

## **Part 1    Introductory**

### **Division 1    General**

#### **1    Australian Road Rules**

These rules are the Australian Road Rules.

#### **2    Commencement**

The Australian Road Rules commence on 1 December 1999 or, if an earlier date is fixed under another law of this jurisdiction, that earlier date.

#### **3    Object of the Australian Road Rules**

The object of the Australian Road Rules is to provide road rules in this jurisdiction that are uniform with road rules elsewhere in Australia.

## **Division 2    Some features of the Australian Road Rules**

### **4    Definitions — the dictionary etc**

- (1) The dictionary at the end of the Australian Road Rules defines certain words and expressions, and includes references to certain words and expressions defined elsewhere in the Rules (*signpost definitions*).

*Example*

The signpost definition '*road-related area* see rule 13' means that the expression *road-related area* is defined in rule 13 of the Australian Road Rules.

*Note* The dictionary only includes a signpost definition for a word or expression if the word or expression is used in 2 or more rules of the Australian Road Rules.

- (2) The dictionary is part of the Australian Road Rules.
- (3) A definition in the Australian Road Rules applies to each use of the word or expression in the Rules, unless the contrary intention appears.

### **5    Diagrams**

A diagram in the Australian Road Rules is part of the Rules.

*Note 1* If a diagram of a traffic control device, traffic-related item or symbol is in black and white in a rule of the Australian Road Rules, the diagram may be a black and white version of the device, item or symbol — see rule 314. If so, the colour version of the device, item or symbol will be in Schedule 2 or 4.

*Note 2* A diagram may be an example — see rule 6 (1).

### **6    Examples**

- (1) An example (whether or not in the form of a diagram) in the Australian Road Rules is part of the Rules.

- (2) If the Australian Road Rules includes an example of the operation of a provision of the Rules:
- (a) the example is not exhaustive; and
  - (b) the example does not limit, but may extend, the meaning of the provision.

## **7 Headings**

A heading to a Part, Division, Schedule, rule or any other provision of the Australian Road Rules is part of the Rules.

## **8 Notes**

A note in the Australian Road Rules is explanatory and is not part of the Rules.

## **9 Reader's Guide**

The Reader's Guide is not part of the Australian Road Rules.

## **10 Offences**

- (1) The words 'Offence provision.' in a rule of the Australian Road Rules (or, if the rule has 2 or more subrules, in a subrule) indicates that a contravention of the rule (or subrule) is an offence.
- (2) The penalty for an offence is the penalty applying to the offence under another law of this jurisdiction.