



Roads and Traffic Authority

# Technical Direction

Policy – Procedure – Advice

Road Safety and Traffic Management Directorate

TOPIC:  
**SHARED ZONE SIGNS**

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## Introduction

On 1 December 1999, New South Wales (NSW) adopted new road rules. These new road rules include the *Australian Road Rules* (ARR).

The authorisation of shared zones is not delegated to Councils. Shared zones are speed limits and approval to install them must be obtained from RTA prior to implementing this *technical direction*.

This *technical direction* covers the use of signs for shared zones.

## Objective

To ensure consistent application of the new road rules and associated signs throughout NSW.

## Practice

All shared zones in NSW must display a speed limit of 10 km/h. No other speed limit is allowed.

A shared zone is a network of roads in an area in which pedestrians and motor vehicles share the road space. Drivers must not exceed a speed of 10 km/h and must give way to pedestrians at all times. A SHARED ZONE (R4-4) sign, see Figure 1, in combination with a GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS (R2-10) sign, see Figure 2, must be installed on each entry road into the area.

An END SHARED ZONE (R4-5) sign, see Figure 3, must be installed on each exit road from the area.

Under the ARR a driver must not stop in a shared zone unless the driver stops in accordance with a parking control sign or in a parking bay. To enable vehicles to park in a shared zone, parking control signs or a PARK IN BAYS ONLY (R5-65) sign, see Figure 4, must be displayed.

If PARK IN BAYS ONLY (R5-65) signs are used they must be installed on each entry road into the area. Where permissive parking control signs are used, they are to be installed in accordance with standard practice.

## Action

Use this *technical direction* to:

- check compliance of existing shared zones
- identify non-conformances and establish a program of remedial works
- install a GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS (R2-10) sign with each SHARED ZONE (R4-4) sign
- install signs for new shared zones. over =>

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Figure 1 – SHARED ZONE (R4-4) sign

Note:

- white background
- red annulus
- black legend, symbols and border
- to manufacture, use dimensioned drawings.



Figure 2 – GIVE WAY TO PEDESTRIANS (R2-10) sign

Note:

- white background
- black legend and border
- dimensions 450mm x 450mm to suit R4-4
- to manufacture, use dimensioned drawings.



Figure 3 – END SHARED ZONE (R4-5) sign

Note:

- white background
- black legend, symbols and border
- to manufacture, use dimensioned drawings.



Figure 4 – PARK IN BAYS ONLY (R5-65) sign

Note:

- white background
- black legend and border
- to manufacture, use dimensioned drawings.

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