

State Electricity Commission of Victoria
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY DEPARTMENT
BALLARAT BRANCH

These instructions and notes are for the guidance of drivers of Commission's vehicles in complying with the new Traffic Code in Ballarat.

The numbers refer to the particular clause of the Code on which the instruction is based.

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1. Essential Definitions.

Major Street - Any street along which tram cars travel.

Minor Street - All other streets.

Intersection - Any junction of streets even if they do not cross.

2. 3. Whether travelling along Major or Minor street --
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Stop at intersection of major streets.

Approach minor streets at a speed allowing immediate stop if necessary.

(Unless police or traffic signal control is operating.)

(The sections between main roadways in Sturt Street opposite the centre gardens are to be treated as minor streets.)

5. Give way to the vehicle on your right at the intersection of minor streets.

6. Keep at least five feet clear from stationary trams, and pass slowly.

Note -- The position with regard to safety zones and stationary trams in Bridge Street is not clearly defined, but Commission drivers are instructed not to pass stationary trams in Bridge Street. Care must be taken to indicate intention to stop, to following traffic.

7. Turn to right from line of traffic only if completely clear of approaching or overtaking traffic and after signalling by right hand held horizontally, at least twenty-five (25) yards before turning, otherwise draw carefully to left, stop, and wait till traffic permits safe turn.

8. When crossing from side to side of any other than one-way traffic streets make complete turn keeping always in direction of traffic.

9. Keep to left when passing approaching traffic, to right when overtaking.

10. Do not leave vehicle stationary --
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24. Within 30 feet of an intersection;
Within 3 feet of a fire plug;
In front of private drive-way or garage;
Near any street obstruction in a way that would further obstruct traffic;
In a position leaving less than 10 feet of free roadway.
11. Maintain unobstructed vision to front and sides of vehicle and to rear vision mirror at all times.
13. When stopping for any purpose draw as near left-hand foot-way as possible.
14. Give all possible right-of-way to fire brigade, police or ambulance vehicles.
15. Do not travel as third line of traffic in same direction or pass two vehicles abreast (other than two bicycles).
19. & Comply carefully with any and all traffic control signals
28. and police directions.
22. Do not cross in front of tramcar moving across intersection.
27. Do not drive backwards unless conditions are completely safe.
29. Before stopping give proper signal by holding forearm vertically.
30. Do not drive through or across Safety Zones of which the following have been defined --

At all definite tram stops a space five (5) feet from the tram line and the length of a tram.

The garden areas in the centre of Sturt Street from Grenville to Pleasant Streets.

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Observe at all times the following additional rule --

Drive at all times in such a way that no conceivable action on the part of the driver of another vehicle can result in a collision.

Extend to all other road-users the courtesy which your own good citizenship and the good name of the Commission demands.

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