

For buses used by an accredited service operator to operate any regular passenger service

First registered	Requirement: Road Transport (General) Regulation 2021	Number of seats	Comment
Before 1 August 1997	Section 20	Buses that seat more than 12 persons (including the driver)	Closing door force limits
On or after 1 August 1997	Section 19 Technical Specification 146	Buses that seat more than 12 persons (including the driver)	The requirements of TS 146 are not retrospective. TS 146 issued in 1997 remains applicable to buses that originally required to comply with this specification.
On or after 1 July 2018	Section 19 Technical Specification 155	Buses that seat more than 25 persons (including the driver)	The requirements of TS 155 are not retrospective. TS 146 continues to apply to small buses (a motor vehicle built mainly to carry people that seats over 12 and up to 25 persons (including the driver). Unless the small bus complies with the requirements set out in TS 155 or TS 160. Small buses first registered on or after 1 January 2023 are required to comply with TS 160. TS 155 remains applicable to buses that originally required to comply with this specification.
On or after 1 January 2023	Section 19 Technical Specification 160	Buses that seat more than 12 persons (including the driver)	The requirements of TS 160 are not retrospective. Buses that meet this specification meet the requirements of TS 146 and TS 155. A label is required to be fitted to buses.