design and construction requirements of the version of *AS 2942-1987* or the version of *AS 2942-1994/Amdt 1-1998* that was applicable at the time it was attached; or

“(b) be certified in accordance with *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002* as complying with, or being equivalent to, the technical requirements of the version of *AS 2942-1987* or the version of *AS 2942-1994/Amdt 1-1998* that was applicable at the time it was fitted, or”.

## 2.9 Requirements for special equipment for persons with disabilities

*Section 8* is amended by adding the following headings and clauses:

### “8.5 Signs

“8.5(1) A sign fitted to a passenger service vehicle to assist visually- or hearing-impaired passengers must comply with the location and illumination requirements in *AS 1428-2 1992* as far as is practicable.

“8.5(2) If a passenger service vehicle is fitted with a sign that incorporates raised lettering or symbols to assist visually-impaired passengers, the letters or symbols must be at least 0.8 mm above the surface of the sign.

“8.5(3) If a destination sign is fitted to a passenger service vehicle operated in a scheduled route service, that sign or another complimentary destination sign containing equivalent or similar information must be visible for a passenger who is preparing to board the vehicle and who is outside the front passenger door.

### “8.6 Tactile surfaces and public address systems

“8.6(1) If the floor covering of a passenger service vehicle has tactile ground surface indicators to orient visually-impaired passengers, it must comply as far as is practicable with *AS 1428-2 1992*.

“8.6(2) If a passenger service vehicle is fitted with a public address system, the system must comply as far as is practicable with *AS 1428-2 1992*.

“8.6(3) If a passenger service vehicle that is fitted with a public address system is also fitted with a visual sign system for hearing-impaired passengers, the system must ensure that the hearing-impaired passengers can be

provided with information equivalent to the information provided for passengers without hearing impairment through the public address system.

“8.6(4) If the operator of a passenger service vehicle assigns one or more seats to accommodate passengers with a disability or impairment, each seat must be fitted with a sign:

“(a) informing passengers that the seat is assigned for a passenger with a disability or impairment; and

“(b) requesting that a passenger without a disability or impairment vacate that seat if a passenger for whom the seat is assigned wishes to use it.”

## **2.10 Certificate of loading**

*Subclause 9.1(1)* is amended by omitting “1998” and substituting “2002”.

## **2.11 Responsibilities of certifiers**

*Section 10* is amended by revoking *clause 10.4* and substituting the following heading and clause:

### **“10.4 Responsibilities of vehicle inspectors and inspecting organisations**

“10.4 A person authorised by the Director to certify a passenger service vehicle for compliance with this Rule under *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002* must not do so if the person has reason to believe that the vehicle does not comply with this Rule.”

## **Section 3** Amendments to definitions

### **3.1** Insertion of new definitions

*Part 2* is amended by inserting the following definitions in their appropriate alphabetical order:

“**Inspecting organisation** has the same meaning as in *Part 2* of *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.

“**Vehicle inspector** has the same meaning as in *Part 2* of *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Standards Compliance 2002*.”

### **3.2** Amendments to existing definitions

3.2(1) *Part 2* is amended by omitting “1998” from the definition of **low volume vehicle** and substituting “2002”.

3.2(2) *Part 2* is amended by omitting “Safety” from the definition of **Director**.

### **3.3** Revocation of definition

*Part 2* is amended by revoking the definition of **certifier**.

## **Section 4** Amendments to Schedule

### **4.1** Vehicle standards referred to in this Rule

The Schedule in *Part 3* is amended by:

(a) inserting “*Australian Standard 2942-1994/Amdt 1-1998: Wheelchair occupant restraint assemblies for motor vehicles*” after item 3; and

(b) inserting “*Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard 3856.1:1998: Hoists and ramps for people with disabilities – Vehicle-mounted – Product requirements*” after item 4; and

(c) inserting “*Australian Standard/New Zealand Standard 3856.2:1998: Hoists and ramps for people with disabilities – Vehicle-mounted – Installation requirements*” after item 5; and

(d) inserting “*Australian Standard 1428.2-1992: Design for access and mobility – Enhanced and additional requirements – Buildings and facilities*” after item 6.