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## Part 10 Level crossings

### 120 What is a level crossing

- (1) A *level crossing* is:
- (a) an area where a road and a railway meet at substantially the same level, whether or not there is a *level crossing sign* on the road at all or any of the entrances to the area; or
  - (b) an area where a road and tram tracks meet at substantially the same level and that has a *level crossing sign* on the road at each entrance to the area.

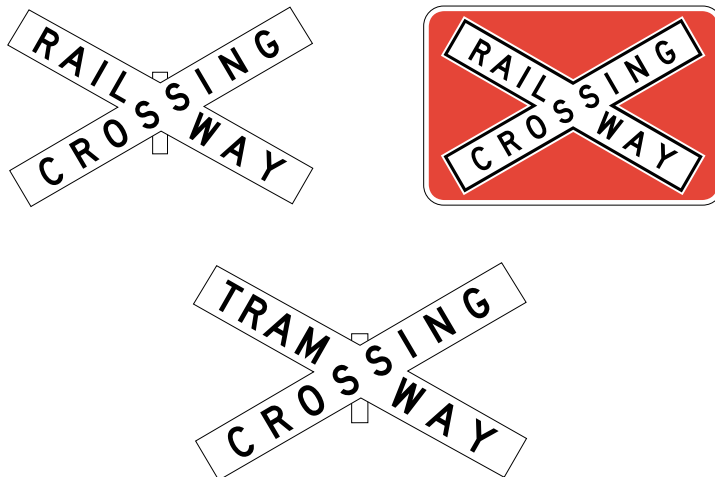
*Note* **Tram tracks** is defined in the dictionary.

- (2) In this rule:

**road** does not include a road-related area.

*Note* **Road-related area** is defined in rule 13.

Level crossing signs



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**Rule 121****121 Stopping and giving way at a stop sign at a level crossing**

A driver at a level crossing with a *stop sign* must:

- (a) stop at the stop line or, if there is no stop line, at the *stop sign*; and
- (b) give way to any train or tram on, approaching or entering the crossing.

Offence provision.

*Note 1 Approaching, enter, stop line* and *tram* are defined in the dictionary.

*Note 2* For this rule, *give way* means the driver must remain stationary until it is safe for the driver to proceed — see the definition in the dictionary.

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**122 Giving way at a give way sign or give way line at a level crossing**

A driver at a level crossing with a *give way sign* or give way line must give way to any train or tram on, approaching or entering the crossing.

Offence provision.

*Note 1* **Approaching**, **enter**, **give way line** and **tram** are defined in the dictionary.

*Note 2* For this rule, **give way** means the driver must slow down and, if necessary, stop to avoid a collision — see the definition in the dictionary.

Give way sign



**123 Entering a level crossing when a train or tram is approaching etc**

A driver must not enter a level crossing if:

- (a) warning lights (for example, twin red lights or rotating red lights) are operating or warning bells are ringing; or
- (b) a gate, boom or barrier at the crossing is closed or is opening or closing; or
- (c) a train or tram is on or entering the crossing; or
- (d) a train or tram approaching the crossing can be seen from the crossing, or is sounding a warning, and there would be a danger of a collision with the train or tram if the driver entered the crossing; or

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- (e) the driver cannot drive through the crossing because the crossing, or a road beyond the crossing, is blocked.

Offence provision.

*Examples for paragraph (e)*

The crossing, or a road beyond the crossing, may be blocked by congested traffic, a disabled vehicle, a collision between vehicles or between a vehicle and a pedestrian, or by stock on the road.

*Note* **Approaching**, **enter**, **tram** and **twin red lights** are defined in the dictionary.

**124 Leaving a level crossing**

A driver who enters a level crossing must leave the level crossing as soon as the driver can do so safely.

Offence provision.

*Note* **Enter** is defined in the dictionary.