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**THE PASSENGER-SERVICE VEHICLE CONSTRUCTION  
REGULATIONS 1954, AMENDMENT NO. 6**

**BERNARD FERGUSSON, Governor-General**

By his Deputy

**RICHARD WILD**

**ORDER IN COUNCIL**

At the Government House at Wellington this 29th day of June 1966

Present:

**HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL**

PURSUANT to the Transport Act 1962, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

**REGULATIONS**

1. (1) These regulations may be cited as the Passenger-Service Vehicle Construction Regulations 1954, Amendment No. 6, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Passenger-Service Vehicle Construction Regulations 1954\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st day of January 1967.

2. (1) Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclauses (2), (3), (4), and (5), and substituting the following subclauses:

“(2) On any passenger-service vehicle other than an omnibus, a trolley bus, or a school bus, no more passengers shall be carried than the number of passengers for which seating accommodation is provided.

“(3) It shall not be lawful for any person to operate a passenger-service vehicle, or for the owner of any passenger-service vehicle to permit it to be operated, unless—

“(a) The seated passengers and standing passengers (if any) or other load on the passenger-service vehicle do not exceed the limitations of passengers and load fixed in the certificate or permit:

“Provided that if children are carried the number of passengers shall be determined having regard to subclauses (4), (5), and (6) of this regulation; and

\*S.R. 1954/144

Amendment No. 1: S.R. 1956/113

Amendment No. 2: S.R. 1960/139

Amendment No. 3: S.R. 1964/82

Amendment No. 4: S.R. 1965/78

Amendment No. 5: S.R. 1966/5

“(b) The current certificate of fitness or current permit is displayed in a suitable frame or other holder in a conspicuous position.

“(4) When children are carried on any passenger-service vehicle, each seated child shall have not less than 1 ft of seat width:

“Provided that in the case of an omnibus or a trolley bus an undivided seat measuring not less than 2 ft 8 in. in width may accommodate three children.

“(5) The maximum number of standing passengers to be authorised in a certificate of fitness or permit for any omnibus or trolley bus is to be determined in accordance with regulation 44 of these regulations. When standing children are carried in an omnibus or a trolley bus, two children standing shall be considered the equivalent of one adult standing.

“(6) For the purposes of subclauses (4) and (5) of this regulation a child is any person under 15 years of age other than a baby in arms.

“(7) Where an omnibus or trolley bus is for the time being carrying only school children as passengers, the maximum number of passengers authorised in the certificate of fitness or permit for the vehicle shall be determined as follows:

“(a) For primary school children, the number seated shall be the adult seating capacity increased by 40 per cent; and each standing child shall have 150 square inches of open floor space, clear of any leg room required for seated children:

“(b) For intermediate and secondary school children, the number seated shall be the adult seating capacity; and each standing child shall have 200 square inches of open floor space, clear of any leg room required for seated children.

“(8) For any school bus the number of standing children authorised in the certificate of fitness or permit shall be determined in accordance with subclause (7) of this regulation.

“(9) The provisions of subclauses (7) and (8) of this regulation shall not limit in any way the power of a Vehicle Inspector to vary the permissible load of any passenger-service vehicle where he considers it necessary to decide the maximum number of standing children which may be carried, by a visual check with the vehicle loaded.

“(10) For the purposes of subclauses (7) and (8) of this regulation a primary school child is any child attending a primary school, an intermediate school child is any child attending an intermediate school or an intermediate department attached to a secondary school, and a secondary school child is any child attending a secondary school, in each case irrespective of the child's age.”

(2) The principal regulations are hereby further amended by revoking regulation 90.

T. J. SHERRARD,  
Clerk of the Executive Council.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations amend the basis for determining the number of seated and standing school children which may be carried in omnibuses and trolley buses used solely for the carriage of school children, or in school buses.

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