

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF 'NO STOPPING TAXIS EXCEPTED 1 MINUTE LIMIT' ZONES AND SIGNPOSTING

INTRODUCTION

This Technical Direction provides guidelines for the installation of 'No Stopping – Taxis Excepted – 1 Minute Limit' zones and the associated signposting, to enable taxis to pick up and set-down passengers or luggage in areas otherwise inaccessible to taxis. This regime applies Statewide and is in addition to that which exists under the Road Rules 2008 (Rule 167-2) which allows taxis to pick up and set down passengers or luggage in No Stopping zones with period restrictions within the Central Sydney Taxi Zone for a period not exceeding 1 minute.

GENERAL

Taxis are not permitted to pick up or set down in No Stopping zones (excluding No Stopping with period restrictions within the Central Sydney Taxi Zone). If the No Stopping zones were introduced over extended lengths for non-safety reasons, for example for traffic management or development purposes, they can restrict taxi operations. This can be an impost to both taxi drivers and customers alike.

The 'No Stopping – Taxis Excepted – 1 Minute Limit' sign (R5-405) has been developed in consultation with the Taxi industry, Sydney City Council, MoT and the Bus Industry to increase kerb-side access for taxis for the purpose of picking up or setting down passengers or luggage.

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A trial at six Sydney CBD sites has been conducted by Sydney City Council and several zones have been installed at other metropolitan locations under the guidance of the RTA. There were no complaints from the public or motorists during the Council trial and no compromise to road safety or disruption to traffic were recorded.

The criteria used for the trial and to establish those zones already installed form the basis of these guidelines.

GUIDELINES

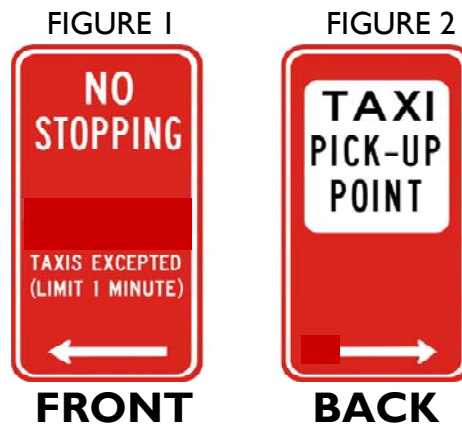
The following requirements are to be complied with when determining if a location is suitable for the installation of a 'No Stopping – Taxis Excepted – 1 Minute Limit' zone:

- Under no circumstances is safety to be compromised.
- Under no circumstances are the zones to be installed within the statutory No Stopping distances in approach to intersections.
- Under no circumstances are the zones to be installed within the statutory No Stopping distances on the approach and departure sides of pedestrian crossings, marked crossings, school crossings or within school zones.
- The zones should only be installed on the departure side of an intersection where it has been established that safety will not be compromised.
- The zones may be used as an alternative to No Stopping zones with period restrictions (except when associated with schools).
- The zones may be suitable for installation over lengths of No Stopping that have been introduced solely for capacity reasons or as a deterrent to on-street parking as part of the Development Application process.
- The zones may be suitable at locations where No Standing has been replaced with No Stopping under the changes to the Road Rules.
- Consideration may be given at other locations where long lengths of No Stopping zone limits the effective operation of taxi pick up and set down, for example where No Stopping has been introduced in association with bus lanes (other than for statutory requirements).
- The zones should not be installed or should be limited in length if there is the possibility of ranking of taxis in the zone.
- The installation of any zone must be subject to the Local Traffic Committee process and if there is any doubt the proposal must be supported by a road safety audit.
- Zones proposed on RTA roads should only be installed in consultation with the General Manager, Traffic Management.
- The back of the signs may carry the words 'Taxi Pick Up Point' to assist intending passengers.

SIGNS

The signs associated with 'No Stopping – Taxis Excepted – 1 Minute Limit' zones should be as depicted in Figures 1 and 2 below. Full specification details are available from:

www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/guidelines/documentregister/index.html.



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[Note: May be used in conjunction with No Stopping zones with period restrictions (excluding those associated with schools) outside the Central Sydney Taxi Zone; times to be displayed below the words No Stopping].

ACTION

This Technical Direction is to be followed when the RTA and/or Councils are considering the introduction of 'No Stopping – Taxis Excepted – 1 Minute Limit' zones.

UPDATES

To ensure that this *Technical Direction* and any related guidelines remain current and relevant, minor updates may be made from time to time. Any updates may be obtained from the RTA website using the Traffic & Transport Policies & Guidelines Register which can be found at:

www.rta.nsw.gov.au/doingbusinesswithus/guidelines/documentregister/index.html

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