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ROAD TRAFFIC LEGISLATION: USE OF VEHICLES IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE BY NHS

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (S.I. 2002/3113)

20 The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 are amended as follows.

21 In regulation 4 (interpretation), at the appropriate place insert—

““an NHS ambulance service” means—

- (a) an NHS trust or NHS foundation trust established under the National Health Service Act 2006 which has a function of providing ambulance services;
- (b) an NHS trust established under the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 which has a function of providing ambulance services;
- (c) the Scottish Ambulance Service Board.”

22 (1) Regulation 15 (keep right and kept left signs) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (2)—

- (a) omit “ambulance,”;
- (b) omit “, national blood service”.

(3) After paragraph (2) insert—

“(2ZA) On an occasion where a vehicle is being used for ambulance or national blood service purposes or for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service and the observance of the requirement specified in paragraph (1) would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for one of those purposes then, instead of that requirement, the requirement conveyed by the sign in question shall be that the vehicle shall not proceed beyond that sign in such a manner or at such a time as to be likely to endanger any person.”

23 (1) Regulation 26 (double white lines) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (5)(b), omit “ambulance,”.

(3) After paragraph (5)(b) insert—

“(bza) to a vehicle for the time being used for ambulance purposes or for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service;”.

24 (1) Regulation 27 (zig zag lines) is amended as follows.

(2) In paragraph (3)(c), omit “ambulance,”.

(3) After paragraph (3)(c) insert—

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- “(ca) when the vehicle is being used for ambulance purposes or for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service;”.
- 25 (1) Regulation 36 (light signals) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph (1)(b)—
- (a) omit “ambulance,”;
- (b) omit “, national blood service”.
- (3) After paragraph (1)(b) insert—
- “(bza) when a vehicle is being used for ambulance or national blood service purposes or for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service and the observance of the prohibition conveyed by the red signal in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used, then sub-paragraph (a) shall not apply to the vehicle, and the red signal shall convey the prohibition that that vehicle shall not proceed beyond the stop line in a manner or at a time likely to endanger any person or to cause the driver of any vehicle proceeding in accordance with the indications of light signals operating in association with the signals displaying the red signal to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident;”.
- 26 (1) Schedule 19 (bus stop and bus stand clearways and box junctions) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 4 (bus stop and bus stand clearways)—
- (a) in paragraph (a), omit “ambulance,”;
- (b) after paragraph (a) insert—
- “(aza) a vehicle being used for ambulance purposes or for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service;”.
- (3) In paragraph 9 (box junctions)—
- (a) omit “ambulance,”;
- (b) omit “, national blood service”.
- (4) After paragraph 9 insert—
- “10 When a vehicle is being used for ambulance or national blood service purposes or for the purpose of providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service and the observance of the prohibition in paragraph 7(1) or 8 would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used, then that prohibition shall not apply to the driver of the vehicle.”

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to :

- specified provision(s) amendment to earlier commencing SI 2015/994 art. 13 Sch. by [S.I. 2015/1405 art. 2\(3\)](#)

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 110A inserted by [2016 c. 12 s. 16\(1\)](#)