



WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND

PURSUANT to *sections 152 and 155* of the Land Transport Act 1998, and after having had regard to the criteria specified in *section 164(2)* of that Act

I, *Michael Wood*, Minister of Transport,

make the following ordinary Rule:

Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles Amendment 2021

SIGNED AT Wellington

This 15th day of March 2021

Hon Michael Wood

Minister of Transport

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Objective of the Rule

The objective of *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles Amendment 2021* (this Rule) is to make the following amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999*:

- Enable drivers of passenger service vehicles to, for example, take a rest break in the vehicle with the emergency controls for a door (other than the door nearest the driver) not operating. This is to prevent people entering the vehicle without the driver's knowledge.
- Amend the wording of clause 7.5 to no longer refer to "one of the four options" in the referenced vehicle standards, as these standards include more than four options.

Extent of consultation

For the purposes of consultation, amendments proposed to *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999* and other land transport rules were combined into a single draft rule, the *Land Transport Rule: Regulatory Stewardship (Omnibus) Amendment 2020* (the Omnibus Amendment Rule). Following consultation, the provisions in the Omnibus Amendment Rule were split into separate amendment rules. Amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999* were put into this Rule.

The NZ Transport Agency sent out notifications of the amendment proposals by email to approximately 1861 groups and individuals who had registered an interest in the rules to be amended. The Omnibus Amendment Rule was made available, together with an overview document, on the NZ Transport Agency's website. Public consultation was carried out from 25 August 2020 to 16 October 2020. The availability of the amendment proposals for comment was publicised in the *Gazette* on 26 August 2020.

The NZ Transport Agency received 23 submissions on the Omnibus Amendment Rule, 1 of which was regarding the proposed amendments to *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999*. The submission received was taken into account in finalising this Rule, following which this Rule was submitted to the Minister of Transport for signing.

Section 1 Preliminary provisions

1.1 Title

This Rule is *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles Amendment 2021*.

1.2 Commencement

This Rule comes into force on 1 May 2021.

1.3 Principal Rule amended

This Rule amends *Land Transport Rule: Passenger Service Vehicles 1999*.

Section 2 Amendments to principal Rule

2.1 Clause 2.2 amended (Doors and their operation)

2.1(1) In clause 2.2(6)(a), before “can be”, insert “subject to 2.2(6A)”.

2.1(2) After clause 2.2(6), insert:

2.2(6A) If a passenger service vehicle has more than one door, the emergency controls for a door, other than the door nearest to the driver, are not required to be operational when:

- (a) the passenger service vehicle is stationary; and
- (b) the driver is the only person inside the vehicle; and
- (c) the emergency controls for the door nearest to the driver can be operated.

2.2 Clause 7.5 amended (Additional provisions for heavy passenger service vehicles)

2.2(1) In clause 7.5(2)(a), replace “one of the four options of” with “one of the approval methods of”.

2.2(2) In clause 7.5(2)(b), replace “one of the four options of” with “one of the approval methods of”.