

Part 3 Speed-limits

20 Obeying the speed-limit

A driver must not drive at a speed over the speed-limit applying to the driver for the length of road where the driver is driving.

Offence provision.

Note 1 The rules about speed-limits are as follows:

- rule 21 — speed-limit where a *speed-limit sign* applies
- rule 22 — speed-limit in a speed-limited area
- rule 23 — speed-limit in a school zone
- rule 24 — speed-limit in a shared zone
- rule 25 — speed-limit elsewhere.

Note 2 **Road** includes a road-related area — see rule 11 (2).

Note 3 **Length** of road includes a marked lane, a part of a marked lane, or another part of a length of road — see the definition in the dictionary.

Note 4 Part 20, Division 2 deals with the way in which a traffic sign applies to a length of road. Part 20, Division 3 deals with the way in which the traffic sign applies to drivers driving on the length of road.

21 Speed-limit where a speed-limit sign applies

- (1) The speed-limit applying to a driver for a length of road to which a *speed-limit sign* applies is the number of kilometres per hour indicated by the number on the sign.

Note **Length** of road is defined in the dictionary.

- (2) However, if the number on the *speed-limit sign* is over 100 and the driver is driving a bus with a GVM over 5 tonnes, or another vehicle with a GVM over 12 tonnes, the speed-limit applying to the driver for the length of road is 100 kilometres per hour.

Note 1 **Bus** and **GVM** are defined in the dictionary, and **vehicle** is defined in rule 15.

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Note 2 Five tonnes is specified for the definition of heavy omnibus in the Australian Design Rules issued under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (Cth).

Note 3 If the vehicle is an oversize or overmass vehicle, the vehicle may be restricted to a lower speed-limit under another law of this jurisdiction.

- (3) A *speed-limit sign* on a road applies to the length of road beginning at the sign and ending at the nearest of the following:
- (a) a *speed-limit sign* on the road with a different number on the sign;
 - (b) an *end speed-limit sign* or *speed derestriction sign* on the road;
 - (c) if the road ends at a T-intersection or dead end — the end of the road.

Note 1 **T-intersection** is defined in the dictionary.

Note 2 Rule 322 (1) and (2) deal with the meaning of a traffic sign *on* a road.

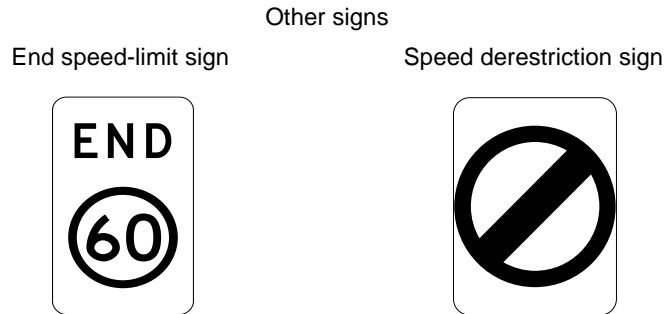
Speed-limit signs

Speed-limit sign
(Standard sign)



Speed-limit sign
(Variable illuminated message sign)





Note 1 for diagrams There is another permitted version of the *speed-limit sign* and the *end speed-limit sign* — see the diagrams in Schedule 3.

Note 2 for diagrams A *speed-limit sign* or *end speed-limit sign* may have a different number on the sign — see rule 316 (4).

22 Speed-limit in a speed-limited area

- (1) The speed-limit applying to a driver for any length of road in a speed-limited area is the number of kilometres per hour indicated by the number on the *area speed-limit sign* on a road into the area, unless another speed-limit applies to the driver for the length of road under another rule of this Part.

Example of another speed-limit

Although an *area speed-limit sign* on a road into a speed-limited area may indicate a speed-limit of 60 kilometres per hour, a particular length of road in the area may have a *school zone sign* indicating a 40 kilometres per hour speed-limit for that length of road.

Note **Length** of road is defined in the dictionary.

- (2) A **speed-limited area** is the network of roads in an area with:
- (a) an *area speed-limit sign* on each road into the area, indicating the same number; and
 - (b) an *end area speed-limit sign* on each road out of the area.
- (3) In subrule (2) (a) and (b):
road does not include a road-related area.

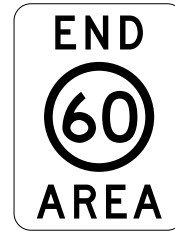
Note **Road-related area** is defined in rule 13.

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Area speed-limit sign



End area speed-limit sign



Note 1 for diagrams There are a number of other permitted versions of each of these signs — see the diagrams in Schedule 3.

Note 2 for diagrams An *area speed-limit sign* or *end area speed-limit sign* may have a different number on the sign — see rule 316 (4).

23 Speed-limit in a school zone

- (1) The speed-limit applying to a driver for any length of road in a school zone is the number of kilometres per hour indicated by the number on the *school zone sign* on a road, or the road, into the zone.

Note 1 Length of road is defined in the dictionary.

Note 2 A *school zone sign* may indicate that it applies only at certain times, on certain days or in certain circumstances — see rules 317 and 318.

Note 3 This subrule applies to road-related areas in the school zone — see rule 11 (2).

- (2) A *school zone* is:
 - (a) if there is a *school zone sign* and an *end school zone sign*, or a *speed-limit sign* with a different number on the sign, on a road and there is no intersection on the length of road between the signs — that length of road; or
 - (b) if there is a *school zone sign* on a road that ends in a dead end and there is no intersection, nor a sign mentioned in paragraph (a), on the length of road beginning at the sign and ending at the dead end — that length of road; or
 - (c) in any other case — the network of roads in an area with:
 - (i) a *school zone sign* on each road into the area, indicating the same number; and

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- (ii) an *end school zone sign*, or a *speed-limit sign* indicating a different number, on each road out of the area.

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

- (3) In subrule (2) (c) (i) and (ii):

road does not include a road-related area.

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

School zone sign



End school zone sign



Note 1 for diagrams There are a number of other permitted versions of each of these signs — see the diagrams in Schedule 3.

Note 2 for diagrams A *school zone sign* or *end school zone sign* may have a different number on the sign — see rule 316 (4).

24 Speed-limit in a shared zone

- (1) The speed-limit applying to a driver for any length of road in a shared zone is the number of kilometres per hour indicated by the number on the *shared zone sign* on a road into the zone.

Note A driver driving in a shared zone must give way to any pedestrian in the zone — see rule 83.

- (2) A **shared zone** is the network of roads in an area with:
- a *shared zone sign* on each road into the area, indicating the same number; and
 - an *end shared zone sign* on each road out of the area.

- (3) In subrule (2) (a) and (b):

road does not include a road-related area.

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

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Shared zone sign



End shared zone sign



Note 1 for diagrams There are a number of other permitted versions of each of these signs — see the diagrams in Schedule 3.

Note 2 for diagrams A *shared zone sign* may have a different number on the sign — see rule 316 (4).

25 Speed-limit elsewhere

- (1) If a *speed-limit sign* does not apply to a length of road and the length of road is not in a speed-limited area, school zone or shared zone, the speed-limit applying to a driver for the length of road is the default speed-limit.

Note **Length** of road is defined in the dictionary, **school zone** is defined in rule 23, **shared zone** is defined in rule 24, and **speed-limited area** is defined in rule 22.

- (2) The **default speed-limit** applying to a driver for a length of road in a built-up area is 60 kilometres per hour.

Note **Built-up area** is defined in the dictionary.

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- (3) The *default speed-limit* applying to a driver for any other length of road is:
- (a) for a driver driving a bus with a GVM over 5 tonnes, or another vehicle with a GVM over 12 tonnes — 100 kilometres per hour; or
 - (b) for any other driver — 100 kilometres per hour or as otherwise provided under another law of this jurisdiction.

Note 1 **Bus** and **GVM** are defined in the dictionary, and **vehicle** is defined in rule 15.

Note 2 Five tonnes is specified for the definition of heavy omnibus in the Australian Design Rules issued under the *Motor Vehicle Standards Act 1989* (Cth).

Note 3 If the vehicle is an oversize or overmass vehicle, the vehicle may be restricted to a lower speed-limit under another law of this jurisdiction.