

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.