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Land Transport New Zealand roading-related publications - Information

Since the publication of the original version of this note in June 1998 there have been significant changes to a wide range of publications and methods of delivering information to practitioners. On 1 December 2004 Land Transport New Zealand (Land Transport NZ) came into being with the amalgamation of Transfund New Zealand and the Land Transport Safety Authority.

This note reflects these changes. During 2005 the range of publications produced by the two previous organisations will be reviewed. Further changes are likely as a result and readers will be advised.

Traffic Notes

This series provides an opportunity to quickly and appropriately update roading practitioners and others on changes in law, practice and policy likely to affect them. To assist this process each *Traffic Note* is either assigned a sequential number or receives a previously issued number with a version number. Where a version number is assigned the note replaces the previous issue which should be discarded.

Users can register their interest in receiving electronic notification of a *Traffic Note* when issued or amended. The procedure for doing so is detailed below the *Table of contents* which is updated whenever a new note is issued.

The notes and, where appropriate, attachments such as *NZ Gazette* notices are maintained on the Land Transport NZ website and can be accessed by using the following URL.

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/roads/traffic-notes.html>

Road & Traffic Standards

In 1990 the Roads and Traffic Standards Section of the former Land Transport Division published the first of the RTS series. Since then 12 others in the RTS series have been issued. Of these, *RTS17 Guidelines for setting speed limits (1995)* is the only one to have been superseded – in this case by the enactment of *Land Transport Rule: Setting of Speed Limits 2003*.

RTS1 Guidelines for the implementation of traffic controls at crossroads must be read in the knowledge the signing of *Land Transport Rule: Traffic Control Devices Rule 2004* has affected some of the content. The series will be reviewed during 2005 and, where justified, changes made. Hard copies may be purchased from Land Transport New Zealand, P O Box 2840, WELLINGTON and the series can be viewed on the Land Transport NZ website at the following URL:

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/roads/rts/index.html>

Road & Traffic Standards Information Sheets - Superseded

Information Sheets were published by the Roads and Traffic Standards Section of the former Land Transport Division and Land Transport Safety Authority between May 1989 and May 1995. Many of these have been superseded by the passage of Land Transport Rules (particularly *Land Transport Rule: Vehicle Dimension and Mass 2002*), *Traffic Notes* and other publications.

With the publication of *Traffic Notes 46, 47 and 48* the last of the Information sheets have been superseded and the Information Sheets series are now withdrawn.

Road Safety Survey Series

The Land Transport Safety Authority (now Land Transport NZ) conducted a range of surveys each year since 1995 to help fulfil their statutory function to "*monitor adherence to safety standards with the land transport system*". Results of the surveys are published in the *Road Safety Survey* series. These are reported briefly in *Traffic Notes 5, 13, 16, 27 and 33* and the complete reports can be accessed on the Land Transport NZ website at the following URL:

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/roads/rss/index.html>

Regional Road Safety Issues

Each year the regional offices of Land Transport NZ prepare reports on crash data and trends for each territorial local authority and Transit NZ region. The reports highlight key road safety issues and identify possible ways to reduce the number of road deaths and injuries.

Hard copy versions of each road safety issue report are distributed to each authority and local organisations involved in road safety and are available on the Land Transport NZ website at the following URL:

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/regions/index.html>

Factsheets

Factsheets are prepared by Land Transport NZ to provide detailed transport information over a wide range of subject areas. Broad categories include driver licensing, vehicle registration and licensing, occupational driving, vehicle safety, imported vehicles, vehicles standards, cycles, safety belts, road rules and enforcement, medical and dangerous goods.

Factsheets are distributed through Land Transport NZ regional offices and through their agents and are also available on the Land Transport NZ website at the following URL:

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz/factsheets/index.html>

Other publications

Land Transport NZ has an extremely wide range of publications only some of which have been described above. Many do not have direct relevance to roading practitioners but are likely to be of some interest.

Publications of specific interest will be drawn to practitioners' attention by use of the *Traffic Notes* series or other direct means but practitioners are urged to visit the Land Transport NZ website to become aware of the information available from that source.

<http://www.landtransport.govt.nz>