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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 121 and 140 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Home Affairs makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) (Amendment) Rules 2019 and come into operation on 1 February 2019.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Pedestrian Crossings) Rules (R 24) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “cyclist”, the following definition:

““informal crossing” means any part of a road that —

(a) is established by a person other than the Authority for the use of a cyclist, mobility vehicle user, PMD rider or pedestrian in order to cross the road; but

(b) is not indicated by traffic signs, signals or road markings;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definitions of “mobility scooter” and “wheeled toy”, the following definitions:

““mobility vehicle” means a mobility scooter or a motorised wheelchair;

“mobility vehicle user” means an individual who is driving a motorised wheelchair or riding a mobility scooter, but excludes an individual who is walking beside and pushing a mobility vehicle;”;

- (c) by deleting paragraph (c) of the definition of “pedestrian”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “personal mobility device” in paragraph (f) of the definition of “pedestrian”, the words “, mobility scooter”; and
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words “a cyclist” in the definition of “pedestrian crossing”, the words “, mobility vehicle user, PMD rider”.

Amendment of rule 5

3. Rule 5 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “shall, unless he can see that there is no pedestrian, cyclist or PMD rider thereon, proceed” and substituting the words “must proceed only”.

New rule 14

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 13, the following rule:

“Conduct at and when approaching crossings

14.—(1) Every cyclist, mobility vehicle user and PMD rider —

- (a) when approaching a pedestrian crossing or zebra crossing, must proceed at such speed as will enable him to stop his bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, mobility vehicle or PMD (as the case may be) before reaching the crossing; and

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- (b) when at the pedestrian crossing or zebra crossing, must stop and look for on-coming traffic before using that crossing.
- (2) Every cyclist, mobility vehicle user and PMD rider —
- (a) when approaching an informal crossing, or an entrance or exit to a car park, must proceed at such speed as will enable him to stop his bicycle, power-assisted bicycle, mobility vehicle or PMD (as the case may be) before reaching the informal crossing or exit or entrance, as the case may be; and
 - (b) when at the informal crossing, or the entrance or exit to a car park, must —
 - (i) stop and look for on-coming traffic before using that crossing or crossing the exit or entrance; and
 - (ii) give way to any motor vehicle or stream of vehicles immediately approaching him (whether from his right or offside or left or near side) or leaving or entering the car park.”.

Miscellaneous amendments

5. The principal Rules are amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “pedestrian, cyclist” wherever they appear in the following provisions, the words “, mobility vehicle user”:
 - Rules 3(1) and (3), 4, 6, 7, 12 and 13(1);
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the word “cyclists” in the rule headings of rules 3 and 4, the words “, mobility vehicle users”; and
- (c) by inserting, immediately after the words “pedestrians, cyclists” in rule 8, the words “, mobility vehicle users”.

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