

Traffic Note 3

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1998 Amendment to *Traffic Regulations 1976* - Requirements

On 16 April 1998 changes to the Traffic Regulations 1976 came into effect. The following indicates some areas where changes have been made which could affect traffic practitioners. For a full description of the changes and their impacts you should refer to the *Traffic Amendment Regulations 1998, S R 1998/45*.

Pedestrian Displays at Signals

WAIT and CROSS signals may no longer be installed. Any that still exist must be replaced before 31 March 2003 with symbolic pedestrian signals.

Bus 'B' and Light Rail 'T' Signals

Provision is made for installation of 'B' signal displays for omnibuses (defined as passenger vehicles designed to carry more than 9 people including the driver). Yellow and red 'T' signals are no longer permitted.

Bicycle Signals

Provision is made for display of green, yellow and red 'bicycle' symbolic signals.

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Pedestrian Crossing Signs

By 1 April 2003 controlling authorities must install on the poles erected at each end of a crossing either:

- an internally illuminated amber globe of not less than 300mm diameter - a Belisha beacon; or
- a fluorescent orange disk not less than 400mm diameter - a Belisha beacon disk.

Advance Warning Signals

In specified circumstance controlling authorities can install advance warning traffic signals and associated signs.

New Traffic Signs

The Schedules to the Regulations now incorporate the following traffic signs (word signs in bold):

SIGNALS NOT WORKING
HIDDEN QUEUE
PREPARE TO STOP
QUEUED VEHICLES
 Belisha beacon disk
 Trams - symbolic

Bus(symbolic)LANE and **TRANSIT LANE**
 Keep Right - symbolic
SLOW VEHICLE BAYS NEXT XXXm
SLOW VEHICLE BAY XXXm
SLOW VEHICLE BAY

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