

176. **Identification lamps**

(1) A bus or a goods vehicle, the gross vehicle mass of which exceeds 3 500 kilograms, and which is not a motor vehicle referred to in subregulation (2), (3) or (5), may be fitted above the windscreen with two or more identification lamps and each such lamp shall -

(a) not exceed a capacity of 21 Watts;

(b) be visible from directly in front of the motor vehicle to which it is fitted; and

(c) emit a green or amber light.

(2) An ambulance, fire-fighting or rescue vehicle may be fitted with a lamp or lamps emitting an intermittently-flashing red light in any direction.

(3)

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), no person shall operate a motor vehicle fitted with, or in or on which is displayed, a lamp or lamps emitting a blue light or capable of emitting a blue light.

(b) The provisions of paragraph (a) does not apply to a motor vehicle operated by a member of the Service or a member of a municipal police service, both as defined in section 1 of the South African Police Service Act, 1995 (Act No. 68 of 1995), or a traffic officer, or a member of the South African Defence Force authorised in terms of section 87(1)(g) of the Defence Act, 1957 (Act No. 44 of 1957) to perform police functions, in the execution of his or her duties.

(c) A motor vehicle referred to in paragraph (b) may be fitted with a lamp or lamps emitting an intermittently flashing -

(i) blue light;

(ii) blue and amber light;

(iii) blue and red light; or

(iv) blue, amber and red light,

in any direction which may, at the will of the driver, display the word "stop".

(4) A motor vehicle which is -

(a) a vehicle employed in connection with the maintenance of public road;

(b) engaged in the distribution and supply of electricity;

(c) engaged in the supply of other essential public services;

(d) operated in terms of the authority granted by the MEC in terms of section 81 of the Act;

(e) a breakdown vehicle;

(f) a refuse compactor vehicle;

(g) a vehicle carrying an abnormal load and the vehicle escorting it if any,

may, but a breakdown vehicle shall, be fitted with a lamp or lamps capable of emitting an intermittently-flashing amber light in any direction: Provided that such lamp shall only be used at the place where the breakdown occurred, where the maintenance or other work or an inspection is being carried out, when such breakdown vehicle is towing a motor vehicle, or in the event of a vehicle carrying an abnormal load.

(5) A motor vehicle used by a medical practitioner may be fitted above the windscreen with one lamp emitting an intermittently flashing red light in any direction: Provided that such light may only be used by such medical practitioner in the *bona fide* exercise of his or her profession.

(6) A vehicle driven by a person while he or she is responding to a disaster as contemplated in the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), may be fitted with a lamp or lamps emitting an intermittently- flashing green light in any direction.

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