

# **AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY**

**No. 33 of 1980**

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## **An Ordinance to amend the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936***

I, THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting with the advice of the Federal Executive Council, hereby make the following Ordinance under the *Seat of Government (Administration) Act 1910*.

Dated this twenty-fourth day of September 1980.

ZELMAN COWEN  
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command,

R. ELLICOTT  
Minister of State for the Capital Territory

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## **MOTOR TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 1980**

### **Short title**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the *Motor Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 1980*.<sup>1</sup>

### **Principal Ordinance**

2. In this Ordinance, "Principal Ordinance" means the *Motor Traffic Ordinance 1936*.<sup>2</sup>

### **Interpretation**

3. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended—

(a) by inserting after the definition of "trailer" in sub-section (1) the following definition:

" 'U turn' means a movement of a vehicle whereby the vehicle turns to face the opposite, or substantially opposite, direction;"; and

(b) by inserting in sub-section (3) "Part VIIA," after "reference in".

### **Interpretation of this Part**

4. Section 112K of the Principal Ordinance is amended by inserting after sub-section (1) the following sub-sections:

“(2) In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference consisting of a name of a traffic sign, referred to in column 2 of an item in Schedule 4, immediately followed by the word ‘sign’ is a reference to a traffic sign that is substantially of a design set out in column 3 of that item.

“(3) In this Part, unless the contrary intention appears, a reference consisting of a name of a road marking referred to in column 2 of an item in Schedule 5 is a reference to a road marking that is substantially of a design set out in column 3 of that item.”.

### **Right hand turns**

5. Section 121 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by omitting sub-section (4).

6. After section 128 of the Principal Ordinance the following sections are inserted:

### **Traffic signs—NO RIGHT TURN; NO LEFT TURN; NO TURNS**

“128A. (1) Where a motor vehicle is being driven on a public street and a NO RIGHT TURN sign, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, faces the direction from which traffic approaches the junction or intersection from the first-mentioned public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, turn the motor vehicle to the right into that other public street.

“(2) Where a motor vehicle is being driven on a public street and a NO LEFT TURN sign, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, faces the direction from which traffic approaches the junction or intersection from the first-mentioned public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, turn the motor vehicle to the left into that other public street.

“(3) Where a motor vehicle is being driven on a public street and a traffic sign bearing the words ‘NO TURNS’, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, faces the direction from which traffic approaches the junction or intersection from the first-mentioned public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection—

- (a) turn the motor vehicle to the right or left into that other public street;
- or
- (b) cause the motor vehicle to make a U turn.

### **Traffic sign—NO U TURN**

“128B. (1) In this section, a reference to a public street includes a reference to an entrance-driveway leading to an off-street parking area or to any other parcel of land.

“(2) Where a motor vehicle is being driven on a public street and a NO U TURN sign, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, faces the direction from which traffic approaches the junction or intersection from the first-mentioned public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not—

- (a) on the public street between the traffic sign and the junction or intersection; or
  - (b) within the junction or intersection,
- cause the motor vehicle to make a U turn.

**Traffic sign—NO OVERTAKING OR PASSING**

“128C. Where a motor vehicle is being driven on a public street and a traffic sign bearing the words ‘NO OVERTAKING OR PASSING’, near or within the public street, faces the direction from which the motor vehicle is being driven, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not—

- (a) drive the motor vehicle past the traffic sign if a vehicle, on the public street between the traffic sign and a similar traffic sign near or within the public street and facing the direction opposite to the first-mentioned direction and farther from the motor vehicle than the first-mentioned traffic sign, is stationary or is travelling in the direction opposite to that in which the motor vehicle is being driven; or
- (b) commence to overtake a vehicle travelling on the public street between those traffic signs.

**Traffic sign—NO OVERTAKING ON BRIDGE**

“128D. Where a motor vehicle is being driven on a public street and a traffic sign bearing the words ‘NO OVERTAKING ON BRIDGE’, at or near the extremity of a bridge forming and supporting part of the public street, faces the direction from which traffic approaches the bridge from the public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not commence to overtake a vehicle travelling on the public street between the traffic sign and a similar traffic sign (facing the direction opposite to the first-mentioned direction) at or near the other extremity of the bridge.

**Traffic signs for traffic in traffic lanes**

“128E. (1) Where a motor vehicle is being driven—

- (a) on a public street that is divided into traffic lanes for motor vehicles being driven in the same direction as the motor vehicle; and
  - (b) in the traffic lane that is, of those traffic lanes, farthest to the right,
- and a traffic sign bearing only the words ‘RIGHT LANE MUST TURN RIGHT’, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, faces the direction from which traffic approaches the junction or intersection from the first-mentioned public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, drive the motor vehicle in a direction other than to the right into that other public street.

“(2) Where a motor vehicle is being driven—

(a) on a public street that is divided into traffic lanes for motor vehicles being driven in the same direction as the motor vehicle; and

(b) in the traffic lane that is, of those traffic lanes, farthest to the left,

and a traffic sign bearing only the words ‘LEFT LANE MUST TURN LEFT’, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, faces the direction from which traffic approaches the junction or intersection from the first-mentioned public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall **not**, within the junction or intersection, drive the motor vehicle in a direction other than to the left into that other public street.

**Road markings on surface of traffic lanes**

“128F. (1) Where a motor vehicle is being driven in a traffic lane on a public street and a road marking consisting of the words—

ONLY  
TURN  
RIGHT

is marked, on the surface of the traffic lane, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street in such a manner that—

(a) when viewed from above, the words appear one above another; and

(b) the word **RIGHT** is nearest to, and the word **ONLY** farthest from, the motor vehicle when approaching the marking,

the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, drive the motor vehicle in a direction other than to the right into that other public street.

“(2) Where a motor vehicle is being driven in a traffic lane on a public street and a road marking consisting of the words—

ONLY  
TURN  
LEFT

is marked, on the surface of the traffic lane, near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street in such a manner that—

(a) when viewed from above, the words appear one above another; and

(b) the word **LEFT** is nearest to, and the word **ONLY** farthest from, the motor vehicle when approaching the marking,

the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, drive the motor vehicle in a direction other than to the left into that other public street.

“(3) Where a motor vehicle is being driven in a traffic lane on a public street and a road marking consisting of a straight ahead arrow, with or without

the word 'ONLY', is marked on the surface of the traffic lane near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection—

- (a) turn the motor vehicle to the right or left into that other public street;  
or
- (b) cause the motor vehicle to make a U turn.

“(4) Where a motor vehicle is being driven in a traffic lane on a public street and a road marking consisting of a right turn arrow, with or without the word 'ONLY', is marked on the surface of the traffic lane near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, drive the motor vehicle in a direction other than to the right into that other public street.

“(5) Where a motor vehicle is being driven in a traffic lane on a public street and a road marking consisting of a left turn arrow, with or without the word 'ONLY', is marked on the surface of the traffic lane near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, drive the motor vehicle in a direction other than to the left into that other public street.

“(6) Where a motor vehicle is being driven in a traffic lane on a public street and a road marking consisting of a straight ahead or right turn arrow, with or without the word 'ONLY', is marked on the surface of the traffic lane near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, turn the motor vehicle to the left into that other public street.

“(7) Where a motor vehicle is being driven in a traffic lane on a public street and a road marking consisting of a straight ahead or left turn arrow, with or without the word 'ONLY', is marked on the surface of the traffic lane near or within a junction or intersection of the public street and another public street, the driver of the motor vehicle shall not, within the junction or intersection, turn the motor vehicle to the right into that other public street.”.

7. After the Third Schedule to the Principal Ordinance the following Schedules are added:

#### **SCHEDULE 4**

Section 112K

##### **DESIGNS OF CERTAIN TRAFFIC SIGNS**

In a design set out in column 3 of an item of this Schedule—

- (a) a black part of the design, other than a part referred to in paragraph (b), represents a black part of the relevant traffic sign;
- (b) a part of the design consisting of stipple and a black outline surrounding the stipple represents a red part of the traffic sign; and
- (c) a part of the design not referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) represents a white part of the traffic sign.

**SCHEDULE 4—continued**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Name of traffic sign	Design of traffic sign

1 NO RIGHT TURN



2 NO LEFT TURN



## SCHEDULE 4—continued

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Name of traffic sign	Design of traffic sign
3	NO U TURN	



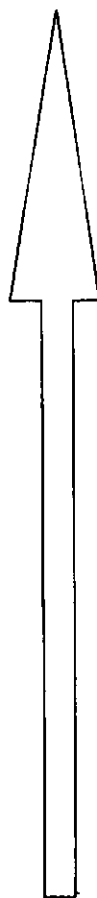
**SCHEDULE 5**

Section 112K

**DESIGNS OF CERTAIN ROAD MARKINGS**

In a design set out in column 3 of an item of this Schedule, a part of the design contained within the outline of the design represents a white part of the road marking.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Name of road marking	Design of road marking
1	STRAIGHT AHEAD ARROW	

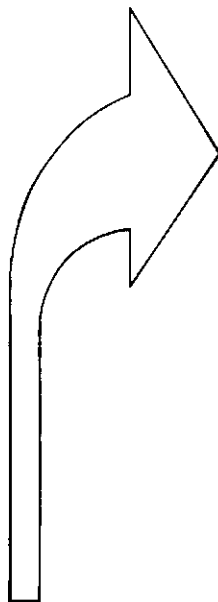




## SCHEDULE 5—continued

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Name of road marking	Design of road marking

2      **RIGHT TURN ARROW**

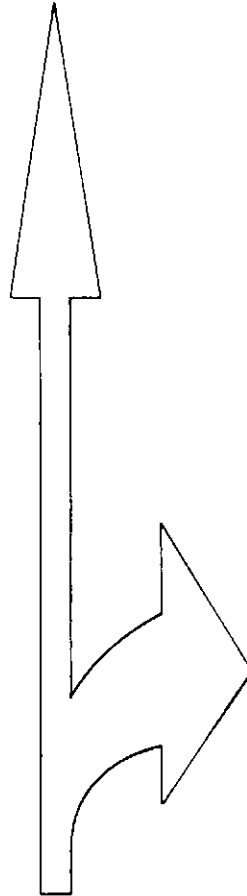


3      **LEFT TURN ARROW**

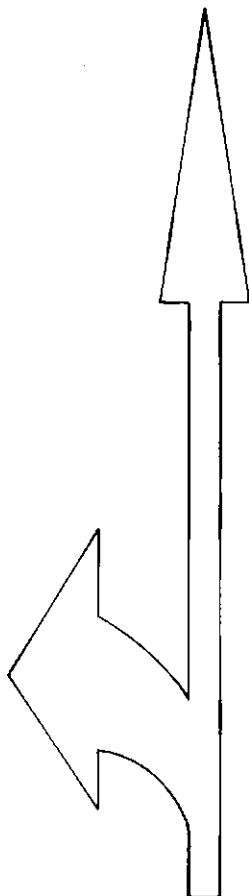


**SCHEDULE 5—continued**

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Name of road marking	Design of road marking
4	STRAIGHT AHEAD OR RIGHT TURN ARROW	



## SCHEDULE 5—continued

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Item	Name of road marking	Design of road marking
5	STRAIGHT AHEAD OR LEFT TURN ARROW	

## NOTES

1. Notified in the *Commonwealth of Australia Gazette* on 30 September 1980.
2. Ordinance No. 45, 1936 as amended by Nos. 25 and 41, 1938; No. 16, 1941; No. 14, 1942; Nos. 2 and 13, 1943; No. 3, 1945; Nos. 6 and 13, 1947; No. 7, 1950; No. 17, 1951; Nos. 1 and 7, 1955; No. 6, 1956; No. 19, 1957; Nos. 10 and 15, 1958; Nos. 7 and 21, 1959; No. 11, 1960; Nos. 16 and 17, 1962; No. 21, 1963; No. 8, 1964; Nos. 9 and 13, 1965; No. 19, 1966; No. 2, 1968; Nos. 27 and 29, 1969; No. 27, 1970; Nos. 13, 17, 37 and 39, 1971; Nos. 3 and 10, 1972; Nos. 1, 32, 38, 41, 42 and 57, 1973; Nos. 4, 12, 23, 37, 48 and 49, 1974; Nos. 3, 16, 23, 31, 52 and 54, 1976; Nos. 16, 23, 30, 37, 51 and 59, 1977; Nos. 2, 31 and 46, 1978; No. 32, 1979.