

# New road rules

from 1 November 2009

New road user rules come into effect on 1 November 2009. The new rules include banning the use of hand-held mobile phones while driving, the requirement for riders of motorcycles and mopeds to use headlights during daytime, and a clarification of how to use special vehicle lanes. Read this to make sure you know what to do.

## Hand-held mobile phones



- Drivers must not use a hand-held mobile phone, unless the device is completely hands-free or mounted securely to the vehicle - and touched infrequently and briefly.



- Writing, reading or sending text messages, or using other features of a mobile phone while driving is illegal.



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## Daytime headlights on motorcycles & mopeds



- Riders of motorcycles and mopeds are required to turn on their vehicle's headlights or daytime running lamps during daylight hours unless their vehicle was manufactured before 1 January 1980.

## Special vehicle lanes



- When crossing a special vehicle lane to turn left, motorists must do so in the minimum length of lane (or distance) necessary.
- Drivers may only enter special vehicle lanes when they are less than 50 metres from where they will turn off.

These are just some of the new road user rules that come into effect on 1 November 2009. For more information and the full list of rules please visit **[www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz)** or phone **0800 699 000**.



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