

Guideline for revolving or flashing warning lamps in Queensland

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1 Guideline Authority

- 1.1 This guideline is issued under the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Vehicle Standards and Safety) Regulation 2010* (the regulation) section 14, in accordance with the *Statutory Instruments Act 1992* section 22.
- 1.2 This guideline repeals and replaces the following guidelines, insofar as they relate to light vehicles:
 - a) *Guideline for the installation of auxiliary revolving or flashing warning lamps to motor vehicles in Queensland*, Form 22, Version 5; and
 - b) *Guideline for the installation of auxiliary flashing lamps to animal management and other specified vehicles in Queensland*, Form 27, Version 5; and
 - c) *Guideline for particular emergency and disaster response vehicles in Queensland*, Form 33, Version 2.

2 Commencement Date

The guideline commences on 1 August 2018.

3 Regulatory Provision Exempted

- 3.1 This guideline is issued as an exemption from complying with the regulation Schedule 1, sections 99(3) and 99(4).
- 3.2 Additionally, for vehicles covered by Part 4, 5 and 6 this guideline also exempts compliance with the regulation Schedule 1 sections 92, 95(2), 98, 99(2) and 99(5).
- 3.3 Vehicles covered by Part 4 are also exempted from complying with the regulation Schedule 1 section 23(2).
- 3.4 Vehicles fitted with revolving or flashing lamps under this guideline are not exempt from other requirements of the regulation, including any other provision about lights and reflectors.
- 3.5 Furthermore, the driver of a vehicle operating under this guideline is not exempted from any other relevant transport law, including the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management—Road Rules) Regulation 2009* (the Queensland Road Rules).

Part 1 – Lamps required for workplace health and safety

4 Application

4.1 This guideline applies to vehicles actively involved in the daily operations of a construction, mining or manufacturing site (a work site), that are required to be fitted with one or more flashing yellow warning lamps to comply with workplace health and safety requirements, and which access public roads with the lamp fitted.

4.2 This guideline does not apply to vehicles that are fitted with flashing lamps that are:

(a) Special use vehicles for the purpose of Schedule 1 section 99 of the regulation.

Example: A vehicle used in a hazardous situation on a road, such as vehicle used by a local government to perform road works.

(b) Exempt vehicles for the purpose of Schedule 1 section 99 of the regulation.

Example: Vehicles driven by officers of the Queensland Police Service, Queensland Fire and Rescue Service or the Queensland Ambulance Service.

(c) Another type of vehicle that is required or permitted to be fitted with a flashing lamp under another permit, guideline, regulation or Act.

Example: Vehicles used airside at an airport which are required to be fitted with a flashing lamp in accordance with the Civil Aviation Act 1988 (Cwlth).

5 Operational

5.1 A vehicle that is described in section 4.1 must be issued with a letter of authority either by the work site manager or an authorised representative of the registered operator.

5.2 The letter of authority must:

(a) Identify the work site where the vehicle operates; and

(b) Identify the vehicle or type of vehicle to which the authority applies; and

(c) Include an end date for the authority.

5.3 For the purposes of section 5.2(a), for a vehicle working at more than one site that requires the use of a flashing warning lamp, the letter of authority may refer to a 'run sheet', 'work schedule' or other company issued document that clearly identifies the work sites the vehicle will access.

5.4 For the purposes of section 5.2(b), a vehicle can be identified either by the registration number or, if the vehicle is clearly marked on both sides of the cabin by a company logo and name, the vehicle type may be identified by these markings.

5.5 The letter of authority (or copy) and any document mentioned in the authority as permitted by section 5.3 (or copy) must be kept in each vehicle at all times when travelling on a public road and be produced on request by an authorised officer.

For the purpose of this section “copy” includes an image of the document stored on an electronic device (such as a tablet computer or smart phone) so long as the image can be viewed by an authorised officer.

- 5.6 Despite section 5.1, a vehicle that is clearly identifiable as a vehicle that is used in the mining, construction or manufacturing industry does not need to be issued with a letter of authority.

Example: A light vehicle that is used on a mine site and is fitted with additional high mounted tail and indicator lights, a large mine identification number and additional reflective conspicuity markings on the sides of the vehicle, would be considered as clearly identifiable as a vehicle used in the mining industry.

- 5.7 A flashing warning lamp must not be operating when the vehicle is travelling on a public road.

Part 2 – Animal and Fire Management

6 Application

- 6.1 This part applies to vehicles operated by –
- i) A local government authority and actively involved in the daily operations of animal, pest or fire management within the area of that authority; or
 - ii) A department of government (as established by the *Public Service Act 2008* section 14) and involved in animal, pest or fire management; or
 - iii) The Queensland Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (QRSPCA) and used in the activities of the society’s inspectorate; or
 - iv) A new water entity (as defined in the *South East Queensland Water (Restructuring) Act 2007*) and used for fire management; or
 - v) Griffith University and are used for fire management; or
 - vi) A plantation licensee (as defined in the *Forestry Act 1959* (Qld) and used for fire management.
- 6.2 This part also applies to a vehicle operated by another person or entity who provides animal, pest or fire management services on behalf of an entity listed in section 6.1, provided that person complies with all other conditions that apply.

7 Operational

- 7.1 A vehicle described in section 6 above may be fitted with one or more yellow and green flashing lamps.
- 7.2 The flashing yellow and green lamps must only be used to warn other road users of a hazard or potential hazard posed during animal, pest or fire management.

Part 3 – Trolley Collection

8 Application

- 8.1 This part applies only to vehicles used solely for trolley collection in shopping centre car parks.
- 8.2 This part does not apply to conditionally registered vehicles that require a lamp under the conditions of use.

9 Operational

- 9.1 A vehicle described in section 8 may be fitted with one yellow flashing lamp.
- 9.2 The flashing lamp must only be operated whilst collecting trolleys in a shopping centre car park.

Part 4 – State Emergency Service and Rural Fire Service

10 Application

This part applies only to vehicles that have been authorised in writing to operate under this part by the Queensland Commissioner of Fire and Emergency Services.

11 Operational

- 11.1 A vehicle described in section 10 may be fitted with one or more sirens, flashing red and blue lamps and various reflectors.
- 11.2 A vehicle operating under this part must only be used on a road in accordance with the Queensland Fire and Emergency Services' approved operating procedures.

Part 5 – Queensland Boating and Fisheries Patrol

12 Application

This part applies only to vehicles that are used by Inspectors appointed under the *Fisheries Act 1994* to enforce that Act.

13 Operational

A vehicle described in section 12 may be fitted with one or more flashing magenta lamps and various reflectors.

Part 6 – Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service

14 Application

This part applies only to vehicles that are used by:

- Conservation Officers appointed under the Nature Conservation Act 1992.
- Forest Officers appointed under the Forestry Act 1959.
- Authorised Officers appointed under the Recreation Areas Management Act 2006.
- Inspectors under the Marine Parks Act 2004.
- Authorised Officers appointed under the Wet Tropics World Heritage Protection and Management Act 1993.

15 Operational

A vehicle described in section 14 may be fitted with one or more flashing magenta lamps and various reflectors.

16 Interpretation

The words used in this guideline have the meaning given by the *Transport Operations (Road Use Management) Act 1995* or the regulation.