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**THE ROAD TRAFFIC (SCHOOL BUS SAFETY) REGULATIONS 2021 MADE BY
THE GOVERNOR ACTING ON THE ADVICE OF CABINET UNDER SECTION 78(1)
OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CAP. 7.06).**

1. Citation

These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (School Bus Safety) Regulations, 2021.

2. Interpretation

In these Regulations—

“**child**” means a person who attends an early childhood school, primary school or secondary school;

“**student**” means a child to whom education is provided under the Education Act (Cap16.01);

“**school**” includes any public school; private educational institution; denominational school; or assisted school; and

“**school bus**” means any motor vehicle constructed or adapted for use and used for the transportation of students.

3. School bus safety

- (1) No person shall use or cause or permit to be used on a road a school bus when it is carrying a child to or from school unless the sign prescribed in item 1 of the Schedule is fitted to the front and rear of the school bus and is plainly visible to road users ahead of and behind the school bus.
- (2) In these Regulations a reference to a school bus carrying a child to or from school is a reference to a school bus carrying a child—
 - (i) to, or to a place within the vicinity of, his school before he has attended the school on that day; or

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- (ii) from, or from a place within the vicinity of, his school after he has finished attending the school on that day;

4. School crossings patrol officer

- (1) The Traffic Commissioner may appoint School Crossing Patrol Officers to patrol a place where children cross roads on their way to or from school, or from one part of a school to another.
- (2) The Traffic Commissioner shall ensure that a person appointed under sub-regulation (1) is provided with the requisite training and the uniform prescribed in item 3 of the Schedule.

5. Stopping of vehicles at school crossings

- (1) A person appointed under regulation 4(1) may require a person to stop a motor vehicle or trailer by exhibiting the sign prescribed in item 2 the Schedule at place where children cross roads on their way to or from school, or from one part of a school to another.
- (2) If a person is required under sub-regulation (1) to stop a motor vehicle or trailer—
 - (a) he shall cause the vehicle to stop before reaching the place where the child is crossing or seeking to cross so as not to stop or impede their crossing, and
 - (b) the vehicle shall not be put in motion again so as to reach the place in question so long as the sign continues to be exhibited.
- (3) A person who fails to comply with sub-regulation 2(a) or who causes a vehicle to be put in motion in contravention of sub-regulation 2(b) commits an offence.

6. Penalty

A person who commits an offence under these Regulations is liable on summary conviction to a penalty of \$500 or to a term of imprisonment of six months.

SCHEDULE

(Paragraphs 3,4 & 5)

1. Sign for front and rear of a school bus

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The description of the sign is as follows—

- a) The sign shall be painted on a yellow background.
- b) The border and silhouette shall be painted in black.
- c) The sign fitted to the front of the school bus should measure not less than 250mm height and 250mm width with borders measuring not more than 20mm thickness.
- d) The sign fitted to the rear of the school bus should measure not less than 400mm x 400mm with borders not more than 30mm thick.

2. School Crossing Patrol Sign



The description of the sign is as follows—

- a) The sign shall be painted on a yellow background.
- b) The border of the sign shall be painted in red.
- c) The silhouette of the sign shall be painted in black.
- d) The sign shall be not less than 450mm and not more than 470mm in diameter.

3. School Crossing Patrol Officer Uniform

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The prescribed uniform to be worn by a School Crossing Patrol Officer, is either:

- (a) a high visibility vest, waistcoat or raincoat; or
- (b) where the duties of a School Crossing Patrol Officer are undertaken by a member of the Police Service, a uniform as determined at the time by the Traffic Commissioner.

Made by the Governor acting on the advice of Cabinet this 15th day of July 2021.

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CLERK OF CABINET

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