

NORTHERN TERRITORY OF AUSTRALIA

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Regulations 1980, No. 31 \*

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Regulations under the Hospitals and Medical  
Services Act

I, JOHN ARMSTRONG ENGLAND, the Administrator of the Northern Territory of Australia, acting with the advice of the Executive Council, hereby make the following Regulations under the Hospitals and Medical Services Act.

Dated this 21st day of July, 1980.

J.A. ENGLAND  
Administrator

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HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL SERVICES  
(TRAFFIC) REGULATIONS

1. CITATION

These Regulations may be cited as the Hospitals and Medical Services (Traffic) Regulations.

2. INTERPRETATION

In these Regulations, unless the contrary intention appears -

"hospital grounds" means grounds used for the purposes of a hospital and includes a roadway in the hospital grounds;

"inspector" means an inspector appointed under regulation 3;

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"limited speed area" means an area in hospital grounds, so designated under regulation 4(1)(b), and is an area in hospital grounds where a vehicle shall not travel at a speed in excess of a specified speed limit;

"notice" means a notice of an offence against these regulations and shall be in accordance with regulation 8(2);

"parking area" means an area designated under regulation 4(1)(a) as a parking area;

"traffic sign" means a sign erected in pursuance of regulation 4;

"vehicle" means a vehicle within the meaning of the Motor Vehicles Act.

### 3. INSPECTOR

(1) The Chief Medical Officer may, by instrument in writing, appoint a person to be an inspector.

(2) A member of the Police Force within the meaning of the Police Administration Act may exercise the powers and perform the functions of an inspector appointed under sub-regulation (1).

### 4. PARKING AREAS AND LIMITED SPEED AREAS

(1) The Chief Medical Officer may designate a roadway, a part of a roadway or other area in hospital grounds -

(a) to be a parking area; or

(b) to be a limited speed area.

(2) A designation under sub-regulation (1) shall be evidenced by the erection of a traffic sign in or near the area so designated as a parking area or a limited speed area.

(3) A designation may -

(a) prohibit the parking or standing of vehicles;

(b) regulate the parking or standing of vehicles -

(i) of a specified class; or

(ii) owned by a person or a specified class of person,

during the times specified in the designation and in accordance with the requirements stated on the traffic sign; or

(c) impose speed limits.



5. CONTROL OF VEHICLES

- (1) In hospital grounds, no person shall -
- (a) drive a vehicle other than on a roadway;
  - (b) park or stand a vehicle other than on a roadway or in a parking area;
  - (c) contravene or fail to comply with a requirement indicated on a traffic sign;
  - (d) drive a vehicle on a roadway at a speed of more than 30 kilometres per hour or such lesser speed specified on a traffic sign for that area;
  - (e) park or stand a vehicle in a parking area closer than one metre to another vehicle parked or standing in that parking area;
  - (f) drive a vehicle on a roadway in such a manner as to cause undue noise;
  - (g) drive a vehicle on a roadway negligently, recklessly or at a speed or in a manner dangerous to the public;
  - (h) park or stand a vehicle in a parking area so as to obstruct the passage of vehicles;
  - (j) park or stand a vehicle on a roadway within a parking area other than on the left-hand side of the roadway unless -
    - (i) sign relating to that parking area stipulates angle parking; or
    - (ii) a traffic sign allows parking on the right-hand side of the roadway; or
  - (k) without the authority of the Chief Medical Officer, interfere with, move, damage or destroy a traffic sign or other device erected for the purpose of regulating the parking of vehicles and maintenance of order in hospital grounds.

Penalty: \$100.

- (2) Sub-regulation (1) does not apply to a person driving -
- (a) an ambulance;
  - (b) a police vehicle; or



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- (c) a vehicle under the control of a fire brigade within the meaning of the Fire Brigades Act,

whilst driving that vehicle in an official capacity.

### 6. POWERS OF INSPECTORS

- (1) An inspector may -

- (a) give such directions as he thinks fit to a person driving a vehicle on a roadway or in hospital grounds for the purpose of -
- (i) reducing the emission of noise from the vehicle;
  - (ii) regulating the parking or movement of the vehicle;
  - (iii) maintaining order in hospital grounds;
- (b) request any person driving a vehicle in hospital grounds to state and provide evidence of his name, address and reason for being in hospital grounds;
- (c) direct a person to remove from hospital grounds a vehicle that is making an excessive noise; or
- (d) remove or cause to be removed a vehicle apparently abandoned in hospital grounds or interfering with the parking and movement of vehicles or maintenance of order on hospital grounds.

(2) No person shall fail to comply with a direction or request under sub-regulation (1).

Penalty: \$100.

### 7. REMOVAL OF VEHICLES

Where a vehicle is removed from hospital grounds in pursuance of regulation (6)(1)(d), the vehicle shall be removed in such a manner as the Chief Medical Officer or a person authorized by him thinks fit.

### 8. NOTICES

(1) An inspector may serve or cause to be served a notice in relation to an offence against these Regulations.

- (2) A notice shall -

- (a) state the date, time and place of the offence;



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(b) state -

- (i) the name of the person to whom it is addressed; or
  - (ii) that it is addressed to the owner of the vehicle where the notice is served by placing it on or affixing it to the vehicle concerned;
- (c) state the nature of the offence against these Regulations;
- (d) give a description of or identify the vehicle concerned with an offence against these Regulations; and
- (e) state that the person referred to in paragraph (b) may, if he does not wish the matter dealt with by a court, pay, at the place specified in the notice, the sum of \$4 within a period of 14 days from the date of the notice.

(3) Where a person referred to in sub-regulation (2)(b) pays or causes to be paid the sum referred to in sub-regulation (2)(e) in respect of an offence against these Regulations -

- (a) no further proceedings shall be taken in respect of that offence; and
- (b) no person shall be regarded as being convicted in relation to that offence.

(4) A payment by cheque made in pursuance of sub-regulation (2)(e) shall be deemed not to have been made until that cheque has been discharged by payment in due course.

### 9. SERVICE

A notice in relation to an offence against these Regulations may be served -

- (a) by delivering the notice to the person -
  - (i) who has or appears to have committed an offence against these Regulations; or
  - (ii) who is or appears to be in charge of the vehicle concerned; or
- (b) by placing or affixing the notice on or to a conspicuous place on the vehicle concerned.

### 10. PROSECUTIONS

A prosecution for an offence against these Regulations shall not be commenced except with the written authority of the Chief Medical Officer or a person authorized in writing by him.