

Road Transport (General) Act 2005

Controlled Access Bus Notice 2008 under Division 4 of Part 2 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005

I, Les Wielinga, Chief Executive of the Roads and Traffic Authority, pursuant to Division 4 of Part 2 of the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulations 2005, by this Notice, specify the routes described in the Schedule hereto for the operation of Controlled Access Buses as defined therein, provided the mass and dimension limits specified in Part 3 thereof are complied with.

Les Wielinga
Chief Executive
Roads and Traffic Authority

SCHEDULE

INTERIM CONTROLLED ACCESS BUS NOTICE

Note: A Controlled Access Bus is a rigid bus that is longer than 12.5 metres but not longer than 14.5 metres. A passenger 'coach' is regarded as a bus.

PART 1 - PRELIMINARY

1.1 Citation

This notice may be cited as the Controlled Access Bus Notice 2008.

1.2 Commencement

This Notice takes effect on 1 January 2008.

1.3 Limitation

This notice remains in force until 30 September 2010 unless it is amended or repealed earlier.

1.4 Application

This Notice applies to a Controlled Access Bus that does not exceed 14.5 metres in length.

1.5 Notes

Notes in the text of this Notice do not form part of this Notice.

PART 2 - ROADS

2.1 Where a Controlled Access Bus may operate

A Controlled Access Bus may travel on any road if it can operate in accordance with the “Route Assessment for 14.5 metre buses”. A Controlled Access Bus may travel on any of the roads listed as “Routes suitable for Controlled Access Buses” in Appendix A of this Notice.

2.2 Where a Controlled Access Bus may not travel

A Controlled Access Bus may not travel on a road, bridge, causeway or ferry where there is a load limit specified by a sign or notice specified under Section 112 of the Roads Act 1993. A Controlled Access Bus may not travel on any road specified as “not suitable for Controlled Access Buses” in Appendix A of this Notice.

PART 3 - MASS AND DIMENSION LIMITS

3.1 Mass and dimension limits

- (i) A Controlled Access Bus must comply with the applicable mass and dimension limits specified in Schedule 2 to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007, and Schedule 1 to the Road Transport (Mass, Loading and Access) Regulation 2005.
- (ii) The length of a Controlled Access Bus must not be more than 14.5 metres.
- (iii) The rear overhang of a Controlled Access Bus must not exceed 70% of the distance between the centre of the foremost axle and the foremost extremity of the rear overhang, or 4.9 metres, whichever is the shorter length.

PART 4 – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

4.1 Copy of Notice must be carried

A copy of this Notice must be carried in the driving compartment and produced to a police officer or an authorised officer if requested to do so.

PART 5 - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

In this notice:

“controlled access bus” means a bus that is more than 12.5 metres long except a bus that is:

- (a) an articulated vehicle; or
- (b) an articulated bus;

as defined in the Dictionary to the Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Regulation 2007.

“rear overhang” means the distance between the rear overhang line and the rear of the vehicle.

“rear overhang line” means:

- (a) if there is a single axle at the rear of the vehicle, the centre-line of the axle, or
- (b) if there is an axle group at the rear of the vehicle - the centre of the axle group, determined without regard to the presence of any steerable axle unless all axles in the group are steerable.