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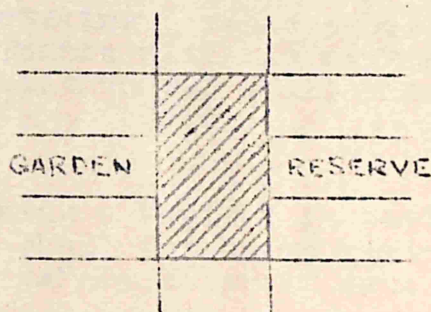
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14. Intersection means -

- (a) where two or more highways meet at a crossroad the area enclosed by imaginary lines joining the junctions of the property lines of such highways.

Diagrams showing examples of such an intersection -



- (b) where two or more highways meet not at a crossroad, the area enclosed within the prolongations of the property lines of such highways and such property lines themselves.

Diagrams showing examples of such intersections -



(The hatched portion in each of the above diagrams represents the area comprised in the intersection.)

502. Keeping Left of Centre:

On a two-way carriageway a driver (other than the driver of a tram-car) shall keep left of the centre of such carriageway except -

- (a) when overtaking a vehicle proceeding in the same direction;
- (b) when the left side of the carriageway is closed to traffic;
- (c) when in a lane on a laned carriageway which is designated by sign or signal as being available for traffic travelling only in the direction in which the driver is proceeding;
- (d) where there is justifiable cause for not doing so; or
- (e) within an intersection when making a right turn.

Penalty: £50.

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503. Overtaking:

(1) When overtaking a vehicle (other than a tram-car) proceeding in the same direction a driver shall except when overtaking a vehicle making a right turn in accordance with the provisions of sub-regulations (1) and (2) of Regulation 802 pass on the right of such overtaken vehicle at a safe distance but this sub-regulation shall not operate to prevent a driver in one lane on a carriageway which provides two or more marked lanes exclusively for vehicles travelling in the direction in which he is proceeding overtaking and passing on the left of a vehicle in another such lane providing conditions permit such movement to be made with safety.

Penalty: £25.

(2) A driver when overtaking a tram-car proceeding or headed in the same direction shall pass to the left thereof.

Penalty: £50.

(3) A driver overtaking a vehicle about to make or making a right turn in accordance with the provision of sub-regulations (1) and (2) of Regulation 802 shall pass to the left thereof.

Penalty: £25.

(4) After overtaking a vehicle proceeding in the same direction a driver shall not drive again in front of the vehicle so overtaken until safely clear of such vehicle.

Penalty: £50.

(5) When overtaking a vehicle moving in the same direction on a two-way carriageway -

(a) if such carriageway is not divided into three lanes, a driver shall not drive to the right of the centre of such carriageway unless the right side of such carriageway is free of oncoming traffic for sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking movement to be completed without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

(b) if such carriageway is divided into three lanes, a driver shall not drive in the centre lane unless such centre lane is free of oncoming traffic for sufficient distance ahead to permit such overtaking movement to be completed without interfering with the safe operation of any vehicle approaching from the opposite direction.

Penalty: £75.

504. Use of Centre & Right Lanes of Three Lane Carriageway:

On a two-way carriageway which is divided into three lanes a driver shall not drive his vehicle in -

(a) the centre lane except to overtake another vehicle proceeding in the same direction or in preparation for a right turn or where such centre lane is at the time allocated exclusively to traffic travelling in the direction he is proceeding; or

(b) the extreme right-hand lane.

Penalty: £50.

506. Giving Way to Overtaking Vehicle:

Except when overtaking on the left is permitted the driver of a vehicle being overtaken shall move to the left in favour of the overtaking vehicle on the driver of such overtaking vehicle sounding a warning instrument and shall not increase the speed of his vehicle until completely passed by the overtaking vehicle.

Penalty: £50.

507. Driving in Lanes on Carriageways:

When driving on any carriageway a driver shall drive his vehicle as nearly as is practicable entirely within a single marked lane or a single line of traffic and shall not move laterally from such lane or line of traffic until such movement can be made safely.

Penalty: £25.

510. Following Too Closely:

The driver of any vehicle which has dual wheels on any axle when following another such vehicle upon any carriageway outside a built-up area shall whenever conditions permit keep his vehicle not less than 200 feet behind the aforesaid vehicle. This Regulation shall not operate to prevent a driver overtaking and passing any vehicle.

Penalty: £25.

601. Right of Way at Intersection:

(1) A driver shall enter and pass through any intersection at such speed that he will be able to stop his vehicle in time to avoid collision with any person or vehicle.

(2) A driver about to enter an intersection shall yield the right of way to any vehicle which has entered such intersection from a carriageway other than that on which he is proceeding.

(3) When two vehicles each on separate carriageways are approaching an intersection in such a manner or at such speeds that if they continued there would be a reasonable prospect they would collide the driver who has the other vehicle on his right shall yield the right of way.

(4) A driver within an intersection shall not drive his vehicle in front of and across the course of a tram-car which has commenced to cross such intersection.

Penalty: £50.

602. No Entry to Choked Intersections:

Notwithstanding the instruction of any traffic control signal to proceed a driver shall not enter an intersection unless there is sufficient space on the carriageway beyond the intersection to accommodate his vehicle without obstructing the passage of other vehicles or pedestrians crossing such intersection.

Penalty: £10.

603. Right of Way During Turns:

A driver who is within /intersection turning or intending to turn to the right or left shall -

(a) yield right of way to any vehicle which is upon or approaching such intersection from an opposing direction

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with which his own vehicle if so turned might collide and if necessary he shall cause his own vehicle to stop and remain stationary until it may be turned with safety;

(b) during the execution of any such turn in all circumstances take adequate precautions to prevent his vehicle colliding with any person who may be upon such intersection.

Penalty: £50.

604. Movement from Parked Position:

(1) A driver who is about to drive or is driving a vehicle out from a parking area or the boundary of a carriageway shall yield right of way to all other vehicles.

(2) A driver shall not drive a vehicle in reverse out of any parking area established across the centre of a carriageway.

Penalty: £25.

701 & 705. Pedestrian & School Crossings:

(1) A driver approaching a pedestrian crossing shall travel at such a speed that if necessary to comply with this Regulation he will be able to stop his vehicle before reaching such pedestrian crossing.

(2) A driver approaching or on a pedestrian crossing on which there is a pedestrian shall yield right of way on such pedestrian crossing to such pedestrian.

(3) A driver shall not overtake and pass any vehicle headed in the same direction which pursuant to this Regulation is stopped on the approach side of or upon a pedestrian crossing.

Penalty: £50.

801. Left Turns:

A driver who is about to make a left turn at an intersection shall so drive his vehicle that when his vehicle reaches such intersection it shall be on the left side of any vehicle abreast of him proceeding in the same direction.

Provided that this Regulation shall not apply to vehicles entering an intersection from a highway which does not continue beyond such intersection or to vehicles moving in a marked traffic lane immediately right of a traffic lane allocated exclusively to left turning vehicles by means of a sign erected alongside or over such lane and markings on the surface of such lane.

Penalty: £25.

802. Right Turns:

(1) A driver who is about to make a right turn at an intersection shall -

(a) where travelling on a two-way carriageway approach and enter such intersection to the left of and parallel to and as near as practicable to the centre of such carriageway.

(b) where travelling on a one-way carriageway approach and enter such intersection parallel to and as near as practicable to the right boundary of such carriageway.

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- (2) A driver making a right turn at an intersection shall -
- (a) after entering the intersection make a right turn so as to leave the intersection -
 - (i) if the carriageway being entered is a two-way carriageway, to the left of the centre of such carriageway;
 - (ii) if the carriageway being entered is a one-way carriageway, as near as practicable to the right boundary of such carriageway;
 - (b) wherever practicable make a right turn in that portion of an intersection which is immediately to the right of the centre thereof.
- (3) A driver who is about to make a right turn or who is making a right turn shall not permit his vehicle to impede in any way the progress of any tram-car.
- (4) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Regulation a driver who is about to make or is making a right turn -
- (a) at an intersection where markers, marks or signs are so placed to indicate that a different course from that specified in this Regulation should be travelled, shall not turn his vehicle at such intersection otherwise than as indicated by such markers, marks or signs; and
 - (b) at the intersection of Swanston-street with Flinders, Collins and Bourke Streets and the intersections of Elizabeth-street with Collins and Bourke streets in the City of Melbourne shall -
 - (i) approach any such intersection parallel to and as near as practicable to the left kerb of the street he is leaving;
 - (ii) enter the intersection in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations and proceed in a straight line until his vehicle is as near as practicable to the alignment of the left kerb of the street he is about to enter; and
 - (iii) turn his vehicle to the right and leave the intersection provided that when any traffic control signal is operating at such intersection the driver shall wait before turning and shall not proceed to leave the intersection until the traffic control signal is displaying the colour green in respect of the street he is about to enter.

Penalty: £25.

803. Turn Right and Stop Signals:

- (1) A driver (other than the driver of a tram-car) shall not turn or diverge his vehicle to the right or stop or suddenly decrease the speed of such vehicle without giving an appropriate signal in the manner hereinafter provided.
- (2) A driver who is about to turn right or diverge right or stop shall continuously signal his intention of doing so during not less than the last 75 feet travelled by his vehicle before turning or diverging right or stopping except that a driver who is about to drive his vehicle out from a stationary position near the boundary of a carriageway shall only be required to give such a signal for a reasonable time before his vehicle commences to turn right or diverge right.

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(3) Any signal required by the provisions of this Regulation shall be given either by means of -

- (a) the hand and arm; or
- (b) any signal lamp or mechanical signal or device of a kind approved by the Chief Commissioner of Police.

(4) A certificate purporting to be signed by the Chief Commissioner of Police to the effect that any signal lamp or mechanical signal or device was of a kind not approved by the Chief Commissioner of Police shall be admitted as prima facie evidence of the fact therein certified in all proceedings for an offence against this Regulation.

(5) Where a driver gives a signal by hand and arm he shall with the palm of his hand facing forward -

- (a) signal his intention to turn right or diverge right by fully extending horizontally beyond the right side of his vehicle his right arm and hand approximately at right angles to the centre line of his vehicle;
- (b) signal his intention to stop or reduce speed suddenly by extending beyond the right side of his vehicle his right arm with the upper arm horizontal and the forearm and fingers pointing upwards.

Penalty: £25.

804. Entering Private Drives:

(1) A driver shall not cause his vehicle to turn to enter a private roadway or drive until such movement can be made with safety.

(2) A driver shall cause his vehicle to turn -

- (a) right from a carriageway to enter a private drive or roadway in so far as practicable in the same manner as is required for a right turn in Regulation 802;
- (b) left from a carriageway to enter a private drive or roadway in so far as is practicable in the same manner as is required for a left turn in Regulation 801.

Penalty: £10.

1002. Entering a Highway:

A driver entering a highway except from another highway shall enter at a speed not exceeding 5 miles per hour and shall yield right of way to all vehicles and pedestrians approaching from either direction on such highway. This Regulation shall not apply to a driver entering a highway under the instruction of a member of the Police Force or a traffic control signal.

Penalty: £10.

1106. Prohibited Standing Places:

(1) No person (other than the driver of a tram-car) shall leave standing a vehicle so that any portion of such vehicle is -

- (e) on or within 30 feet of that portion of a carriageway bounded on one or both sides by a traffic island unless such vehicle is in a parking area;

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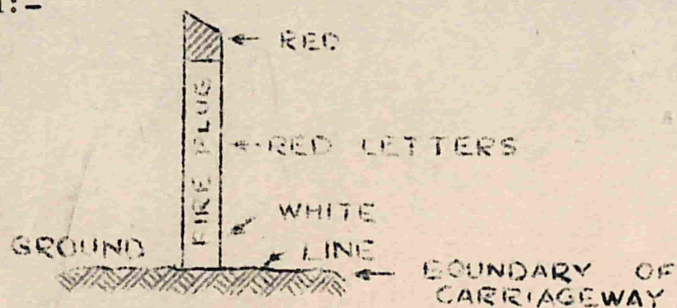
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(1)- (g) upon any bridge or other elevated structure or within a tunnel or underpass, but subject to the provisions of Regulation 1102, this sub-clause shall not operate to prevent a driver parking or leaving a vehicle standing on any bridge or other elevated structure or in an **underpass** which provides the same width of carriageway as provided on the highway at the commencement of both approaches to such structure;

(k) within 3 feet of -

(i) a pillar type fire hydrant;

(ii) a white indicator with a red upper portion with the words "Fire Plug" painted on two sides similar to that illustrated in the following diagram:-



and erected near a boundary of a carriageway; or

(iii) a white diamond marked on the carriageway surface -

Provided that this sub-clause shall not operate to prevent attended licensed taxi-cabs from standing on lawfully appointed taxi-cab stands or attended omnibuses from standing at a bus rank or bus stop;

(2) A driver of a tram-car shall not leave standing a tram-car so that any portion of such tram-car is on a pedestrian crossing or school crossing, or between a pedestrian crossing or school crossing and a point of 100 feet beyond such pedestrian crossing or school crossing.

Penalty: £25.

1406. Putting Glass etc. on Highway:

(1) No person shall throw, place or leave upon any highway any bottle, glass, nail, tack, wire, can, destructive or injurious material or any other material likely to endanger any person, animal or vehicle upon such highway.

(2) Any person who throws, places or leaves or permits to be thrown, placed or left upon any highway any bottle, glass, nail, tack, wire, can, destructive or injurious material, or any other material likely to endanger any person, animal or vehicle upon such highway shall as soon as practicable thereafter remove the same or cause it to be removed.

(3) Any person removing a wrecked or damaged vehicle from a highway shall remove any glass or other dangerous substance dropped upon the highway from such vehicle.

Penalty: £25.

1408. Towed Vehicles:

A driver shall not drive a vehicle to which more than one other vehicle is directly or indirectly attached.

Penalty: £25.

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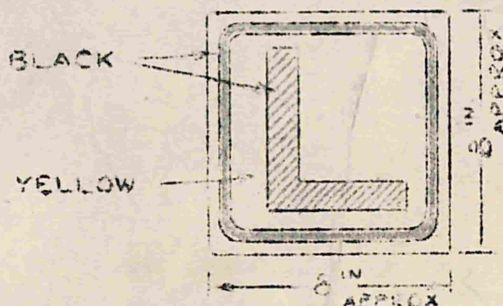
1409. Processions:

No person shall drive a vehicle in an organized procession (other than a funeral procession) or a parade except in accordance with the permission of the Highway Authority.

Penalty: £25.

1411. Learners to Display Letter "L":

Any person who is the holder of a licence issued under the Motor Car Act to drive a motor car and who is sitting beside a person who is bona fide learning to drive a motor car shall be guilty of an offence if there is not conspicuously displayed on the front and rear thereof a plate bearing the letter "L" similar to that shown in the following diagram.



Penalty: £25.

1412. The Letter "L" not to be Displayed:

A motor car which has a letter "L" displayed thereon as required by Regulation 1411 of these Regulations shall not be driven unless there is in such motor car a person who is bona fide learning to drive a motor car.

Penalty: £25.

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Note:

Under the New Regulations, Section 23 of the Old Regulations (1955) has been revoked.

i.e. Giving "Slow Down" signal.

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