

Part 17 Additional rules for drivers of trams and public buses

Note 1 This Part contains rules about T lights and B lights. These are traffic signals that operate in the same way as, or together with, traffic lights but apply only to drivers of trams, public buses and, in the case of B lights, to other vehicles if specified by another law of this jurisdiction. An example of a T light is shown in rule 278 and an example of a B light is shown in rule 285.

Note 2 Rule 309 sets out a number of exemptions from the Australian Road Rules for drivers of trams and public buses travelling along tram tracks. Some other rules have exceptions for drivers of trams or particular trams.

Division 1 Trams

Note *Public bus, T lights, tram* and *travelling along tram tracks* are defined in the dictionary.

273 Division also applies to public buses travelling along tram tracks

This Division applies to the driver of a public bus travelling along tram tracks as if a reference in the Division to a tram included a reference to a public bus travelling along tram tracks.

274 Stopping for a red T light

The driver of a tram approaching or at T lights showing a red T light must stop:

- (a) if there is a stop line at or near the T lights — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the stop line; or
- (b) if there is no stop line at or near the T lights — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the nearest or only T lights.

Offence provision.

Note 1 **Red T light** and **stop line** are defined in the dictionary.

Note 2 Rule 276 explains when the driver of a tram does not have to stop for a red T light.

275 Stopping for a yellow T light

The driver of a tram approaching or at T lights showing a yellow T light must stop:

- (a) if there is a stop line at or near the T lights and the driver can stop safely before reaching the stop line — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the stop line; or
- (b) if there is no stop line at or near the T lights and the driver can stop safely before reaching the T lights — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the nearest or only T lights.

Offence provision.

Note 1 **Yellow T light** and **stop line** are defined in the dictionary.

Note 2 Rule 276 explains when the driver of a tram does not have to stop for a yellow T light.

276 Exception to stopping for a red or yellow T light

The driver of a tram approaching or at T lights showing a red or yellow T light does not have to stop if a white traffic arrow is also showing and the driver is turning in the direction indicated by the arrow.

Note **Red T light**, **white traffic arrow** and **yellow T light** are defined in the dictionary.

277 Proceeding after stopping for a red or yellow T light

The driver of a tram who stops for T lights showing a red or yellow T light must not proceed until:

- (a) a white T light is showing; or
- (b) no T light is showing and traffic lights at or near the T lights are showing a green traffic light.

Offence provision.

Rule 278

Note **Green traffic light, red T light, traffic lights, white T light** and **yellow T light** are defined in the dictionary. A diagram of a white T light is shown in rule 278.

278 Proceeding when a red traffic light and a white T light or white traffic arrow is showing

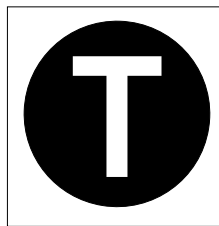
- (1) The driver of a tram approaching or at a white T light at or near traffic lights showing a red traffic light may proceed straight ahead, or turn, despite the red traffic light.

Note **Red traffic light, straight ahead, traffic lights** and **white T light** are defined in the dictionary.

- (2) The driver of a tram approaching or at a white traffic arrow at or near traffic lights showing a red traffic light may turn in the direction indicated by the arrow, despite the red traffic light.

Note **White traffic arrow** is defined in the dictionary.

White T light



279 Proceeding when a white T light or white traffic arrow is no longer showing

- (1) This rule applies to:
 - (a) the driver of a tram at an intersection with T lights showing a white T light who has stopped after the stop line, or nearest or only T lights, at the intersection; or

- (b) the driver of a tram at an intersection with traffic arrows showing a white traffic arrow who is turning in the direction indicated by the arrow and has stopped after the stop line, or nearest or only traffic arrows, at the intersection.

Example

The driver of a tram may stop after the stop line at an intersection with T lights showing a white T light, and not proceed through the intersection, because the intersection, or a road beyond the intersection, is blocked by traffic.

Note **Intersection, stop line, traffic arrows, white T light** and **white traffic arrow** are defined in the dictionary.

- (2) If the T lights or traffic arrows change to yellow or red, or turn off, while the driver is stopped and the driver has not entered the intersection, the driver must not proceed until:
- (a) a white T light is showing; or
 - (b) there is no T light showing, and traffic lights at or near the T lights are showing a green traffic light; or
 - (c) if the driver is turning at the intersection — a white traffic arrow is showing that indicates the direction in which the driver is turning.

Offence provision.

Note **Enter, green traffic light, red traffic arrow** and **yellow traffic arrow** are defined in the dictionary.

- (3) If the T lights or traffic arrows change to yellow or red, or turn off, while the driver is stopped and the driver has entered the intersection, the driver must leave the intersection as soon as the driver can do so safely.

Offence provision.

Division 2 Public buses

Note **B lights** and **public bus** are defined in the dictionary.

280 Division does not apply to public buses travelling along tram tracks

- (1) This Division does not apply to the driver of a public bus travelling along tram tracks.

Note The rules in Division 1 of this Part apply to drivers of public buses travelling along tram tracks — see rule 273.

- (2) This Division applies to the driver of a vehicle other than a public bus, in the same way as it applies to the driver of a public bus, if:
- (a) the vehicle being driven by the driver is in a class of vehicles specified for this rule by another law of this jurisdiction; and
 - (b) the driver is driving in a bus lane to which B lights apply; and
 - (c) the driver is permitted to drive in the lane under another law of this jurisdiction.

281 Stopping for a red B light

The driver of a public bus approaching or at B lights showing a red B light must stop:

- (a) if there is a stop line at or near the B lights — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the stop line; or
- (b) if there is no stop line at or near the B lights — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the nearest or only B lights.

Offence provision.

Note 1 **Red B light** and **stop line** are defined in the dictionary.

Note 2 Rule 283 explains when the driver of a public bus does not have to stop for a red B light.

282 Stopping for a yellow B light

The driver of a public bus approaching or at B lights showing a yellow B light must stop:

- (a) if there is a stop line at or near the B lights and the driver can stop safely before reaching the stop line — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the stop line; or
- (b) if there is no stop line at or near the B lights and the driver can stop safely before reaching the B lights — as near as practicable to, but before reaching, the nearest or only B lights.

Offence provision.

Note 1 **Yellow B light** and **stop line** are defined in the dictionary.

Note 2 Rule 283 explains when the driver of a public bus does not have to stop for a yellow B light.

283 Exception to stopping for a red or yellow B light

The driver of a public bus approaching or at B lights showing a red or yellow B light does not have to stop if a white traffic arrow is also showing and the driver is turning in the direction indicated by the arrow.

Note **Red B light**, **white traffic arrow** and **yellow B light** are defined in the dictionary.

284 Proceeding after stopping for a red or yellow B light

The driver of a public bus who stops for B lights showing a red or yellow B light must not proceed until:

- (a) a white B light is showing; or
- (b) no B light is showing and traffic lights at or near the B lights are showing a green traffic light.

Offence provision.

Note **Green traffic light**, **red B light**, **traffic lights**, **white B light** and **yellow B light** are defined in the dictionary. A diagram of a white B light is shown in rule 285.

Rule 285

285 Proceeding when a red traffic light and a white B light or white traffic arrow is showing

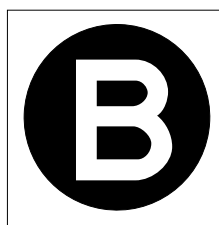
- (1) The driver of a public bus approaching or at a white B light at or near traffic lights showing a red traffic light may proceed straight ahead, or turn, despite the red traffic light.

Note **Red traffic light, straight ahead, traffic lights** and **white B light** are defined in the dictionary.

- (2) The driver of a public bus approaching or at a white traffic arrow at or near traffic lights showing a red traffic light may turn in the direction indicated by the arrow, despite the red traffic light.

Note **White traffic arrow** is defined in the dictionary.

White B light



286 Proceeding when a white B light or white traffic arrow is no longer showing

- (1) This rule applies to:
- (a) the driver of a public bus at an intersection with B lights showing a white B light who has stopped after the stop line, or nearest or only B lights, at the intersection; or
 - (b) the driver of a public bus at an intersection with traffic arrows showing a white traffic arrow who is turning in the direction indicated by the arrow and has stopped after the stop line, or nearest or only traffic arrows, at the intersection.

Example

The driver of a public bus may stop after the stop line at an intersection with B lights showing a white B light, and not proceed through the intersection, because the intersection, or a road beyond the intersection, is blocked by traffic.

Note **Intersection, stop line, traffic arrows, white B light** and **white traffic arrow** are defined in the dictionary.

- (2) If the B lights or traffic arrows change to yellow or red, or turn off, while the driver is stopped and the driver has not entered the intersection, the driver must not proceed until:
- (a) a white B light is showing; or
 - (b) there is no B light showing, and traffic lights at or near the B lights are showing a green traffic light; or
 - (c) if the driver is turning at the intersection — a white traffic arrow is showing that indicates the direction in which the driver is turning.

Offence provision.

Note **Enter, green traffic light, red traffic arrow** and **yellow traffic arrow** are defined in the dictionary.

- (3) If the B lights or traffic arrows change to yellow or red, or turn off, while the driver is stopped and the driver has entered the intersection, the driver must leave the intersection as soon as the driver can do so safely.

Offence provision.