

Changes to the Traffic Act – Riding on the back of Utes

On 19 December 2020 changes were made to the Norfolk Island Traffic Act. Some of these changes took effect immediately and some, such as the changes to the rules around riding on the back of Utes, will come into effect on 20 March 2021.

Important changes to riding on the back of Utes include:

- Drivers must have a full licence to carry passengers on a Ute tray
- Drivers must pass a short written test indicating that they understand the rules that apply to transporting passengers on the back of a Ute
- Drivers must have zero blood alcohol when transporting passengers on a Ute tray
- Transport in a Ute tray is limited to the hours of 6am to 8pm
- Passengers must be at least 8 years of age to travel in a Ute tray

The short written test is free of charge and can be completed at the Registry Office. On successful completion, the Registrar will provide an endorsement on your driver's licence.

If you have any queries about the changes to riding on the back of Utes, please contact the Registry Office on 23691 or, Customer Care on free call 0100. To submit an email enquiry please email customercare@nirc.gov.nf

The Department of Infrastructure Transport, Regional Development and Communication (DITRDC) have released a fact sheet about the changes to the Traffic Act, this and more information can be viewed on the Council website homepage (on the sliding carousel).

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