

PUBLIC TRANSPORT AUTHORITY
SAFEWORKING RULES AND PROCEDURES

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SIGNS

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1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this rule is to detail how signs are to be used to convey information, such as safety critical instructions, advice and areas of control, in the Public Transport Authority (PTA) *Network*.

2. GENERAL

Signs must be:

- placed where they can be clearly seen by the intended viewer; and
- as far as practicable, located on the left hand side *Adjacent* to, or directly over the *Track* to which they apply.



NOTE

Only in circumstances where it is not safe, or not practical, to place signs on the left hand side or above the lines to which they apply, may signs be placed on the right hand side.

2.1. APPEARANCE

Signs on the PTA *Network* must be:

- reflective; and
- clearly distinguishable.



NOTE

Signs may be provided with a border to improve visibility or to give additional information.

2.2. SIZE

A sign must be as large as practical to allow clear sighting and interpretation by *Rail Traffic Crew* travelling at *Normal Speed*.

2.3. ORIENTATION

Signs must be oriented:

- horizontally wherever possible; or
- vertically, only if clearance between Tracks, or between Track and structures, is limited.

2.4. COLOUR

The background colour of a sign indicates its purpose.

A sign with a background that is mainly:

- red, indicates Stop.
- yellow, conveys a *Warning*.
- white and blue, conveys information or advice.







NOTE

Warning signs in the PTA *Network* may have a black background with yellow writing.

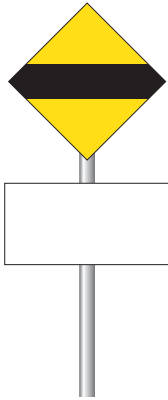
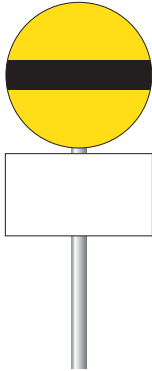
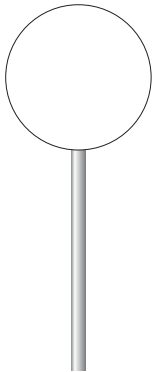
3. PERMANENT SPEED RESTRICTION SIGNS

These signs are used where it is necessary for *Rail Traffic* to *Travel* at reduced speed because of *Track* geometry such as curves and gradients, or when *Travelling* through an area of high signal congestion.

Sign	Name and Description
	<p>Permanent Speed Restriction Warning Sign</p> <p>This sign is placed 500 metres from the <i>Speed Restriction</i> sign and <i>Rail Traffic</i> should <i>Proceed</i>, being prepared to bring the <i>Rail Traffic</i> under control and <i>Travel</i> at the speed shown on the <i>Speed Restriction</i> sign.</p>
	<p>Speed Restriction Sign</p> <p>This sign is placed at the beginning of the <i>Speed Restricted</i> area.</p> <p><i>Rail Traffic Crew</i> must proceed at the speed shown on the <i>Speed Restriction</i> sign.</p>
	<p>End of Speed Restriction Sign</p> <p>This sign is placed at the end of the area covered by the <i>Speed Restriction</i>.</p> <p><i>Rail Traffic Crew</i> must return to the <i>Track Speed</i>.</p>
	<p>Turnout Speed Restriction Sign</p> <p>This sign is placed at <i>Facing Points</i> and <i>Trailing Points</i> to indicate the turnout speed for reverse setting.</p> <p><i>Rail Traffic Crew</i> must proceed at the speed shown on the <i>Speed Restriction</i> sign until having completely cleared the area covered by the <i>Speed Restriction</i>.</p> <p>Where no sign is in place, the maximum speed for <i>Rail Traffic</i> over the reverse setting is 30 kph.</p>




4. TEMPORARY SPEED RESTRICTION SIGNS

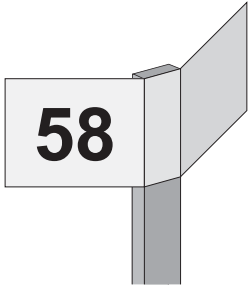
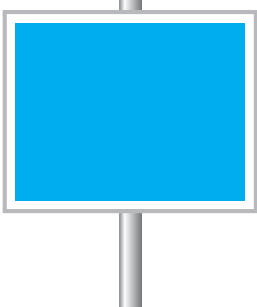

These signs are used where it is necessary for *Rail Traffic to Travel* at reduced speed because of *Track* maintenance work or for any other cause in accordance with **Rule 3025 Temporary Speed Restrictions**.

Sign	Name and Description
	<p>Temporary Speed Restriction Ahead</p> <p>This sign is placed 1000 metres from a <i>Temporary Speed Restriction</i> start sign.</p> <p>Placed below the <i>Temporary Speed Restriction</i> ahead sign is a <i>Speed Restriction</i> sign showing the maximum speed permitted for the restricted area.</p>
	<p>Temporary Speed Restriction Start</p> <p>This sign is placed 50 metres from the area covered by a <i>Temporary Speed Restriction</i>.</p> <p>Placed below the <i>Temporary Speed Restriction</i> start sign is a <i>Speed Restriction</i> sign showing the maximum speed permitted for the restricted area.</p>
	<p>Temporary Speed Restriction End</p> <p>The sign is placed 50 metres past the temporary <i>Speed Restriction</i>.</p>

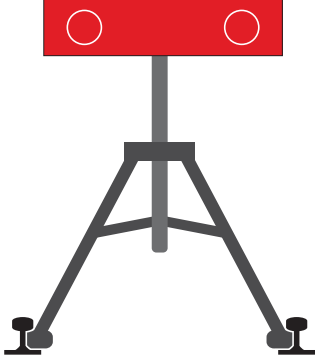

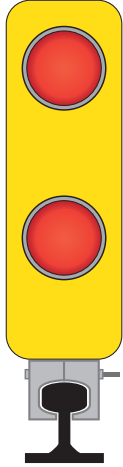
5. PERMANENT SIGNS

Permanent signs are placed in the PTA Network to provide information and advice to *Competent Workers*.

Sign	Name and Description
	<p>Station Distance Sign</p> <p>These signs are placed on the approach to stations providing a distance for the driver to the <i>Stopping Place</i>.</p>
	<p>Station Limits Sign</p> <p><i>Station Limits</i> boards are used to define <i>Station Limits</i> where <i>Fixed Signals</i> are not provided.</p> <p><i>Rail Traffic Crew</i> must not proceed beyond the <i>Station Limits</i> board until <i>Authorised</i> by the <i>Train Controller</i>.</p> <p><i>Station Limits</i> boards may be installed on the reverse side of the <i>Limit of Shunt</i> board to define <i>Station Limits</i> for <i>Rail Traffic</i> that is <i>Travelling</i> in the wrong direction.</p>
	<p>Limit of Shunt Sign</p> <p><i>Rail Traffic</i> being <i>Shunted</i> is not to move beyond this sign.</p>

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	<p>Kilometre Pegs These signs display the distance from the start <i>Location</i> of the line or junction.</p>
	<p>Blue Information Signs Blue information signs are placed at railcar depots and sidings. These signs provide information or instructions regarding operations at that <i>Location</i>.</p>
	<p>Predictor Sign Selected <i>Level Crossings</i> are fitted with a Predictor to detect Rail Traffic Approaching the crossing. Rail Traffic must not increase speed above the speed they were doing at the time they passed the predictor sign, until the leading vehicle has passed over the <i>Level Crossing</i>.</p>

6. TRACK WORK SIGNS

Sign	Name and Description
	<p>Track Closed Warning Device</p> <p>These signs are used when protecting the outer limits of a <i>Local Possession Authority (LPA)</i> and <i>Track Occupancy Authority (TOA)</i>.</p> <p>The <i>Rail Traffic</i> is to Stop before reaching the <i>Track Closed Warning Device</i>.</p>
	<p>Rail Clamped Stop Sign</p> <p>These signs are used when protecting the outer limits of an <i>LPA</i> and <i>TOA</i>.</p> <p>The <i>Rail Traffic</i> is to Stop before reaching the <i>Rail Clamped Stop Sign</i>.</p>
	<p>Rail Clamped Worksite Limits Sign</p> <p>These signs are used in a <i>LPA</i> to provided <i>Protection</i> between separated <i>Worksites</i>.</p>

7. REFERENCE

Rule 3025 Temporary Speed Restrictions

8. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 December 2017