

**Notice**  
**Seat Belt Requirements for the Rear Seats of Private Light Buses  
in Vehicle Type Approval and Pre-Registration Examination**

**1. Effective Date**

- 1.1 To enhance the safety of passengers, the Transport Department now requires private light buses to be provided with seat belt for each rear seat<sup>1, 2</sup>.
- 1.2 The above requirement **took effect from 1 July 2021** on new applications for vehicle seat plan type approval. Every private light bus **first registered, or applications for change of seat plan, on or after 1 July 2022** (hereinafter referred to as “relevant vehicle”) shall comply with the above requirement.

**2. Seat Belts and Anchorage Points**

- 2.1 Every relevant vehicle shall be provided with an approved seat belt for each rear seat, such belt to be a body restraining seat belt<sup>3</sup> or a lap belt<sup>4</sup>. Retractable belt<sup>5</sup> is preferred. An approved seat belt shall be a seat belt of a type conforming with the requirements set out in **Part I of Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Cap.374F)**.
- 2.2 Every relevant vehicle shall be provided with approved anchorage points designed to hold securely in position the seat belts provided in pursuance of paragraph 2.1 above. But this provision shall not apply so as to require anchorage points to be provided for any seat with integral seat belt anchorages. Approved anchorage points shall be anchorage point of a type conforming with the specifications and standards set out in **Part V of Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Cap.374F)**.
- 2.3 Every seat belt provided in pursuance of paragraph 2.1 above shall, if the seat for which it is provided is not a seat with integral seat belt anchorages, be properly secured to the structure of the vehicle by the anchorage points provided for it and to any other anchorage points provided on the seat for it.

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1. Refer to Regulation 2 of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Cap.374F) for “rear seat”.

2. Except for the relevant vehicle with the sole application as a training vehicle for learning to drive or performing a driving test, of which the vehicle's front-row passenger seats (a minimum of two seats is required), nearest to the driver's seat, are provided with anchorage points and seat belts that conform to statutory requirement for the use of passenger concerned, and the remaining rear seats not provided with seat belts will not be used by passengers. In this case, this Department may at its discretion allow the remaining rear seats of such training vehicle to be not equipped with anchorage points and seat belts (if such safety equipment has not been installed).

3. Refer to Regulation 2 of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Cap.374F) for “body restraining seat belt”.

4. Refer to Regulation 2 of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Cap.374F) for “lap belt”.

5. Refer to Regulation 2 of the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Cap.374F) for “retractable belt”.

### **3. Seats with Integral Seat Belt Anchorages**

- 3.1 “Seat with integral seat belt anchorages” means a seat which is fitted with all the anchorage points required for use in connection with the seat belt provided for that seat and which conforms with one or more of the specifications and standards set out in **Part IIIA of Schedule 2 to the Road Traffic (Safety Equipment) Regulations (Cap.374F)**.
- 3.2 Every seat belt provided in pursuance of paragraph 2.1 above shall, if the seat for which it is provided is a seat with integral seat belt anchorages, be properly secured to the integral seat belt anchorage points forming part thereof.

### **4. Passenger seats of Student Service Vehicles**

- 4.1 For Student Service Vehicles, compliance with the passenger seat requirements set out in **Regulation 73(1AA) of the Road Traffic (Construction and Maintenance of Vehicle) Regulations (Cap.374A)** is also required.

### **5. Enquiry**

- 5.1 For any enquiries, please contact Transport Department at 3842 6076 or 3961 0365.

**Transport Department**  
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