

47 Road Transport Rules

47.1 Introduction

This chapter contains rules applicable to activities in all Environments. Road Transport rules (including parking and loading, and vehicle crossing standards) are stated in the rule table below. Principal reasons for the rules are stated after the rule table. In addition to the rules in this chapter, New Zealand Transport Agency regulates access to, and the use, of State Highways.

47.2 Transportation Rules - All Environments

47.2.1 Parking and Loading

<p>Any activity is permitted if:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Off-street parking spaces, loading bays and associated manoeuvring areas, are provided in accordance with Appendix 6A and constructed in compliance with Whangarei District Council's Environmental Engineering Standards 2010; and b) Vehicles are not required to undertake more than one reverse manoeuvre when manoeuvring in or out of any required vehicle parking space or loading bay; and c) Parking spaces and loading bays are not located on any access, manoeuvring area or outdoor living court and they remain unobstructed at all times; and d) Parking spaces and loading bays are located on the same site as the activity for which they are required; and e) All work is undertaken in accordance with the Engineering Performance Standards in Appendix 9. 	<p>Any activity that does not comply with a condition for a permitted activity is a restricted discretionary activity.</p> <p>Discretion is restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Parking space numbers; ii. Availability of parking spaces; iii. Parking area location; iv. Parking area design; v. Parking spaces for people with disabilities; vi. Loading areas; vii. Access design; viii. Safety for pedestrians; ix. Location of activity; x. Type and frequency of use; xi. Efficiency and safety of roads; xii. On-site manoeuvring.
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47.2.2 Parking for the Disabled (Refer to Policy 22.4.9 approved Plan Change 96)

47.2.3 Gradient of Parking and Access (deleted)

47.2.4 On-Site Manoeuvring

<p>Any activity is permitted if:</p> <p>On-site manoeuvring is provided to ensure that no vehicle is required to reverse either onto, or off, a site where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) The site has vehicle access to a State Highway, arterial or collector road; or 	<p>Any activity that does not comply with a condition for a permitted activity is a restricted discretionary activity.</p> <p>Discretion is restricted to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Manoeuvring areas; ii. On-site manoeuvring;
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<p>b) The site requires 3 or more vehicle parking spaces; or</p> <p>c) The site is a rear site, or access is provided by a shared access.</p>	<p>iii. Pedestrian safety;</p> <p>iv. Traffic safety and visibility;</p> <p>v. Type and frequency of use.</p>
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47.2.5 Queuing Space (Deleted)

47.2.6 Lighting

<p>Any activity is permitted if:</p> <p>a) In a Business Environment, parking and loading areas, (excluding those for residential activities), which are used at night, are illuminated to a minimum maintained level of 5 Lux.</p>	<p>Any activity that does not comply with a condition for a permitted activity is a restricted discretionary activity.</p> <p>Discretion is restricted to:</p> <p>i. Illumination;</p> <p>ii. Surface of parking and loading areas;</p> <p>iii. Pedestrian safety;</p> <p>iv. Traffic safety and visibility;</p> <p>v. Type and frequency of use.</p>
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47.2.7 Formation Standards (Deleted)

47.2.8 Vehicle Crossings (Deleted)

47.2.9 Shared Access Widths (Deleted)

47.2.10 Road formation (Deleted)

47.2.11 Engineering Standards

<p>An activity is a permitted activity if:</p> <p>a) It complies with all the relevant Standards set out in Whangarei District Council’s Environmental Engineering Standards 2010.</p> <p>Note: Written approval from the NZ Transport Agency will be requested for any proposal in the vicinity of the State Highway network should Council consider that the State Highway is potentially adversely affected.</p>	<p>Any activity that does not comply with a condition for a permitted activity is a restricted discretionary activity:</p> <p>Discretion is restricted to those matters that do not comply with the Whangarei District Council’s Environmental Engineering Standards 2010.</p>
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47.3 Principal Reasons for Rules / Explanations

Parking and Loading

Where an activity established on a site or buildings are altered, off-street parking and loading/unloading areas for vehicles using the site must be provided. The provision of off-street parking for each activity minimises the adverse effects on the safety and efficiency of the adjoining road network, inconvenience and loss of amenity to surrounding sites from on-street parking and vehicle manoeuvring. On-site parking needs to be available for staff, residents, and service vehicles to minimise the need for vehicles to park on roads.

For most Environments the parking requirements have been categorised under broad activity headings, each of which generates different parking requirements.

The parking requirements for developments in the Whangarei Central Business District differ from the rest of the district, recognising the difficulties in providing a significant number of car parking spaces on small and restricted sites, and the presence of public parking areas.

The residential requirement for on-site parking helps to protect the safety and efficiency of the road network and reduces adverse effects on amenity.

It is necessary for parking spaces to be located on the same site as the activity for which they are required, so as to provide parking for staff and visitors. Parking and manoeuvring spaces should remain clear and unobstructed to ensure they can achieve their purpose. Similarly, these should not be located in any outdoor living court, as parking or manoeuvring in such areas will detract from their amenity values.

Parking spaces are to be set back from road boundaries in order to maintain the amenity of the streetscape, space for landscaping and to ensure that loading/unloading and cleaning of vehicles does not impact on the public road.

On-Site Manoeuvring

Vehicles reversing onto busy roads can result in significant adverse effects on traffic safety. It is therefore important that, in these circumstances, on-site manoeuvring is provided.

Lighting

Where car parking areas are used at night, it is important to provide some lighting for traffic safety, and the security of people and vehicles. A minimum level of 5 lux will provide such lighting, while preventing the adverse effect of light spill onto adjoining properties.

New Roads

Where roads are to be provided, these should be of a legal width and formation standard sufficient to serve the type of road and annual average daily vehicle trips (Sheet 4 of the Whangarei District Council's Environmental Engineering Standards 2010).

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